

Submission to District Plan May 18 2016
Rural Chapter.

Hello my name is Phillip Bunn and I am here submitting on behalf of myself and my Family.
In this session I am going to discuss a submission my family has made to the annual plan for zone changes on our property.
We have 150 ha on Morven Ferry Road at the Junction where the Arrowtown, Gibbston and Lake Hayes Estate trails all meet.
We are intensive Deer farmers – Deer do not like walkers, cyclists or dogs. For them it is the equivalent of living beside a predator

When the Queenstown cycle trail was in its planning stage, we had Kay Parker from the Queenstown Trails Trust and Paul Wilson from the QLDC sit at our dining table giving us a very hard sell on the economic benefits of the Cycle trail which now passes through and in front of our property.
We had Mayor Vanessa, Councillors, DOC Staff, Influential Community Leaders and many others walk the proposed trail across our property with us – everybody was 100% behind the idea.

We now have the trail in place – and yes it is amazing – so amazing that this week it has been announced that Central Government, Central Lakes Trust and the Otago Community Trust are contributing 26 Million Dollars towards joining this trail with the other Central Otago trails.

I ask the panel to think about that – \$26 Million it is an amount of money that very clearly shows how serious Central Government and the Community are about the trails.

I want you to think about that financial commitment with regard to this document – the District Plan.
You are drafting a document that needs to reflect the energy and confidence that has been put into this trail.
We believe that this document needs to be an “**Enabling**” document in all respect.
In particular, we think that this document needs to be “**Enabling**” around the cycle trail – to encourage development that allows people the live and create industry along the trail.

Morven Ferry provides a fantastic opportunity in the Wakatipu Basin for this to happen. It is the junction of the trails from Queenstown and Arrowtown before the future trail heads off down the Kawarau George to Cromwell and beyond.
It is Undulating, Sunny, North facing and also - Contained.

Mandy Kennedy and her crew from the Queenstown Cycle Trail are very supportive and enthusiastic about our plans. Mandy has told us that if the zone change happens it would be a first in New Zealand and a great boost for trails around the country as it is concrete evidence that the trails are creating economic activity.

With all of this in mind we have submitted that the zoning around the trail on Morven Ferry Road be changed to reflect this with a Rural Visitor zone at the Junction of the trails, adjoined by Rural Residential along with Rural Lifestyle Zoning “**Enabling**” economic activity to develop organically around the trail, justifying the commitment we have seen by so many people – including me and my family.

The building of the trail has been a major event in our life on our property, apart from the massive amount of time and money it has cost us over – literally years, It has affected us immeasurably in many other ways.
We believe in our concept for development around the trail and believe it creates an amazing opportunity for you as writers of the new district plan to be proactive and embrace the trail and create the zoning for opportunities around it on behalf of the QLDC.