

10 April 2026

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Sent via email to ██████████

Request for Official Information LG26-0096 - Cardrona Ski Field Valley Road Restrictions

Dear ████████,

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 9 April 2026 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- **Any local authority traffic management plan or road restrictions that were in place at Cardrona Ski Field Road or Cardrona Ski Field Valley Road [Cardrona] on 18-20 March 2026.**

On 9 April 2026, QLDC accepted the transfer of your request for official information from the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, as the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of QLDC.

QLDC RESPONSE

In response to your request, the QLDC Development Engineering Team was consulted.

Decision to refuse information

QLDC has good reason under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA for refusing the information requested. QLDC consider it is necessary to refuse the requested information on the basis of the following grounds:

- Section 17(e) – that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Section 17(e) of the LGOIMA clarifies that a local authority is not required to provide information that it does not hold, or that cannot be located despite reasonable efforts. This ensures that agencies are not required to create new information in order to respond to a request.

QLDC has undertaken reasonable steps to identify any information within scope of your request, including consultation with the relevant Council team. However, no information has been found that relates to traffic management plans or road restrictions in place on Cardrona Ski Field Road or Cardrona Ski Field Valley Road between 18–20 March 2026.

It is important to note that Cardrona Valley Ski Road is a private road, and therefore QLDC does not hold or issue traffic management plans or road restriction information for that road.

For Cardrona Valley Road, QLDC holds only one approved traffic management plan with dates that overlap the period you specified. This plan relates to carriageway widening works at 1940 Cardrona Valley Road, with Aspiring Traffic as the applicant and Wānaka Civil Limited as the contractor. No other relevant information is held.

As a local authority, QLDC are committed to providing access to information that it holds. However, pursuant to section 17(e) of the LGOIMA, QLDC are unable to provide the requested information because this information is not recorded or held in the format requested.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact Naell.Crosby-Roe@qldc.govt.nz (Director Democracy Services).

QLDC trusts that the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,

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