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To the Environment Select Committee

SUBMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE (ZERO CARBON) AMENDMENT BILL

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Yours faithfully

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Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) supports the intent of this bill. We have some concerns about the lack of detail on implications for local authorities regarding the proposed National Adaptation Plan and National Climate Risk Assessment, and we would appreciate further clarification to ensure our own climate action planning is consistent with the legislation.

1.0 National Adaptation Plan

- 1.1 We note that the National Adaptation Plan, which will be prepared by the Minister for Climate Change, will provide details on what local authorities will be required to do to meet and report on the targets set out in the legislation.
- 1.2 Given the lack of detail at this stage, we would welcome information in advance on what that this might mean, for example:
 - 1.2.1 further information on the mechanisms local authorities will be expected to use to report on local adaptation planning; and
 - 1.2.2 the phased timeframes for meeting net zero carbon targets so they can be aligned to local climate action planning.
- 1.3 We note that the same obligations will apply to council-controlled organisations (CCOs). It would be useful to know as soon as practicable what the requirements will be in order to understand the implications for the Queenstown Airport Corporation, a CCO of the QLDC.

2.0 National Climate Change Risk Assessment

- 2.1 While we do not expect the requirements for the preparation of the National Climate Change Risk Assessment to be overly onerous, we again request further information on what these requirements will be to align to the QLDC's climate action planning.