

21 May 2026

Sent via email to [REDACTED]

## Request for Official Information LG26-0132 - BCA Accreditation Costs

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 3 May 2026 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

1. **A copy of all invoices paid to the International Accreditation New Zealand for the last 6 years [2021 – 2016 to date] for receiving any Certificate of Accreditation as a Building Consent Authority in conformance to Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Regulations 2006.**
2. **If there has been (or currently is) a Transfer of Power under Section 33 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to Fire and Emergency New Zealand ('FENZ', formally New Zealand Fire Service or NZFS), and if so, the date when the Transfer of Power occurred, when it was ended (if at all), a copy of the agreement(s) between the Council and FENZ/NZFS regarding any Transfer of Power.**

### QLDC RESPONSE

In response to your request, the QLDC Building Services Team was consulted.

### Decision to release information

1. **A copy of all invoices paid to the International Accreditation New Zealand for the last 6 years [2021 – 2016 to date] for receiving any Certificate of Accreditation as a Building Consent Authority in conformance to Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Regulations 2006.**

Please find attached the [invoices](#) paid to International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) from 2021 to 2016 (to date) relating to the receipt of Certificates of Accreditation as a Building Consent Authority in accordance with the [Building Regulations 2006](#).

Certain information within these invoices has been redacted, with the reasons for these redactions outlined below.

Note that the enclosed links will expire on 19 June 2026, 10:24 AM (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

2. **If there has been (or currently is) a Transfer of Power under Section 33 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to Fire and Emergency New Zealand ('FENZ', formally New Zealand Fire Service or NZFS), and if so, the date when the Transfer of Power occurred, when it was ended (if at all), a copy of the agreement(s) between the Council and FENZ/NZFS regarding any Transfer of Power.**

Please refer to QLDC's response to request LG24-0271, provided to you on 25 November 2024.

### **Decision to withhold information**

QLDC has good reason under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the LGOIMA for withholding part of the information requested in item 1 of your request. QLDC considers it is necessary to withhold the requested information on the basis of the following grounds:

- Section 7(2)(b) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information—
  - (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the LGOIMA provides for the withholding of information where its release would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of any person or organisation. This provision recognises the need to protect commercially sensitive information, the disclosure of which could undermine competitive positions or adversely affect the ability of parties to operate effectively in the market.

In this case, the withheld information relates to the hourly charge-out rates contained within a supplier invoice. QLDC has considered whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the need to withhold the information. QLDC considers that release of the detailed hourly rates would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the supplier, as the rates reflect commercially sensitive pricing structures and could disadvantage the supplier in future negotiations or competitive tendering processes.

While there is a public interest in transparency regarding Council expenditure, QLDC considers that this interest is adequately met through the release of the overall invoice information and total costs, without disclosing the specific hourly pricing details.

Therefore, QLDC has determined that section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the LGOIMA applies. In this case, no overriding public interest has been identified that would justify its release.

### **Public interest considerations**

In assessing whether to withhold information, QLDC carefully evaluates the public interest—particularly whether disclosure would enhance transparency, accountability, or informed public engagement. This assessment includes weighing those benefits against the potential harm that could result from releasing the information.

QLDC acknowledges the public interest in transparency, accountability, and good governance in local authority decision-making, and is committed to releasing information wherever possible. However, in this instance, QLDC considers that the public interest in disclosure is outweighed by the need to

protect negotiating position. Releasing this information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the party that supplied, or is the subject of, the information.

Accordingly, QLDC has determined that section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the LGOIMA applies. No overriding public interest has been identified that would justify release of the withheld information.

### **Right to review the above decision**

You have the right to request an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA. Further information is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with QLDC, please contact [Naell.Crosby-Roe@qldc.govt.nz](mailto: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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**GST No. 22-492-284**

**NZBN: 9429046194077**

## TAX INVOICE

**Invoice Number:** I89882

**Purchase Order Number** P0043800

**Debtor Number:** Q7491

**Date:** 1/11/2021

Queenstown Lakes District Council

poinvoicing@qldc.govt.nz

Private Bag 50072

Queenstown 9348

### IANZ Accreditation Programme

Division: Building Consent Authority

### IANZ ACCREDITED LABORATORY PROGRAMME

Work #41656

Assessment Date: 18/10/2021

Building Consent Authority

Routine Reassessment

Professional Fees

\$9,756.25

Professional Time: [REDACTED]

Travel: [REDACTED]

Initial invoice relating to preparation, manual review, onsite time, reporting and travel time.

Expenses:

\$20,076.83

Accommodation

Air Fares

BCA Admin Fee

Car Rentals

Car Rentals Ins

Meals

Parking

Taxis

Technical Expert Fee

Mileage

Net \$29,833.08

GST (15.0%) \$4,474.96

Gross \$34,308.04

**Invoice is in NZ Dollars**

**Attention:** Mr Chris English

**Bank A/C: 03-0196-0131722-00**

**Swift Code WPACNZ2W**

Building 7, Central Park  
660 – 670 Great South Road, Ellerslie, Auckland 1051  
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# TAX INVOICE

Invoice Number: I94653

Purchase Order Number P0055548

Debtor Number: Q7491

Date: 13/11/2023

Queenstown Lakes District Council  
Private Bag 50072  
Queenstown 9348

## IANZ Accreditation Programme

Division: Building Consent Authority

### IANZ BUILDING CONSENT AUTHORITY PROGRAMME

Work #47858

Assessment Date: 24/10/2023

Building Consent Authority Routine Reassessment

Assessment Co-ordinator: Adrienne Woollard

Professional Fees \$10,250.00

Professional Time: [REDACTED]

Travel: [REDACTED]

Interim invoice - Relating to preparation, manual review, onsite time, reporting and travel time.

Expenses: \$21,598.83

Accommodation

Air Fares

BCA Admin Fee

Car Rentals

Car Rentals Ins

Meals

Mileage Equivalent

Parking

Taxis

Technical Expert Fee

Net	\$31,848.83
GST (15.0%)	\$4,777.33
Gross	\$36,626.16

Invoice is in NZ Dollars

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