

24 March 2026

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Sent via email to ██████████

## **Request for Official Information LG26-0064 - Transferable Development Rights**

Dear ████████,

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 2 March 2026 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- 1. Does your Council currently provide for TDRs [Transferable Development Rights] in its operative or proposed District Plan (or any other statutory planning instrument)?**
- 2. If yes (in response to 1.):**
  - a. How and why are TDRs implemented (e.g., rural subdivision, heritage protection, outstanding natural landscapes, ecological areas, hazard areas, or urban intensification)?**
  - b. Please provide an example of the relevant District / Unitary Plan provisions (objectives, policies, rules, and assessment criteria).**
  - c. Has Council undertaken any monitoring or evaluation of the effectiveness of TDR provisions? If so, please provide any monitoring reports or internal assessments.**
- 3. If no (in response to 1.):**
  - a. Has Council considered using TDRs in the past (e.g., through plan reviews or policy discussions)?**
  - b. Please provide any reports, business cases, or internal analysis evaluating the use of TDRs.**

### **QLDC RESPONSE**

In response to your request, we consulted with the QLDC Planning Policy Team.

#### **Decision to release information**

- 1. Does your Council currently provide for TDRs [Transferable Development Rights] in its operative or proposed District Plan (or any other statutory planning instrument)?**

No, the Council does not currently provide for Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) in its operative or proposed District Plan, nor in any other statutory planning instrument.

- 2. If yes (in response to 1.):**
  - a. How and why are TDRs implemented (e.g., rural subdivision, heritage protection, outstanding natural landscapes, ecological areas, hazard areas, or urban intensification)?**

- b. Please provide an example of the relevant District / Unitary Plan provisions (objectives, policies, rules, and assessment criteria).**
- c. Has Council undertaken any monitoring or evaluation of the effectiveness of TDR provisions? If so, please provide any monitoring reports or internal assessments.**

Not applicable, as the Council does not currently provide for TDRs.

**3. If no (in response to 1.):**

- a. Has Council considered using TDRs in the past (e.g., through plan reviews or policy discussions)?**
- b. Please provide any reports, business cases, or internal analysis evaluating the use of TDRs.**

There has been no recorded consideration of TDRs by the Council within at least the past 26 years (noting no specific timeframe has been provided for this question). For this reason, over the past 26 years there have been no reports, business cases, or internal analysis evaluating the use of TDRs.

### **Right to review the above decision**

Note that you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact [Rebecca.Pitts@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:Rebecca.Pitts@qldc.govt.nz) (Engagement and Communications Manager).

We trust that the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,

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