

15 December 2025

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Sent via email to [REDACTED]

### Request for Official Information

**LG25-0347 - GHD**

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 8 December 2025 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- **What is the current total paid by QLDC to consultants GHD since October 1, 2024 and how much longer will they be working for the Council - doing what?**

### QLDC RESPONSE

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

#### Release of information

The total amount paid to GHD from 1 October 2024 to the end of November 2025 is \$1.569M (including GST).

GHD were engaged in September 2024 to provide technical support for the Shotover Disposal Field Alternative Discharge project (i.e., the long-term disposal solution). Their work to date has included identifying and analysing long-term disposal options, progressing these through a long-list to short-list assessment, and contributing to the selection of a preferred option. This has involved concept design, cost estimation, site investigations, multi-criteria analysis, and preparation of the Business Case to support the preferred solution.

GHD are expected to continue providing support through the remaining design phases (Preliminary and Detailed Design), further site investigations for the preferred option, technical input for the Resource Consent application, and ongoing technical involvement during construction. Their engagement is likely to continue through to anticipated project completion in 2030.

In addition, GHD are providing technical support for the short-term discharge resource consent application and associated works, as well as advice and input related to the previous Enforcement Order process, including technical evidence for the Environment Court.

**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 [Naell.Crosby-Roe@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:Naell.Crosby-Roe@qldc.govt.nz) (Director Democracy Services).

We trust that the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,

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