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Infrastructure Body Consultation
The Treasury
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Dear Sir / Madam

A NEW INDEPENDENT INFRASTRUCTURE BODY

Thank you for the opportunity to present our submission on the new independent infrastructure body. The Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) supports the Government's proposal to establish an independent entity to ensure a coordinated and systematic approach to planning and delivering New Zealand's infrastructure work programme.

The QLDC welcomes initiatives that will strengthen our capacity to deliver infrastructure projects, and the support the body will provide to local authorities around procurement and delivery, as well as addressing training and workforce needs. The QLDC sees significant value in the expertise the body will provide to other agencies, such as the Ministries of Education and Health, for the development of social infrastructure, which is also a key consideration for our district. We anticipate that the body will play a crucial role as a conduit to funding for priority projects, and as a guide to good infrastructure practice across numerous sectors.

With the pace of growth in the Queenstown Lakes district our infrastructure investment programme needs to be delivered without delay. We would appreciate reassurance that the new body will support priority projects that are already in the pipeline as significant investment in these projects has already been made. We look forward to further clarification on this issue.

We also look forward to more detail on the body's constitution, and its mission and long-term objectives. We are keen to understand how it will collaborate with and complement the work of existing infrastructure organisations, such as the New Zealand Transport Agency, Kiwibuild, and the Urban Development Authority, to ensure the best outcomes.

Please note this submission reflects the position of officers and has not been ratified by Council. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully,



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Queenstown Lakes District Council

