

26 January 2022

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Sent via email to [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

We refer to your official information request dated 20 January 2022. You requested the following information from the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC):

- How many historic heritage sites in your district are not currently listed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga?
- How many historical heritage sites identified above (not listed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga) are private residences (houses)?
- Do heritage sites that have been identified by the local community require the agreement of the landowner in order to be protected?
- Are there any specific rules for owners of private residences, identified as historic heritage sites, in regards to controlled or permitted activities?

QLDC response

- How many historic heritage sites in your district are not currently listed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga?
 - Heritage Features and Archaeological sites are separate items and recorded separately in the Proposed District Plan, all Archaeological Sites are also listed by Heritage NZ. QLDC has 210 Heritage Features not listed by Heritage NZ (out of 299).
- How many historical heritage sites identified above (not listed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga) are private residences (houses)?
 - This question is a little difficult to answer without investigating each feature, e.g. an old church could be repurposed into a private residence, or an old cottage could have deteriorated to ruins and is uninhabitable. With this in mind we believe there to be approximately 67 out of the 210.
- Do heritage sites that have been identified by the local community require the agreement of the landowner in order to be protected?
 - No; however, it is preferable.
- Are there any specific rules for owners of private residences, identified as historic heritage sites, in regards to controlled or permitted activities?
 - Yes, specific rules can be found in Chapter 26 of our Proposed District Plan. Consent would be required to demolish or undertake alterations. The threshold for consenting changes depending if the item is a Category 1 or 2 Item.

We trust this response satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Jones', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

Phil Jones

Senior Official Information Advisor