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Via email: [eyetothefuture@codc.govt.nz](mailto:eyetothefuture@codc.govt.nz).

Dear Sir / Madam,

### **CROMWELL – AN EYE TO THE FUTURE MASTERPLAN**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Cromwell – Eye to the Future Masterplan*, and to read the options presented to the Central Otago community for feedback. The Queenstown Lakes District has been experiencing unprecedented growth in recent years and looks forward to working closely with the Central Otago District Council to share experiences, and to maximise the opportunities this growth brings, whilst minimising and mitigating any negative impacts.

I understand staff from our respective organisations are working closely to ensure our three waters networks and landfill facilities are able to absorb the growth in both our districts. There is an opportunity to collaborate, for instance, on ways to reduce reliance on landfill, such as community education, recycling services, and recovery facilities. Staff will also be meeting soon to discuss the Masterplan and Future Development Strategy. By sharing information and working together, we will better understand and prepare for the impacts.

In terms of pressures on our respective transport networks, we understand that the main freight route is from Christchurch and distributed through Cromwell to serve Wanaka and Queenstown. Many people living in Cromwell already commute to Queenstown and Wanaka, and as more people choose to live in the Cromwell area, the pressures on our roading networks will continue to increase.

As you will be aware, commuters currently have limited public transport options, and we may be able to take a joint approach with the Otago Regional Council to improve public transport and reduce personal car use. The Queenstown Lakes District Council continues to strongly support the trail network project that is enhancing commuter and recreational cycling across our boundaries.

We anticipate that Cromwell will continue to be the regional centre for horticulture and viticulture, and become an increasingly important industrial hub. We therefore see the need for the Central Otago District Council to continue providing and protecting business land in and near the town.

Please note that this submission reflects the position of officers and has not been ratified by Council.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to seeing the outcomes of the consultation, and continuing to work together closely for the benefit of our residents and visitors.

Yours faithfully,



Mike Theelen  
Chief Executive  
Queenstown Lakes District Council

