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Sent via email to ██████████

LG25-0253 - Cost Breakdown of Shotover Wastewater Treatment Plant Disposal Field

Dear ██████,

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 29 August 2025 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

Could you please provide a breakdown of costs related to the Shotover Wastewater Treatment Plant Disposal Field for the following items:

1. **Costs related to attending the Environment Court hearing on the Enforcement Order from ORC [Otago Regional Council] in December 2024 identifying:**
 - penalties
 - legal costs for QLDC representation
 - ORC costs QLDC had to pay
 - costs of reports that QLDC required for the hearing
 - consultant costs related to the hearing
 - any additional costs related to the hearing
2. **Total costs for repairs and mitigation/remediation activities for the disposal field between January 2021 and March 2025.**
3. **Total costs for any reports, consultants, and contractors required to repair or remediate the disposal field between January 2021 and March 2025.**
4. **Total costs of fines/penalties related to ORC infringement and abatement orders.**
We do not need to see the costs listed by supplier if this level of detail would compromise QLDC's commercial sensitivity.

QLDC RESPONSE

Release of information

In response to your request, we consulted with the QLDC Property and Infrastructure Team.

1. **Costs related to attending the Environment Court hearing on the Enforcement Order from ORC in December 2024 identifying:**

- penalties
- legal costs for QLDC representation
- ORC costs QLDC had to pay
- costs of reports that QLDC required for the hearing
- consultant costs related to the hearing
- any additional costs related to the hearing

The costs incurred by QLDC in relation to attending the Environment Court hearing on the Enforcement Order issued by the Otago Regional Council (ORC) in December 2024 total \$596,519.94. Please note that the costs recorded under 'Enforcement Order' also include some expenses incurred in relation to the short-term consent application, as it has not been practicable to fully separate these costs.

- 2. Total costs for repairs and mitigation/remediation activities for the disposal field between January 2021 and March 2025.**
- 3. Total costs for any reports, consultants, and contractors required to repair or remediate the disposal field between January 2021 and March 2025.**

The total costs incurred for repairs, mitigation, and remediation activities related to the disposal field between January 2021 and March 2025 are \$1,823,677.82. These costs also include associated expenses for reports, consultants, and contractors, as it has not been practicable to separate these items.

- 4. Total costs of fines/penalties related to ORC infringement and abatement orders.**
We do not need to see the costs listed by supplier if this level of detail would compromise QLDC's commercial sensitivity.

The total costs incurred in relation to fines and penalties arising from ORC infringement and abatement orders are \$5,739.13.

We trust that the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,



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