



QUEENSTOWN TRAILS TRUST

Tuesday, 12 June 2018

Nick Geddes
Clark Fortune McDonald and Associates

Re: Letter of Support – Middleton Submission to the District Plan review

Dear Nick

On behalf of the Queenstown Trails Trust, I would like to provide a letter of support for the provision of a public cycle and pedestrian easement as part of the proposed low density/rural residential development at the western extent of Tucker Beach Road.

The Queenstown Trails Trust (QTT) has already documented in its 10yr plan the need to connect our communities and, whilst we were unable to submit on this proposal, we see a fantastic opportunity for public access from Tucker Beach to Lake Johnson. This route will form a key part of the Queenstown Trail and QLDC's Active Transport network, linking Arthurs Point to Frankton and providing a direct route for commuters and students travelling to the new high school. QTT has already embarked on a major realignment project to include this key route.

With increasing pressure on Queenstown's infrastructure, the Trust also recognises other local connections to Rotary's Tucker Beach Trail, Hansen' Water Race Trail and potential access to Watties Track as a huge benefit to the community. The latter would be particularly important, enabling direct off-road access to Queenstown for locals and for residents of this proposed development.

The provision of an integrated trail network is very much in-line with QLDC's Active Transport Strategy and the new Government Policy Statement for land transport to provide walking and cycling options as well mode-sharing with better public transport hubs.

Additionally, the recreational opportunity afforded by these trail links for the growing local community should not be overlooked. These trails will provide a healthy and enjoyable way for Kiwis and international visitors to see the country and generate social, environmental and economic benefit for the region.

Kind regards

Mark Williams
CEO

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