



**Respondent No:** 172

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 11:18:20 am

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- Q1. **Full name** Devika (Dee) Bigelow
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Frankton
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Oppose

**Q10. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**

I think that this should be on a User Pays Basis. I realise I don't live in the area and I choose to have my property as an Investment Property BUT I am also looking at this from the point of view of if I WAS living there...your local people. I also think that to increase rates across the board for everyone isn't the right way to do this - as some locals will have nothing to do with the resource and building consent fees. They are living in homes they have been in for a long time, and a MASSIVE increase in rates like this will make it hard for them to remain in the area. As mentioned above, I think this should be on a User Pays Basis for the people that are building the houses or developments, not everyone.

**Q11. What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Oppose

**Q12. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**

Once again, I feel this doesn't affect everyone and should not be across the board. In Queenstown there are Hotels and Hospitality that create a lot of the waste...and probably apartment buildings like the one I have invested in if there they have Air BNB rentals in there. From being on the Body Corp in the building I am part of, it has been interesting as we can't use the 3 Bins and we have to include in the Body Corp fees a very large fee for removing waste. Carbon Emmissions to me is important to a certain degree, but once again increasing the rates across the board like this needs to be on a more User Pays basis....it might be better to target businesses (building, manufacturing, hospitality etc) or maybe even a Tourist Fee for being in the area. It needs to be targetted specifically somehow to the people that are creating the carbon. I feel that this should be tagetted to User Pays/Industries and not you everyday people. I realise this may impact me if I choose to invest or build again down there....but that is User Pays and I would expect that if I choose to do this.

**Q13. What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Oppose

**Q14. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**

I feel this is a tricky one. If done across the board, there are a lot of people that don't use the pools of sporting facilities. A bit of a cost is fine....but once again these costs needs to be kept lower. Maybe I am coming on the wrong angle on this as the idea is to increase people's well being and get them active...BUT some people are like me...I walk in the hills and mountains and don't need a pool or gym. If I lived in the area, my rates would be increasing to support others going to these facilities as I want to get outside. Once again - User Pays....and no across the board rate increase. A small increase would be fine...but am feeling this proposed 13.6% is a huge hike and pretty extreme.

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**Q15. What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?**      Neutral

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**Q16. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**

I am not familiar with the Community Facilities but feel these are much more important than the Sports & Recreation ones. Removing peak/off-peak pricing seems fair if the average rate is used and not pushed up to the full peak rate across the board. Sorry, I haven't looked at the detail on this one as much.

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**Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?**      Support

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**Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees**

I believe if people choose to have more than 2-3 dogs, then the registration should increase to reflect that. Or another way is I think if they have 1 or 2 for company and they aren't a dangerous breed then the fee could be dicounted. Dangerous dogs - I don't know how common this is and how often the call outs for this are down tehre. Once again - I am thinking this is User Pays rather than an across the board rate increase

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**Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre?**      Support

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**Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre**

I definitely support this if it doesn't increase the rates! I definitely think User Pays is fine for carparking close to town is fine. As long as you could get free parking or cheaper parking in 10-15 minutes walking distance? If there is an option for this. When I visit the public transport seems very affordable and easy....so I would encourage others to use this. Fines for those that push the boundaries. Individuals can then choose to park close, further away or Uber/Taxis or use public transport. User Pays suits this easily I think.

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**Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme?**      Neutral

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**Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme**

As much as I don't want to support any increase, I don't want to Oppose it either as I know this important!!!! I choose Neutral....as I think this needs to be done, but looked at in the most cost effective way possible!!! Make sure everyone is accountable for their time who are working on the jobs and not just cruising and ticking the boxes and charging up I guess. This is out of my wheelhouse....but you are throwing BIG numbers and percentages around. \$34.5m more than original 3 Year programme - is ALL of this necessary? Can you wean some of it back down or push out if not necessary?

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So in summary - I think the 13.6% increase is WAY too much to put out to ALL your ratepayers.... I feel for investors, this will reflect significantly in rental increases - that will make investors/landlords appear greedy when they are just covering costs. I think locals who make Queentown and surrounding areas their home are not ALL super rich and cannot absorb such a large increase. I would like to think that alot of this increase could be reduced by either User Pays and targetting certain areas that are affected more. And also possibly re-thinking your 2023-2024 Annual Plan and reducing this further. I am a little confused as to how the Budget Approved for Year 3 of your 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan on Page 16 can be nearly \$300M, then proposed budget is around \$200M and you are advising that you need to INCREASE the rates by 13.6%, when it was projected that is was a 5.5% increase. This doesn't make sense to me.....in my head reducing to the proposed new Budget for 2023-204 means you should be minimising or reducing the proposed rate increase! I would love to hear from someone about Page 16 and if I am interpreting this incorrectly. Email: [REDACTED] Good luck with your submissions and I hope you review this increase and bring it back - and think of other ways to make this up on a more User Pays Basis. Devika (Dee) Bigelow Tel: [REDACTED]

**Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant?** No

**Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation**

not answered

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**Respondent No:** 173

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 10:59:42 am

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 00:55:48 am

- Q1. **Full name** Dave Cassaidy
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Mount Aspiring College
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
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**Respondent No:** 174

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 11:02:32 am

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- Q1. **Full name** Luke Faed
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Mt. Aspiring College
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
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**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 11:06:02 am

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- Q1. **Full name** Luke Faed
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Mt. Aspiring College
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
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**Respondent No:** 176

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 11:58:40 am

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- Q1. **Full name** Sherry Ann Thornburg
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Gibbston
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
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- The council uses a number of well paid consultants or contractors to deliver resource consent services and inspections. The focus should be on reducing costs for these services and efficiency - not increasing costs. Increasing costs will only contribute to additional red tape and bureaucracy. Suggested to pass on any additional costs for council resource consent charges to developers only.
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Oppose
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- Find better ways to reduce costs and reduce emissions other than purchasing carbon credits. How about reducing the number of new buildings, roads, and concrete?
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This is a very short sighted solution. If you increase fees for community facilities, such as the gym, fewer people will be able to afford to go and income will be reduced.

**Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** Oppose

**Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees**

Please provide the data for increased costs for services such as extra patrol for dangerous dogs.

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No rate increases for land/home owners. Instead, a tourist tax should be charged at hotels/tourists services to pay for the added infrastructure improvements required. Also, rate payers should not be penalised due to ongoing challenges for the Council due to costly claims brought against it by property owners relating to alleged weather tightness and other building defects. If the councils' planners, and inspectors do their jobs properly, this would not happen. This is another example of why the QLDC should invest in qualified permanent staff for consenting versus hiring expensive and inexperienced consultants.

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**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 14:52:15 pm

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Q1. Full name	Marco Dingemans
Q2. Organisation (if any)	Startup Queenstown Lakes
Q3. Email	marco@startupqueenstownlakes.com
Q4. Location	Queenstown
Q5. Do you wish to speak at a hearing?	No
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# Funding Proposal Submission

2023 - 2024

Prepared By:



**STARTUP**  
QUEENSTOWN-LAKES

# WHY SQL IS HERE

WE FOSTER AN ECOSYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS STARTUP BUSINESSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE QL COMMUNITY



Startup Queenstown Lakes is a charitable trust established in 2018 to bring together founders, investors, changemakers, and citizens in an effort to address the need for economic diversity and resilience, via a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem made up of knowledge and innovative sector businesses.

## WHAT IS OUR ADDED VALUE

We focus on building founder capability, connections and capital within our ecosystem, and help build a vibrant and diverse community which embraces technology, innovation and entrepreneurship, and leverages the district's strengths.

## WHO IS SQL

We are a team of 3 builders, connectors and encouragers. We all bring a variety of skills to the table ranging from finance, marketing, sport, entrepreneurship and most of all life skills.



# OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**DAVID WALLACE (CHAIR)**

**Wanaka**

Managing Director of Armillary Private Capital, a specialist investment banking, funds management, financial training and advisory firm.



**WAYNE HUDSON**

**Wanaka**

Legal consultant with over 35 years experience as a commercial and corporate lawyer, having been a partner in Bell Gully and Hudson Gavin Martin.



**RICHARD LIEW**

**Wanaka**

Founder of NZ Entrepreneur Magazine, and an early supporter of the region's startup ecosystem.



**MATT WONG**

**Queenstown**

Owner iFLY Indoor Skydiving NZ, Councillor QLDC. A transformational leader with a focus on creating commercial opportunities for startups and established businesses.



**Our board is  
compromised  
of volunteers from a  
talented  
group of locals  
from Queenstown  
and Wanaka**

# OUR GOALS FOR 2023 - 2024

- We have amplified the existing SQL ecosystem with a detailed overview of who our clients are and what impact they are making on the economy.
- We are aligned with QLDC Economic Development Efforts by supporting and encouraging niche sectors such as the outdoor economy, food & beverage and environmental services.
- We will be delivering upskilling programs, workshops and one-on-one coaching services based on applicants' needs and levels of entrepreneurship.
- Our resources, expertise and assistance will be used to build a cohesive partnership outside the district.
- We will further expand a network of professionals that is founder centric, and actively connect founders with those professionals in order to generate more community engagement.
- Measuring the impact of our activities will be done with the Founder Impact model and the Activity / Heat Impact model, making sure that what we do is making a difference to the lives of our participants.
- We will have positively raised the profile of the district by highlighting achievement of local startups and activities in the district.
- Our ecosystem will be more diverse and include Maori and Pasifika founders, plus it will focus on first-hires, early-stage and aspiring entrepreneurs.
- We are actively supporting a regional network of investors interested in investing in startups in our district.



# SNAPSHOT OF 2022

**1,007 PEOPLE**

Have participated in programmes, workshops, and events.



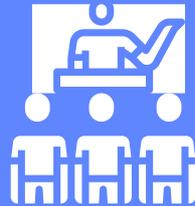
**\$100,000+**

Secured in in-kind services, volunteers + private support



**68 EVENTS**

Total events held - 264% more than required by MOU



**90% +**

Rating of our workshop programs



**4,414 PEOPLE**

Are in our online social media community



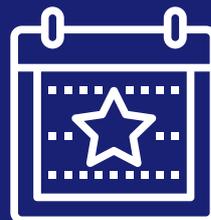
**43 ACTIVE EVENTS**

477% more than required by QLDC MOU



**51% FEMALE**

Participants in our Kick Start & Lift Off courses



**25 PASSIVE EVENTS**

391% more than required by QLDC MOU

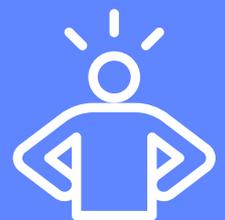
**107 ENROLLMENTS**

in our incubation & acceleration programs.



**95% GAINED CONFIDENCE**

95% of startups agreed that they have improved their entrepreneurial mindset + increased confidence.



# PARTICIPATION

PROGRAMMES, EVETS & ACTIVITIES PROVIDED FOR STARTUPS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

## QUEENSTOWN

# 76

TOTAL EVENTS

**21** IN PERSON EVENTS

**17** ONLINE EVENTS

**24** ACTIVE EVENTS

**14** PASSIVE EVENTS

## WANAKA

# 64

TOTAL EVENTS

**17** IN PERSON EVENTS

**17** ONLINE EVENTS

**19** ACTIVE EVENTS

**11** PASSIVE EVENTS



# FOUNDERS PATHWAYS



## IDEA STAGE



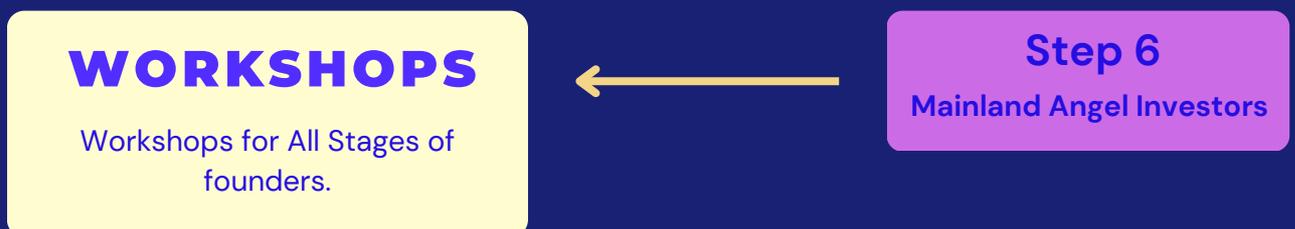
## STARTUP STAGE



## EARLY STAGE



## GROWTH STAGE



# OUR ECOSYSTEM



1

## Established

SQL benefits these companies by creating a vibrant ecosystem and community, and assisting them to attract and retain talent. These companies "give back" by supporting our ecosystem by providing mentorship our next generation of Startups.

2

## High Growth Phase

SQL supports high growth companies by hosting workshops on Raising Capital for Growth with partners such as NZTE.

3

## Capital Raise Ready

SQL assists founders to get Investment Ready, by introducing them to the investor community and professional advisors

4

## Seed Funded

SQL assists founders to get their business financially viable, with an executable business plan and the tools and support to launch.

5

## Recently Launched

SQL workshops and coaching has assisted driven founders to launch.

\*Indicative selection of logos of our most engaged startups

# THE COMMUNITY





# OUR ASK

## SQL PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN THE DISTRICT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SQL leverages its funds well and is realistic in not asking more than what the community needs. We believe that the community investment in its programmes so far is providing a fair return through supporting and encouraging entrepreneurship and the impact our activities have made to the lives and businesses of our founders. And in return how those founders have helped amplify a robust and healthy ecosystem of entrepreneurs, network professionals and business owners.

We ask that QLDC continues to support SQL by committing to provide \$220,000 per year for the next two years. For the year ended 30 June 2024 these funds will be used as set out on page 11 and includes SQL providing additional funding Mainland Angel Investors, supporting the delivery of Callaghan funded accelerators and incubators in the district and possibly providing some funding for the ongoing efforts of Whakatipu Hangarau.



## SOURCE & USE OF FUNDS

The majority of SQL's funding is used to deliver coaching, community engagement and events.

Given SQL has built up reserves we are proposing, on a discretionary basis to commit some of those additional reserves to additional funding for Mainland Angel Investors, supporting Callaghan funded accelerators and incubators in our district and Whakatipu Hangarau.

<b>Opening Cash</b>	<b>215,000</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Grant Funding	220,000
Interest Income	300
Programme & Workshop Fees	4,200
Services received in-kind	25,000
Startup Weekend	25,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>274,500</b>
<b>Less Overheads</b>	
Recognised cost of services in-kind	25,000
Event Programming - Startup weekend	25,000
Mainland Angel Investors	15,000
Contractor Services - Management and Admin	53,550
Contractor Services - Coaching and Community Engagement	112,200
Event Programming	12,600
General Exp & Other	38,120
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>281,470</b>
<b>Operating Cash Flow</b>	<b>(6,970)</b>
<b>Discretionary</b>	
MAI	15,000
Whakatipu Hungarau	25,000
Accelerator/Incubator support	15,000
<b>Total Discretionary</b>	<b>55,000</b>
<b>Net Cash Outflow</b>	<b>(61,970)</b>
<b>Closing Cash</b>	<b>153,030</b>

## SUPPORT FROM MAINLAND ANGEL INVESTORS

Mainland Angel Investors (MAI) was founded 2 years ago by Startup Queenstown Lakes, Coin South and Startup Dunedin to develop a regional angel network for local startups. Working closely with the regional Start-up hubs has been essential and the funding and support we have received from Startup Queenstown Lakes has been invaluable in allowing a community to develop.

We are proud of how the start-up community has come through COVID and our pipeline from the start-up hubs is looking healthy. There is no doubt with the changing economic environment emerging businesses are going to find raising capital and growth harder than ever.

By offering a unique pitch experience bringing together the regions and closing our first few investments MAI is now gaining momentum. We are now seeing 40-60 attendees each pitch night and membership, and most importantly investment engagement, starting to grow. Bringing our now Queenstown-based Network manager on full-time was a strategic move to gain critical mass and allow us to increase the frequency of our pitch nights to meet the demand of the hubs and offer better value for our members.

Our focus is now on building on our momentum and growing the MAI membership to a community of investors looking to support and grow local businesses. We know the investors are in the region but bringing them into our community, aside from their traditional investment routes, will take time. On-going funding support for the hubs and MAI will be essential to ensure the work done is not lost as we build to self-sustainability. Specifically, we are seeing real strength in the Queenstown lakes district of both investors and start-ups looking for capital.

The funding of \$15k per annum from each of the start-up hubs has been invaluable but to gain further momentum we need to accelerate our efforts. MAI's role is important for the development of a start-up eco-system in the Queenstown Lakes district being led by SQL and we fully support SQL's Queenstown Lakes District Council funding proposal and proposed allocation of an additional \$15k of funding to a total of \$30k per annum for MAI.

Best regards,



**Brad Hurndell**  
MAI Chair



**Respondent No:** 178

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 11:44:05 am

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 01:35:06 am

- Q1. **Full name** Katharine Hockly
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Queenstown Mountain Bike Club
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- Q3. **Email** volunteers@queenstownmtb.co.nz
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- Q4. **Location** Queenstown
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- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** Yes
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- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** [REDACTED]
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- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Skip to apply for a community grant only
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- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
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- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** not answered
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- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
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- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** not answered
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- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
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- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** not answered
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- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** not answered
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- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
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- Q17. **What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** not answered

**Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees**

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**Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre?** not answered

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**Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre**

not answered

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**Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme?** not answered

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**Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme**

not answered

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**Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024**

not answered

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**Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant?** not answered

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**Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation**

The Queenstown Mountain Bike Club (QMTBC) is a charity that was formed in 2003 with the express purpose of facilitating the development of mountain bike trails and biking opportunities within the Queenstown area in a coordinated, safe and legal manner. We are a volunteer organisation and have a committee group of eight dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to organise and run the club. We have one Administration assistant, who works 16 hours a week on a variety of tasks. There is also a pool of passionate local volunteers who help organise races, attend Wednesday dig nights and help deliver various activities and are a huge attribute to the club. What started as a club with less than 100 members, has grown into the largest sports club in the Queenstown Lakes District and a thriving community with over 2000 active, paid members (a small proportion of people that actually use the public trails that we build and maintain). This means that approximately 6% of the Queenstown Wakatipu Basin population and 4% of the total District population are members of our club. It is estimated that approximately 10% of the total District population ride on our trails each week. This is a very exciting time for Queenstown in terms of its place on the world stage of mountain biking. In recent years, we have received generous donations by Rod Drury which we used primarily on trail development and expanding our network to bring it up to a world class standard. However, going forward the club needs to develop a sustainable source of funding without relying on Rod, and we need further support in covering our core operational costs; being our admin assistant role and trail maintenance across our wider network. A lack of future funding for these core operational costs means that it is uncertain whether we will be able to continue with our current standard of service to the district. We will be required to pause the development of new trails until we can ensure that our operational costs are accounted for. A shortfall in our operational budget will also result in a decline in the standard of our trails and therefore a decline in the standard of mountain biking in Queenstown. This would have a significant roll on effect given we are at a time where the sport's popularity is rapidly expanding both locally and worldwide. The club manages over 100km of world class trails and we have estimated a minimum of \$304,000 in operating expenses for 2023/2024 to sustain our admin role, maintain our trail network and maintain the overall high standard that the club operates at. However, we have a shortfall of \$108,000 in funding for the 2023/2024 year, which will impact significantly on our ability to operate at a high standard and on what we are able to achieve. The Club has received a \$30,000 community grant for three years from 2021-2024 through the Long Term Plan Process. The purpose was operational funding to support the building and maintenance of local mountain biking areas and the promotion of biking for transport, health and wellbeing. We note that other councils across NZ have made significantly larger investments in their local mountain bike trail networks as detailed below: Nelson City Council: Maintenance: - Codgers area \$60,000 per annum - Wider trail network \$50,000 per annum 2018 capital for new trails over three years \$200,000 per annum (600k total) Koata to use forestry \$80,000 per annum 2018-2021 EWS Event fund – 3 year fund \$166,000 per annum (500k total) Rotorua Lakes Council: Maintenance through Trails Trust and RMTBC \$500,000 Crankworx \$75,000 per annum Rotorua Bike Festival \$50,000

**Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023?**

Yes

**Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023?**

The Club received \$30,000 per year through the LTP process (2021-2024) for operational funding

**Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024?**

We are seeking an additional \$40,000 for the year 2023-2024 to fund our operational costs including specifically towards paying for our Administration Assistant role.

**Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?**

The Administration Assistant role is vital to the club's operation. By securing \$40,000 in funding for this position it will ensure we can continue driving our Corporate Sponsorship programme, the promotion of QMTBC memberships with local riders and international visitors and complete the installation of Donation QR codes across our network. All of which will help secure future funding towards the club's future annual trail maintenance costs. Our Administration Assistant also submits grant applications for the club each year as well as general marketing and event promotions, club communications and management of our social media pages. It is vital that we are able to sustain this role going forward so we can grow our funding avenues and continue providing the same level of service to our members and the wider biking community. The club has a \$304,000 commitment to cover its operational expenses and maintenance costs in 2023/2024 to keep our network and engagement with our biking community at the current standard (this is excluding any new trail development). The below table outlines the minimum operational expenses of the club for the 2023/2024 year: General Expenses (not related to trails) Budget Administration 40,000 Affiliation fees 3,000 Event costs 7,000 Equipment purchases 1,000 Signs 5,000 Consent costs 10,000 Misc costs 10,000 Total General Expenses \$76,000 Trail Expenses: Trail fixes/upgrades/large projects (Hammys Gantry, Thunder Goat lower rework, Dream Track, Kerry Drive)(minimum) 108,000 General Trail maintenance (minimum) 100,000 Other Tree work, race gate 20,000 Total Trail Expenses \$228,000 Total Operational Expenses (minimum) \$304,000 We have an estimated \$108,000 shortfall between estimated expenses of \$304,000 and estimated available funding of \$196,000 for the 2023/24 year (please see available funding breakdown further below). Please note that the above expenses and this funding request does not cover the general day to day maintenance of the Skyline Queenstown Bike Park which is managed separately by way of a commercial agreement between QLDC and Skyline (with facilitation by the QTMBC). It also does not include the expenses related to the Queenstown Bike Festival which is also managed separately.

**Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?**

Riders, local businesses and the wider community all benefit from our trails and the benefits will continue to grow in the long run as we continue to lift the standard of mountain biking in Queenstown. In 2017, Tourism Recreation Conservation (TRC) performed a study of the economic impact of our mountain trails in Queenstown. The study clearly demonstrated that our trails provide significant benefits to the region and it calculated that annually, they generate over \$25 million in income from bike related jobs, spending by trail users and local business profits. In a 2022 a new Economic Impact Report was completed by NZ's leading Regional Economist Benjie Patterson, he calculated: Over 5,300 locals bike recreationally every week Total annual spend by bike visitors in 2021 in the district was \$157.2 million with \$101.6 million of this being from bike visitors whose main purpose of visiting was to bike Over 800 jobs were supported by bike visitor spending By 2026: Bike visitor spending is forecasted to climb to over \$209 million It is estimated that over 1,070 jobs supported by bike visitor spending The full Economic Impact Report can be found here: [https://www.queenstownmtb.co.nz/\\_files/ugd/2bf480\\_29019919146a4316a64df98c0ff9b521.pdf](https://www.queenstownmtb.co.nz/_files/ugd/2bf480_29019919146a4316a64df98c0ff9b521.pdf) The 2021, Destination Queenstown produced a Biking Market Development Plan and found that: In 2021, 176,000 visitors came to Queenstown to bike. By 2026, this expected to grow to over 235,000 The average biking visitor stays longer and spends more compared to the average of all other visitor types. Biking brings increased visitor spend, spend dispersal & support of local business. Our club has successfully worked in partnership with QLDC for many years and together we have created several LTOs and MOUs to enable us to provide public assets for the wider community. Over 55% of our trails have been built on QLDC land with 31% of our trails located in the Queenstown Bike Park alone. These figures also include prominent biking areas on QLDC land such as the Wynyard Jump Park and Kerry Drive.

**Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050?**

- Thriving people
- Living Te Ao Māori
- Opportunities for all
- Breathtaking creativity
- Deafening dawn chorus
- Zero carbon communities
- Pride in sharing our places

**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

The club relies on several funding avenues, with our membership payments bringing in the largest amount each year. At the end of 2022 we also increased our membership fees to help support our growing maintenance and administrative costs. Sourcing funds for our operating expenses has always been the predominant challenge for our club. Maintenance and Administration isn't as appealing or exciting as building new trails so it is much more difficult for us to get financial backing & support for these costs. As mentioned earlier, the Club has received a \$30,000 community grant from QLDC for three years from 2021-2024 through the Long Term Plan Process. Here is a quick breakdown of our funds for the 2023/2024 year:  
Source Of Funds for operational expenses 2023-2024 Funding estimations for maintenance and operational expenses  
Memberships \$80,000\* Merchandise \$3,000\* Events + Timing System Rental \$13,000\* Corporate Sponsorship \$20,000\*  
Donations (general) \$50,000\* QLDC Grant \$30,000 Total: \$196,000 \* items are estimated only

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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**Q34. I understand that all submissions and community grant applications will be treated as public information.** I understand

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**Respondent No:** 179

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- Q1. **Full name** Kay McFarlane
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Neutral
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
not answered
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Neutral
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
not answered
- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Neutral
- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
not answered
- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Neutral
- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
not answered
- Q17. **What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** Neutral

Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

not answered

Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Neutral

Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

not answered

Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Oppose

Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

I want Council to include an allocation in the Plan to construct desperately needed facilities at the Waiorau Recreation Reserve, including toilet facilities and associated infrastructure, dedicated carparking, a community facility to provide shelter, a lunch room and a teaching educational facility at the Reserve.

Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

Facilities needed at Waiorau Recreation Reserve. please contribute ratepayers contributions towards providing toilets and shelter at the Waiorau Recreation Reserve. It is a popular and stunning reserve to be in and play in. Thank you.

Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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**Respondent No:** 180

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- Q1. **Full name** Nancy Latham
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Friends of Bullock Creek Inc.
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** Yes
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** [REDACTED]
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
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- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Support
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
not answered
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Support
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
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- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
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- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Support
- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
not answered

Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees? Support

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Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

not answered

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Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Neutral

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Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

not answered

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Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Oppose

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Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

not answered

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Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

not answered

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Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

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Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

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Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

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Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

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Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

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Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

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Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

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Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

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**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

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26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### **Submission to the QLDC Draft Annual Plan 2023 -2024**

I am submitting on behalf of Friends as Bullock Creek with the support of community stakeholders and concerned ratepayers, some of whom are listed below. We request that this deferral of \$ 6 million for the Stone Street Storm Water upgrade from the Annual Plan (page 16) is reversed and at least \$6 million is budgeted for upgrading Stone Street Storm Water assets within the Annual Plan 2023 - 2024.

#### **Details in support of our submission:**

Two QLDC objectives which are emphasised in the Draft Annual plan are to quote:

1. "Council remains committed to Te Mana o Te Wai (the health and well-being of water)"
2. "The Draft annual plan proposes a reduced capex programme as council puts in place the financial provision to meet the costs of the liability of the leaky home legacy from the 1980s and 2000s."

With reference to point two, The Draft Annual Plan states there is a Deferral of \$6m for the Stone Street storm water upgrades out by 6 years to YE 2030.

The reality of this deferral is that it is effectively trading off past generation's financial liability against

1. At least another seven years of storm water contamination of Roy's Bay and the creeks within the catchment, along with deferring associated mitigation costs and responsibility to future Upper Clutha governance.
2. Continued vulnerability of properties to inundation of untreated stormwater flooding in the lower Stone Street and eastern Meadowstone areas as well as residents and businesses along side Bullock Creek which runs through the heart of Wanaka. Liability of not addressing this continued vulnerability will sit with QLDC.
3. Undermining the tangible benefits of current investment in promoting Wanaka as a tourist destination.

This 6 year deferral means that the contaminants entering Roy's Bay from its catchment is also inconsistent with the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (September 2020).

#### **1.0 Context of the Stone Street stormwater upgrades:**

The proposed Stone Street stormwater upgrades encompass two areas of stormwater management. The Alpha Series development south of the headwaters of Bullock Creek; and the Stone Street stormwater assets fed by infrastructure servicing upper Stone Street, Faulks Terrace, Kennedy Crescent and Aspiring Terrace.

#### **1.1 Urban Development south of the Bullock Creek headwaters** (Alpha Series development):

Urban development south of the Wetlands and head waters of Bullock Creek commenced in 2015. Original design for the initial stages of Alpha series development was for all storm water to be soaked

to ground facilitated by managed attenuation, and there was to be no use of QLDC stormwater infrastructure. (And consequently, the developer made no financial contribution to QLDC stormwater assets.) Very limited soakage to ground occurred (at most 5% of the original design soakage) and inadequate maintenance of storm water assets compromised attenuation capacity. (Morphum Environmental 2018)

To add and quote a long-term local property owner, *the slopes of the Alpha Series area have been groomed to the extent that building sites have a fantastic view of Lake Wanaka but the original contours have been modified beyond recognition.*

The groomed slopes for consented urban development have removed the ability of the environment to filter rain and treat contaminated stormwater before it reaches freshwater bodies, including Lake Wanaka. These groomed and developed contours of the Alpha Series development have resulted in largely expanded impervious surfaces. As a result, these surfaces do not support the original stormwater flow paths nor provide the predevelopment filtration systems of the natural environment. Consequently, the ecological health of Roy's Bay and creeks within the catchment are being impacted, by both quality and severity of unmanaged storm water flows.

In August last year, QLDC was issued with an Abatement notice by ORC for contaminated stormwater flooding the Wetlands and entering Bullock Creek. We believe the liability issue here reflects the same principles as the defect and watertightness claims.

#### **1.1.1 Community investment in advocacy**

Direct expression of community concerns about continual stormwater run-off into Bullock Creek and Roy's Bay has been ongoing since 2015. Eight years ago. (Ref. attached (1): Guardians of Lake Wanaka letter to QLDC and ORC Oct. 2015)

Storm water mismanagement has been identified by the community as a serious issue in the Roy's Bay catchment as well documented by community feedback; years of community discussion with QLDC at Mayoral level and to the level of the engineering department; and evidenced by continual stormwater overflow from the Alpha Series development, non-functional sediment pond and buried (Triton Arch) sediment traps above the headwaters of Bullock Creek. (Records of frequent and severe stormwater flooding on the Alpha series boundary attached (2)). The semantics of this original resource consent require an independent inquiry and/or legal review which has not been forthcoming.

Through our years of proactive engagement with QLDC, the community has been led to believe that QLDC are committed to investing in mitigation measures for ongoing stormwater mismanagement as a matter of urgency. (Email correspondence and meetings with QLDC) The proposed pipeline diversion project has been put forward as a solution and where initially the "first turf to be turned" was back in September last year. As at January 2023, QLDC has spent half a million dollars on this project. Concerned members of the community have donated thousands of hours of time working towards solutions.

Friends of Bullock Creek and other stakeholders have made submissions to QLDC and ORC, questioning the ecological integrity of the original plans for this diversion project. These include requesting that alternative mitigating options are investigated, as well as evaluating modifications to the original proposal with more ecologically robust parameters. We have had no feedback on alternatives or modifications to the original project. We are still deliberating over signing the APA.

We recognise the need for urban development to meet demand for new housing in the region, however we believe that for new families moving into these new houses, along with current Wanaka residents and tourists, protecting the water quality and ecology of Roy's Bay Lake Wanaka and its tributaries, and ensuring that it is safe to swim in is a very important consideration when building new houses so that everyone can safely enjoy our Lake Wanaka and its tributaries. People move here for the local environment. Unfortunately QLDC is actively degrading the freshwater environment.

Therefore, making sure that stormwater is well managed is essential. Ensuring that untreated contaminated stormwater does not end up in creeks in the catchment of Roy's Bay Lake Wanaka is a statutory responsibility of QLDC and ORC, and meeting these responsibilities would be the logical and sustainable way for more people to live here and to preserve the health of our freshwater.

We believe that deferring investment in stormwater infrastructure as proposed under the Draft Annual Plan is inconsistent with the statutory responsibilities of QLDC. The scientifically acknowledged decline of the ecological health of Lake Wanaka and its Creeks will continue unless we proactively decide to take action to treat stormwater before it enters our freshwater ways.

### **1.2 Stone Street storm water assets:**

The three waters infrastructure in this area is decades old, dating back 40 years at least. It is understood that there has been very limited investment in maintaining and upgrading these assets over the years. The bulk of the original stormwater infrastructure channels directly into Bullock creek at the Stone Street culvert, and Bullock Creek is continually being contaminated by untreated stormwater. Dissolved contaminants and large volumes of sediment have entered Roys Bay.

Further to this, the current vulnerability of Bullock Creek as a result of the lack of maintenance and upgrading was highlighted on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February when a burst water main on Faulks Terrace resulted in Bullock Creek being contaminated by water flows for several hours.



Bullock Creek contaminated by sediment 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Also, three recent failures in the sewerage line on Stone Street, the latest at Easter, where raw sewage was uncontained on the street near the stormwater street channels, was not only a serious concern for local residents, but also sewage contamination of Bullock Creek and Roys Bay was a real possibility.

Deferring the Stone Street stormwater upgrades as proposed, leaves the water quality and ecology of Bullock Creek and ultimately Lake Wanaka, vulnerable to ongoing contamination from sediment, heavy metals, hydrocarbons, nutrients, bacterial and viral pathogens, and potentially raw sewage, for at least another seven years.

## **2.0 Increased vulnerability of properties to inundation by untreated stormwater flooding**

The groomed slopes and subsequent modified contours of the recent Alpha Series urban development has increased the vulnerability of properties in lower Stone Street, eastern Meadowstone and alongside Bullock Creek, to flash flooding and stormwater contamination. QLDC has subsequently adjusted the Flood Hazards Maps for these locals, based on draft documents, and we have an outstanding request with QLDC for further clarification. The integrity of these maps, we believe, is enmeshed in the mismanagement of the consenting process which did not ensure sustainable stormwater treatment nor managed stormwater flows within the recent urban development.

There are serious implications for property owners as a result of this revised draft hazards map. For example, insurance costs will increase and property values will be subject to more scrutiny.

QLDC has an opportunity now to continue with progressing measures to reduce this increased vulnerability to local properties which will, in turn, prevent linked increased insurance costs and risk to property values for property owners. Liability of not addressing this continued vulnerability will sit with QLDC.

## **3.0 Wanaka as a tourist destination:**

Millions of dollars are being spent on promoting Wanaka as a premium tourist destination. The commercial well being of Wanaka is heavily dependent on attracting tourists to Wanaka and this relies on maintaining visitor satisfaction and our reputation as a premium destination.

To quote from the Lake Wanaka Tourism website: “We believe we live in the most special place in the world. We want to ensure that our people and our place thrive now and for future generations.”

Contaminated water which enters Bullock Creek flows all the way down through the heart of Wanaka and enters Lake Wanaka near the Dinosaur Park.

During Easter, there was a sign where Bullock Creek enters Lake Wanaka, advising not to swim in the Lake at that area due to contamination of the water.

Anecdotally, some swimmers avoid swimming in Roy’s Bay for at least one day following stormwater entering the lake.

Deferring investment in the Stone Street stormwater upgrade, as proposed in the draft Annual Plan, is undermining the very environment which we are promoting and upon which local financial and environmental wellbeing are dependent.

## **Concluding Statements:**

Deferring investment in the Stone Street stormwater upgrades as proposed in the QLDC Draft Annual Plan 2023 – 2024 is offloading past generational financial liability as a result of consented regulatory failure, to future governing bodies; and creates an unjustifiable legacy for future generations. The ecological health of Roy’s Bay and the tributary creeks will continue to decline with no redress, and the financial and social wellbeing of segments of our community will be impacted.

Investment in upgrading the stormwater infrastructure now would enable protection of Lake Wanaka and Bullock Creek, and prevent another seven years of degradation. This timely investment would support the objective of being committed to Te Man o Te Wai, and complying with the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

Friends of Bullock Creek request that not only is this deferral of \$ 6 million for the Stone Street Storm Water upgrade within the Draft Annual Plan 2023 – 2024 reversed, but a further \$4 million is added to this sum to ensure that the upgrades are carried out in an expedient manner and supported by robust analysis to reflect the value we place on our environment and our dependence on our infrastructure for resilience.

The Guardians of Lake Wānaka have contributed to and fully support the content of this submission.

Nancy Latham, MEP (Hons); B. Agr. Sci.

Committee member, Friends of Bullock Creek; and on behalf of Guardians of Lake Wanaka; Wanaka Lake Swimmers Club; and Touchstone. Letters of support have been sent directly to [letstalk@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:letstalk@qldc.govt.nz) by individuals within the community.



\_Attached:

1. Guardians of Lake Wanaka letter to QLDC and ORC Oct. 2015)
  2. Records of frequent and severe stormwater flooding on the Alpha series boundary
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# Guardians of Lake Wanaka

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Serviced by  
Department of Conservation,  
Wanaka Area Office

The Secretary  
PO Box 93  
Wanaka

14 October 2015

**To: QLDC & ORC Planners**

## **Concerns about stormwater runoff from the Alpha Series Development in Wanaka.**

The Guardians of Lake Wanaka are concerned that stormwater runoff from the Alpha Series Development subdivision in Wanaka may have a detrimental effect on the water quality of Bullock Creek and Roy's Bay – and consequently on the ecosystems in the creek and the bay. We understand that the planned pathway for all stormwater runoff from this large new subdivision is into a sump in an area of shallow groundwater a few metres away from several of the springs that feed Bullock Creek. This means that all or most of the stormwater from the subdivision will inevitably flow into Bullock Creek and into the lake at Roy's Bay. The springs are in the western end of the Otago Fish and Game Stone Street fish hatchery site.

The dissolved contaminants in stormwater would be expected to include polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), heavy metals, nutrients (nitrates, phosphates) and herbicides. We can also expect bacterial contaminants. The long-term impacts on the sensitive aquatic environments in Bullock Creek and Lake Wanaka could be an ongoing issue once the subdivision is developed. All efforts should be made to protect the receiving environment.

We also anticipate a risk to Bullock Creek from the potential for silt to flow off the development site under heavy rainfall conditions during its development phase and in particular following very heavy rainfall events such as occurred in the area in 1999 and 2004.

The issue for the Guardians of Lake Wanaka is that QLDC and ORC should ensure protection of the water source to Bullock Creek. That protection should also recognise that the Bullock Creek source is likely to be disrupted by silt runoff from current and pending earthworks.

We are concerned that planned channelling of the stormwater into and through a rock based sump will allow the stormwater to mostly drain to nearby Bullock Creek springs without or with minimal removal of potential contaminants. To remove contaminants, an organic barrier is required. Its size and properties would need to be researched. An organic barrier would also need maintenance. How much would depend on the level of contamination coming off the sub-division.

We are concerned also that neither the QLDC nor ORC appears to give any recognition, protection or status to the unique wetland area at the headwaters of Bullock Creek.

Possible actions could include:

- Assess baseline water analysis of urban contaminants, especially PAHs, nutrients, herbicides, heavy metals, indicator and harmful bacteria.
- Assess the risk to the receiving environment, taking into account its ecological and amenity significance.
- Design an appropriate sump barrier system or other stormwater treatment system that could minimise or preferably avoid on-going contamination of the

stream. This would require QLDC and ORC hiring independent expertise with a demonstrated track record of excellence on the treatment of chemical and biological properties of urban stormwater.

- Determine whether an effective sump system can be accommodated within the land available in the resource consent for subdivision application.
- If not, suggest an alternative that includes sufficient land to protect the stream – or upgrade the Meadowstone stormwater system to cope.
- QLDC and ORC working together to provide appropriate protected wetland status to the headwater springs area of Bullock Creek.

Another issue that could be addressed is minimising contamination at source by taking a stronger stance on avoiding putting contaminants into the waterways. It won't eliminate contamination but could help reduce it.

We support QLDC actions over these issues to be at least consistent with or preferably better than the intentions indicated in paragraphs 27.2.5.11 and 12 of the Draft QLDC proposed District Plan.

The Guardians of Lake Wanaka accept that the location of this intended subdivision has merit. However the risk of stormwater contaminant runoff needs to be treated in a special way to avoid potentially unpleasant and unintended consequences for the amenity values, water quality and ecosystems of Bullock Creek and Roy's Bay. We would expect these concerns to be addressed at the next stage of resource consent for the subdivision.

Yours sincerely



Chair, Guardians of Lake Wanaka

### Stormwater discharges from Alpha Series into Bullock Creek Hatchery Springs site

Earth works and storm water disposal from the Meadowstone Alpha Series subdivision has been an ongoing issue since development of the Alpha Series began in 2015. There have been XX documented discharges of silt laden run-off / and / or stormwater flowing from the subdivision wet / dry pond into Bullock Creek Hatchery Springs. These events have been documented chronologically and have occurred on the dates below. Most photos were taken at Bullock Creek Hatchery Springs but some were captured further downstream at no 4 and no 8 Redwood Lane.

Date of storm water event	Rainfall (mm)					Comments	ORC compliance action taken
	Event date	1 day prior	2 days prior	3 days prior	Total		
16 May 2016	4.9	26.0	31.1		62.0	Total rainfall from 11 May 2016. Retention pond at boundary not formed	
15 November 2016	0.6	27.0	Nil		27.6	Retention pond at boundary not formed	
22 July 2017	0.0	20.6	Nil		20.6	Small amount of sediment made it to BC	
01 February 2018	59.2	44.6	Nil		103.8	Retention system failure	
22 May 2018	34.6	7.6	18.8		61.0	Retention system failure	
27 May 2019	21.0	30.0	Nil		51.0	Retention system failure An unknown amount of water made it into Bullock Creek. Event happened at night and photos taken next day	

30 May 2019	28.8	2.8	30.0	21.0	82.6	Retention system failure, water flowing over into F&G property and Bullock Creek, 200mm deep in some places	
04 December 2019	15.0	38.0	32.0	6.5	91.5	Retention system failure, water flowing over into F&G property and Bullock Creek	
21 July 2020	45.3 (Total collected over weekend)	Nil	Nil	Nil	45.3	Retention system failure, water flowing over into F&G property and Bullock Creek	
07 July 2021	36.0	11.6	Nil	Nil	47.6	Retention system failure, water flowing over into F&G property and Bullock Creek	
12 August 2021	22.4	Nil	Nil	Nil	22.4		
17 August 2021	21.0	5.9	Nil	Nil	26.9		
02 December 2021	Nil	2.0	Nil	Nil			
04 February 2022	34.2 (Total collected over 2 days)	Included in event date	6.2	6.2	46.6		
19 February 2022	14.8	Nil	Nil	Nil	14.8		

11 June 2022	Detailed rain volume (mm) not recorded daily. Total rainfall recorded from 1000 hours 10/06 – 1300 hours 13/06	68.0	Retention system failure, water flowing over into F&G property	
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Note: Rainfall data provided by the Department of Conservation, Wanaka. This is supplied monthly to the Otago Regional Council.

As well as these significant discharges there have been several smaller events that have led to silt laden run-off entering the Bullock Creek Hatchery Springs land; however, it is likely they have not impacted on the stream as much.

The following pages are stormwater events in chronological order. Two images are included for each event although images of these events are available.

16 May 2016



15 November 2016



22 July 2017



01 February 2018



22 May 2018



27 May 2019



30 May 2019



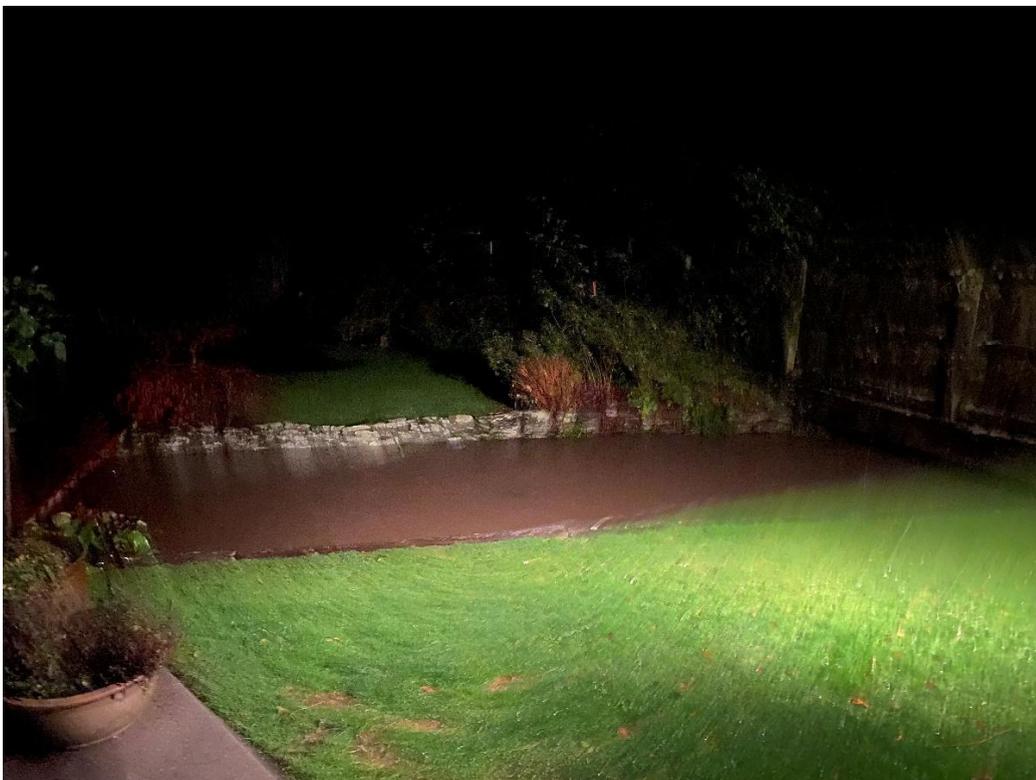
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21 July 2020



07 July 2021



12 August 2021



17 August 2021





02 December 2021





04 February 2022





19 February 2022





11 June 2022







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- Q1. **Full name** LHE & SC Community Assn
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Queenstown
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
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Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

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Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? Yes

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LHE and SC Community Association

Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? Yes

Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? Mini Ramp at Richmond Park

Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? Bridesdale Planting and Improvements project - multiple stages with differing costs

Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

Bridesdale Planting and Improvements project - multiple stages with costs

Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

Population of approx 4500 residents in LHE/SC will be able to access this reserve area for recreation

Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? Thriving people  
Living Te Ao Māori  
Pride in sharing our places

**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

This project in currently in planning process, we will have more in depth and specific details to follow this submission

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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- Q1. **Full name** Timothy George Barke
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Lake Wānaka Tourism
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** Yes
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** [REDACTED]
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# SUBMISSION ON QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN

**TO:** Queenstown Lakes District Council  
Private Bag 50072  
Queenstown 9348

**NAME OF SUBMITTER:** Lake Wānaka Tourism Inc  
PO BOX 147  
Queenstown 9300

**26 April 2023**

To Whom It May Concern,

**RE: Lake Wānaka Tourism submission to QLDC Annual Plan**

Lake Wānaka Tourism (LWT) is the regional tourism organisation (RTO) for the Wānaka area extending from the Crown Range in the South to Makarora in the North, Matukituki Valley in the West, to just West of Tarras, and to Luggate in the East.

Funding is collected and distributed to LWT by QLDC (on behalf of the organisation and its members) via a Tourism Promotion Levy included in commercial and accommodation rates, with 5% via the general rates. Organisations not paying the above rates can also join as a member of LWT by paying an annual subscription.

During the Covid 19 pandemic, LWT funding collected via the targeted rate was reduced from \$1,161,941 (FY2019-20) to \$1,112,412 (FY 2020-21) as a temporary measure until the pandemic and its' associated restrictions passed.

**Request 1 - Reinstatement of normal LWT funding:**

Now that this has occurred and pandemic restrictions have been lifted, we request that LWT funding via the targeted rates is returned to the full level that it would have been at should the pandemic not have occurred, being **\$1,286,499 requested (for the FY 2023-24)** as per the table below.

		Draft Funding	Actual	Diff to Draft		Diff to Prev yr		
FY 19-20	YE June 2020		1,161,941					
FY 20-21	YE June 2021	1,195,843	1,112,412	-83431	-7.5%	- 49,529	-4.3%	Note 1
FY 21-22	YE June 2022	1,225,739	1,140,222	-85517	-7.5%	27,810	2.5%	Note 2
FY 22-23	YE June 2023	1,249,028	1,161,940	-87088	-7.5%	21,718	1.9%	Note 3
		Draft (if normal)	Draft Annual Plan					
FY 23-24	YE June 2024	1,286,499	1,203,790	- 82,709	-6.9%		3.0%	Note 4
Note 1	The council requested LWT look at some reduced funding scenarios for the FY2021. A 7.5% reduction on the draft funding of \$1,195,843 (CPI indexed on FY 2020 Funding) was agreed (on a temporary basis) and implemented							
Note 2	Draft funding with 2.5% CPI							
Note 3	Draft funding with 1.9% CPI							
Note 4	Draft funding with 3.0% CPI (rate as proposed in QLDC Annual Plan)							



**Request 2 - Funding system to achieve Destination Management objectives and projects be included into the 10 year Plan:**

Throughout the pandemic, LWT has worked closely with Destination Queenstown and QLDC, partnered with Nagi Tahu and Dept of Conservation, to develop “Travel to a Thriving Future” - a destination management plan (DMP) based on a regenerative tourism model where visitors and the tourism industry “give back more than they take”, providing ongoing and increasing tangible benefits to our communities, te taiao (our biodiversity and natural places and ecosystems, and climate change.

This DMP was developed with extensive engagement, community and industry workshops and interviews, and it has been developed to directly reflect the values and objectives we heard from these engagement sessions.

It includes 23 projects required in order for this region to be come a truly regenerative destination and achieve the objectives and honour the values we heard.

These are projects which will take organisation, planning and implementation, none of which can be achieved without appropriate sustained funding on an ongoing basis.

If we are to succeed in achieving the transformation of the industry and its role in our communities as described in the DMP, a viable funding model needs to be created and implemented to get the projects described underway and successfully completed.

Our communities and businesses have told us what they want. This district has a unique opportunity and is already gaining national and international attention as leading the way in transition of the tourism industry to be truly regenerative. As an industry we have committed to it, our communities and businesses now expect it, so there is are significant opportunities if we are to succeed and significant risk if we now allow it to fail. A viable funding mechanism is required to ensure we achieve the former and avoid the latter.

We would like to speak to our submission at the Wānaka or Queenstown hearing.

Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this submission.

Kā mihi nui,



**Tim Barke**  
**Kaiwhakahaere (CEO)**  
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- Q1. **Full name** christina Gott
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
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- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
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Access to sporting facilities should be accessible to all.
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Arrowtown
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
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Please receive the attached report. Collaboration amongst Local Trail Entities and opportunities for the New Zealand Trail Ecosystem On behalf of Queenstown Trails, Queenstown Mountain Bike Club, Glenorchy Trails Trust, and Southern Eco Trails Trust we thank council for its support to date. The report makes a variety of recommendations that intersect with the following QLDC strategies: QLDC Vision Beyond 2050 QLDC - Queenstown Lakes Spatial Plan (2021) QLDC - Draft Queenstown Lakes Climate and Biodiversity Plan 2022-2025 QLDC Better Ways to Go - Mode Shift Plan May 2022 QLDC - Wakatipu active travel network (2019) QLDC - 10 Year Plan 2015-2023 There are a number of departments within QLDC and community organisations who are already very active in this space; however there lacks an entity to coordinate and align this important work on behalf of the communities. We request that the council consider committing operational funding to pursue the recommendations of next steps identified in the attached report. As identified in the report, Wanaka Trail Entities, Upper Clutha Trails Trust and Bike Wanaka have been identified as key partners in the next phase of pursuing further development of a more cohesive approach to developing the trail ecosystem in the region. There is also an opportunity to include local Destination Management Organizations into the next phase of development and perhaps a co-joined approach would be the most efficient use of resources. I request that the author of the report Kevin Jennings speak to the report on my behalf.

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# Collaboration amongst Local Trail Entities and opportunities for the New Zealand Trail Ecosystem

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# 1. THE CONTEXT

## **The road to carbon neutrality, zero road deaths, healthier/happier communities and regenerative tourism isn't a road, it's a trail.**

Significant investment in trail infrastructure can deliver significant societal benefits. Whether you walk or run, ride a bike, off-road handcycle or horse; trails create links within and beyond your community.

Trails are community assets that can ignite active transport, support regenerative tourism and enable conservation. Both locally and nationally, development of trail infrastructure has traditionally been disjointed, mainly volunteer driven. Alignment and collaboration among local trail entities (LTEs) is paramount to enabling recreation and active transport as a way of life. This report identifies regional solutions that integrate with a nationally aligned strategy to create collaboration and representation. Global engagement indicates that the golden era of trail development has arrived, not a trend or fad, it's an actionable solution to many of the challenges we currently face.

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MTB at Moke Lake.

## 2. IN SUMMARY

**Building new natural surface recreational trails involves an evolving and complex permissions process that is often driven by volunteers. The purpose of this report is to identify a path forward to coordinate entities involved in creating and managing trail networks. It reinforces the benefits of pursuing a collaborative approach to managing the expanding trail networks in the Queenstown region and identifies the opportunities that trail alliances can bring both regionally and nationally.**

Individual LTEs continue to deliver fantastic results via strategic plans, economic impact reports and the ongoing expansion of the trail networks, however this is often done in isolation from other LTEs. This results in a lack of a collective structure and/or overarching strategy to enable LTEs that could effectively contribute to shaping policy decisions and strategies. This is also problematic for organisations responsible for creating policy as there is no collective entity to engage with. The result is that policies and management strategies are being created without meaningful sector engagement. Funding the maintenance of trails is also generally an unsolved challenge for LTEs and land managers; a collective approach creates opportunities to resolve this.

The vision is for LTEs to align and enable an approach to embracing trails for both active transport and recreation. This will improve the way we move within our communities, decrease our carbon emissions and result in improved mental and physical health. It will also create further tourism benefits including an opportunity to activate regenerative tourism initiatives.

This report focuses on natural surface recreational trails. While some of these trails form part of the traditional active transport 'commuter' networks, the majority do not.

Currently trail development here and abroad is overwhelmingly driven by the mountain biking fraternity; however, global best practice shows that effective trail development is inclusive of all trail users including walkers, runners, adaptive mountain bikers, trampers, climbers, birdwatchers, bikers and commuters (among others). An aligned user approach enables dialogue and a better understanding of each other's perspectives. This will create better policy decisions and a more symbiotic approach resulting in the overarching goal of more trails and more people out on trails.

Four separate LTEs within our district initiated this project. They include; the Queenstown Mountain Bike Club (QMTBC), Queenstown Trails (QTT), Glenorchy Trails Trust (GYTT) and Southern Eco Trails Trust (SETT).

Progress to date between these LTEs includes the formulation of the Queenstown to Glenorchy Trails Alliance (QTtoGYTA), which is working together to construct a trail connecting Queenstown to Glenorchy. Its members have signed an MOU and have successfully secured funding from QLDC to create a proof of concept. This collaboration creates the foundation for an expanded ongoing alliance. It is proposed this alliance will look beyond the Whakatipu basin to include Wānaka and other LTEs in the Queenstown Lakes District (including those centred around activity other than biking). Based on the next piece of engagement, there is the possibility that the alliance will seek a broader footprint that might include the wider Otago District and or LTEs in Southland.

It is proposed that the local LTE alliance can become a template and scalable model that can encourage other regional alliances to form, resulting in a network of regional chapters. This network can then feed into a properly resourced national advocacy body.

This document provides opportunities and strategies to pursue creation of both regional and national alliances however there is currently no overarching organisation(s) identified to fund or deliver on the opportunities identified.

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## The main recommendations from this report are as follows;

- The current Queenstown to Glenorchy Trail Alliance members continue to work collaboratively on Project QT to GY , while also working towards an expanded alliance with other interest groups.
- Pursue the formation of a Queenstown Lakes District and/or regional LTE alliance that is inclusive of all trail user groups.
- Pursue the development of a national advocacy body supported by a network of regional alliances/chapters. (This might become an expanded role of an existing national entity.)
- Create a localised stakeholder group to pursue tourism and business opportunities.
- District/regional councils, destination management organisations and/or a new or existing entity to consider establishing a trails manager/coordinator position.



## Proposed Next Steps

There are two key pieces of work to be progressed concurrently.

1. Creation of a regional LTE alliance
2. Development of a network of regional alliances/chapters to support creation of a national advocacy body (or expand the role of an existing national body)

### 1. Next steps for the creation of a regional LTE alliance.

- a. Identify a champion or organisation to pursue the formation of the **regional LTE alliance**.
  - b. Secure funding to establish a business plan as follows:
    - i. Initiate discussions with possible partners, funders and collaborators.
    - ii. Establish the geographic scope of the alliance.
    - iii. Confirm what, if any, existing organisation an alliance should sit within, or if an independent/external model is preferred.
    - iv. Create a draft set of guidelines and MOU to be adopted by members once formed.
    - v. Establish budget and identify long term funding opportunities for the LTE alliance.
5. Initiate an assessment of current recreational trails to identify the quantum, quality and condition to create a baseline of existing networks beyond the scope of the traditional active transport network.
  6. Establish and initiate systems for data collection, collation and distribution.
  7. Drive a change in ethos to identify that trails are a valued community asset that justify significant and ongoing investment.
  8. Work with Chambers of Commerce, RTO, Economic Development organisations and stakeholders to create a localised stakeholder group or entity to pursue tourism and business opportunities to enhance local/tourist trail users' experience.
  9. Work with local and regional councils to recommend Waka Kotahi redefines its definition of recreational riding.
  10. Explore applicable models for community supported funding options via referendums and/or visitor levies.
  11. Investigate alternative funding programmes similar to the Recreational Trail Programme (USA).
  12. Participate with other regions to explore the expansion of the national alliance concept. Establishing chapters throughout the country that feed into a properly resourced advocacy body.
  13. Explore Scotland's All of Government Approach to Mountain Biking to inform opportunities to emulate it in New Zealand.
  14. Engage domestically and internationally to ensure global best practices are identified.

Once formed, the **regional LTE alliance** should create a work programme including the following opportunities:

1. Advocate to ensure that trail ecosystems are recognised for their conservation benefits and that LTEs become partners in conservation.
2. Partner with DOC to establish a positive working relationship to ensure the trail sector can expand its contribution to better conservation outcomes and fostering recreation.
3. Develop relationships and opportunities with wider stakeholders.
4. Work with local/regional councils and DMOs to discuss establishment of a local trails manager/coordinator position(s).

**2. Next steps for the development of a national advocacy body supported by a network of regional alliances/chapters. (This might become an expanded role of an existing national entity.)**

- a. Identify a champion or organisation to pursue the formation of the **national network of regional alliances**.
  - b. Secure funding to progress a national network of regional LTE alliances/chapters.
  - c. Initiate discussions to explore the expansion of the national alliance concept and collate feedback with existing LTEs to inform development.
  - d. Identify possible partners, funders and collaborators.
  - e. Establish guidelines to create the geographic or regional parameters to assist regional alliances/chapters in establishing their geographic reach.
  - f. Confirm if there is an existing organisation an alliance should sit within, or if an independent/external model is preferred.
  - g. Create a draft set of guidelines and MOU to be adopted by members once formed.
  - h. Establish budget and identify long term funding for the formation the national network of regional alliances/chapters.
4. Establish an umbrella advocacy entity at a national level (or join an existing entity/organisation).
  5. Establish a high-level relationship with DOC to ensure the trail sector can expand its contribution to assist DOC in creating better conservation outcomes and to foster recreation.
  6. Develop relationships with relevant Ministries, NGOs and other stakeholders.
  7. Create a nationally consistent methodology to initiate an assessment of current recreational trails to identify the quantum, quality and condition to create a baseline of existing networks beyond the scope of the traditional active transport network.
  8. Establish a nationally consistent system for data collection, collation and distribution.
  9. Create a national campaign demonstrating that natural surface trail networks are valued community assets to enable significant and ongoing investment from a national level.
  10. Work with Tourism New Zealand, New Zealand Chambers of Commerce, EDANZ, etc. to create a framework for localised stakeholder groups or entities to pursue tourism and business opportunities to enhance local/tourist trail users' experience.

Once formed the **national network of regional alliances/chapters** should create a work programme to pursue and inform the following opportunities:

1. Collaborate proactively with other regions to develop regional alliance/chapters throughout the country.
2. A systematic approach to inform and be informed by its regional alliance members providing a two-way conduit.
3. Work with RTONZ, LGNZ, EDANZ etc. to discuss aligned national solutions to inform its regional alliance/chapter members.
11. Work with Waka Kotahi to explore redefining its definition of recreational riding and other opportunities.
12. Explore funding opportunities at a ministerial level including the investigation of alternative funding programmes similar to the Recreational Trail Programme (USA).
13. Explore Scotland's All of Government approach to Mountain Biking to inform opportunities to emulate it in New Zealand.
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# 3. BACKGROUND

## 3.1 Importance of Trails in our District

The Southern region of New Zealand is home to many heritage trails originally created by animals, iwi, prospectors, and trampers/walkers. Trails such as the Routeburn Track and Milford Track have played an important role in recreational opportunities and tourism benefits and are part of New Zealand's identity. In the past two decades, trail development has been primarily driven by the mountain bike community. Bike trails have evolved from when bikers used animal or other existing tracks to present day where sophisticated trail construction techniques exist. These new techniques result in trails being created and managed to mitigate or eliminate adverse effects and properly constructed trails greatly reduce the need for maintenance. Our region currently has an enviable range of trail-based activities that has garnered a dedicated user base and a positive domestic and global reputation. It is important to continue to develop and expand local trail ecosystems to realise the wide-ranging benefits they provide.

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### Benefits of a healthy local trail ecosystem:

- Enabling healthier communities that benefit from better physical and mental health.
- Encouraging active transport and decarbonisation by changing how people move around.
- Creating recreation opportunities.
- Achieving conservation objectives by embracing trail networks as a tool for conservation.
- Reducing road toll deaths by getting people out of their cars and onto trails.
- Enabling for a more equitable and inclusive community.
- Providing substantial economic benefits.
- Creating tourism experiences that support Regenerative Tourism and align with the outcomes of the Destination Management Plan.
- Increased property values.
- Making our community more attractive to residents, remote workers and visitors.

## 3.2 Whakatipu Local Trail Entities (LTEs)

Development of the Whakatipu's public trail network has been mainly driven by the Queenstown Mountain Bike Club and Queenstown Trails. This initiative has been driven by the following four LTEs with the common goal of creating a more efficient and integrated approach to developing and managing trails.

### Queenstown Trails (Formerly Queenstown Trails Trust)

The role of the Queenstown Trails Trust (QTT) is to create, nurture and maintain our world-class trail network. Its vision is "Connecting our community and inspiring adventures". QTT has developed a 130km trail network, including New Zealand's most popular Great Ride - Ngā Haerenga - creating significant tourism benefits. Many trails in its network are multi-use, suited to commuting and considered part of the active transport network. In recent years QTT has partnered with the QMTBC to build more traditional mountain bike tracks such as Hot Rod. It also recently completed the Coronet Loop Trail. It has recently announced significant extensions to its network. The trust has one full time and two half time employees - equivalent to two FTEs.

### Queenstown Mountain Bike Club

The Queenstown Mountain Bike Club (QMTBC) was formed in 2003 to facilitate the development of mountain bike trails and biking areas within the Queenstown area in a coordinated, safe and legal manner. The trails in its network focus on recreational riding and cater to all levels of riding, from freestyle and downhill to cross country, BMX jumps and family rides. With over 2000 members, it is the largest sports club in Otago. The club has an administration person (contractor) equivalent to less than 0.5 (1/2) Full Time Employees (FTE).

### Glenorchy Trails Trust

The Glenorchy Trails Trust (GYTT) builds walking and cycling trails within and between the communities at the head of the lake. It aims to separate riders and walkers from roads for safety which provides enjoyment and health for the community as well as visitors to the area. It recently completed the first part of its network with multi-use trails within the township and is poised to help deliver on the community's vision of *'An enviable network of walking and cycling tracks, cycleways will be developed and maintained with visitors taking the time to stay for longer...'* as identified in its 'Shaping our Future' strategy. The trust has no FTEs.

### Southern Eco Trails Trust

The Southern Eco Trails Trust (SETT) has a focus on creating new trails that enable conservation by developing trail corridors that initiate pest eradication and reforestation efforts. The goal is to ultimately create a corridor of birdsong where it is currently silent. It sees recreation and conservation going hand in hand and believes trails enable healthy and happy communities that can be at the core of regenerative tourism. It has identified the opportunity to help bridge the traditional geographic boundaries between LTEs in Otago and Southland. The trust has no FTEs.

Note: QTT and QMTBC have a longstanding positive working relationship. They have and continue to collaborate on successful trail projects; however, this tends to be project-based.

Note: Significant trail development in and around Wānaka has been driven by the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust (UCTT) and Bike Wānaka (BW). They are seen as key partners in further development of a regional LTE alliance.

### 3.3 Common Issues Experienced by Local Trail Entities (LTEs)

Management of the overall trail ecosystem currently needs an integrated and coordinated approach. Most governance boards/committees of LTEs are volunteers. Whilst there is some cross-pollination between these groups, they tend to be trail or project specific. These organisations' primary purpose is to deliver on their entity's strategic vision. Currently there is no overarching entity or framework managing collaboration amongst the various entities to inform strategic planning.

This is also problematic for local or national government organisations and iwi as the sector lacks consensus or single point of contact to engage with.

The Great Rides Network (Ngā Haerenga) is a unique example of a cohesive and interactive trails alliance, but only amongst LTEs who are part of the Great Ride network. Outside of this network, the NZ trail ecosystem is mostly disjointed and lacks a collective voice.

There is a lack of engagement between various trail user groups such as walkers, climbers, runners, bird watchers, equestrians, bikers, etc. This creates a lack of understanding of each other's objectives and strategies resulting in inefficiencies, missed opportunities and a void in advocacy for the wider trail sector.

The creation of an LTE alliance will identify and deliver collective priorities. It will also create a pathway to resolve the two key issues of maintenance funding and land access faced by all LTEs, as highlighted in the following sections.

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#### 3.3.1 Land Access

Acquiring permission to build a new trail can involve a multitude of permissions from various land managers, this process was identified by LTEs as a critical obstacle. For LTEs with paid employees, this process creates a heavy demand on limited resources. For volunteer led LTEs or community groups, it can significantly delay or stop a project.

The Department of Conservation (DOC) has been identified by NZ LTEs as the main obstacle in the permissions process, please refer to Section 6.7 for further details on opportunities to for the trail sector to improve DOC's role in achieving conservation and recreation outcomes.

To date, LTEs have been primarily reactive regarding advocacy for access. Usually only engaging when they seek permission for a specific trail/project or when responding to potential long-term threats to access. There is little effective coordinated advocacy or resourced representation at a regional or national level. This lack of advocacy results in a sector that is mostly unrepresented, leading to inefficiencies, poor outcomes and missed opportunities. For LTEs it results in trying to navigate a process that is lengthy, disjointed and sometimes contradictory.

Along with iwi, there are a variety of landowners, land managers and agencies involved in trail projects who will benefit from a more aligned approach from the wider trail sector.

### 3.3.2 Funding for maintenance

Ongoing funding for maintenance of natural surface trails is a key issue for LTEs. A unique aspect of mountain biking destinations is that many of the trails are free to use by participants. While there are significant economic benefits created by these trails; businesses, products and events who benefit from the trail network are not always compelled to support trail infrastructure.

The ability to attract funds and/or resources to build a new trail is achievable. However, the ongoing maintenance cost is often considered a burden and unwanted liability that is squeezed into a budget, or not funded at all. A lack of adequately resourced maintenance funding has the potential to stymie future trail development and create conditions that could mean that the quality of experience on our trail network would not be up to international standard; our brand will suffer. Recently DOC has indicated it may require applicants to demonstrate that ongoing maintenance funding is available before it will give permission to build a new trail.<sup>1</sup> This process puts applicants in a catch-22 situation, as having permission from DOC is often required to enable LTEs to secure funding for trail construction and ongoing maintenance.

The Queenstown Trails (Trust) is in a unique position as manager of the Queenstown Trail, one of 23 NZCT Great Rides, which are eligible for funding support via the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment. Whilst day-to-day maintenance of the trail (vegetation, water management, etc.) is contracted by Queenstown Lakes District Council under an MOU with QTT, major repairs and Great Ride extensions are able to be supported via contestable funds secured from MBIE by QTT. However, as Queenstown Trails has expanded its remit beyond the Queenstown Trail Great Ride with more backcountry and singletrack trails, funding for maintenance needs to be raised via sponsorships, partnerships and community fundraisers.

There have been some private sector contributions, such as recent funding from local philanthropists. QMTBC has also initiated a variety of ways to raise funding via membership, sponsorship etc. Its 'Wednesday Night Digs' are a great initiative with club members volunteering their time to build and maintain trails. However, secure long-term funding solutions are not in place for a network wide solution. This can result in individual entities competing when applying for limited pools of funding. It puts councils/funders in the unenviable position of being asked to choose between similar funding applications without independent guidance or an integrated maintenance schedule or a master plan to refer to.

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Conservation (DOC). 2022. Otago Conservation Management Strategy 2016 – Partial Review 2022. <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/about-doc/role/policies-and-plans/otago/otago-conservation-management-strategy-partial-review-2022.pdf>

Multiple studies by Headwater Economics demonstrate there is an increase in property value the closer the property is to a trail, creating an amenity such as a good school.<sup>2</sup> *'The revenue boost from increased property tax revenue can be used by local governments to partially offset the construction and maintenance costs of trails.'* Additional studies demonstrate there can be significant financial benefits by reducing a communities health care cost, *'the benefits of reduced health care costs associated with increased physical activity on trails far outweigh the costs of trail construction.'*<sup>3</sup> When analysing the 'cost' of local trail ecosystem, a holistic approach that considers the associated benefits and savings is recommended.

In 2020 state/territory and local governments across Australia spent an estimated AUD\$428 million dollars on cycling related infrastructure and programmes.<sup>4</sup> This includes *'more dedicated off-road bicycle trails and better-connected bike paths to transport and activity hubs.'* This demonstrates that natural surface trails are and should be considered part of an integrated trail ecosystem and that is part of active transport.

An evaluation of the NZ great rides showed that cycle trail users experienced a combined health benefit of more than \$11 million dollars as well as an estimated contribution to local communities of more than \$950 million between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021.<sup>5</sup> This does not include trails outside the great ride network.

New Zealand could create something similar to the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) in the USA. The RTP is an assistance programme created by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (NZ equivalent of Waka Kotahi) which uses funds generated from an off-road fuel tax to invest in recreational trails and trail-related facilities. In 2021 it provided \$136 million (NZD) to states, who then administer it to organisations in their state who match it on an approximately 80/20 contribution.<sup>6</sup> This fund is only distributed to and administered by states who have formed offices of outdoor recreation and developed a plan on how to distribute this funding.

The Mountain Trail Foundation in Park City, Utah combines RTP funding with localised funding, trail sponsorship and charitable donations to fund its trail maintenance programme. The Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association (Colorado) encourages residents to vote for an open space property tax that supports active travel and secures open space for wildlife protection and recreation. This fund assists with the process for the acquisition of land and the building and ongoing maintenance of trails for a variety of users. Originally voted in as a policy in 1990, the community has reinforced its support of this tax in subsequent elections.

It is crucial to shift the view that trails are a liability to that of trails being valued assets that warrant significant investment. There are a variety of options to create new funding streams in New Zealand, the proposed LTE alliance will initiate and pursue these opportunities.

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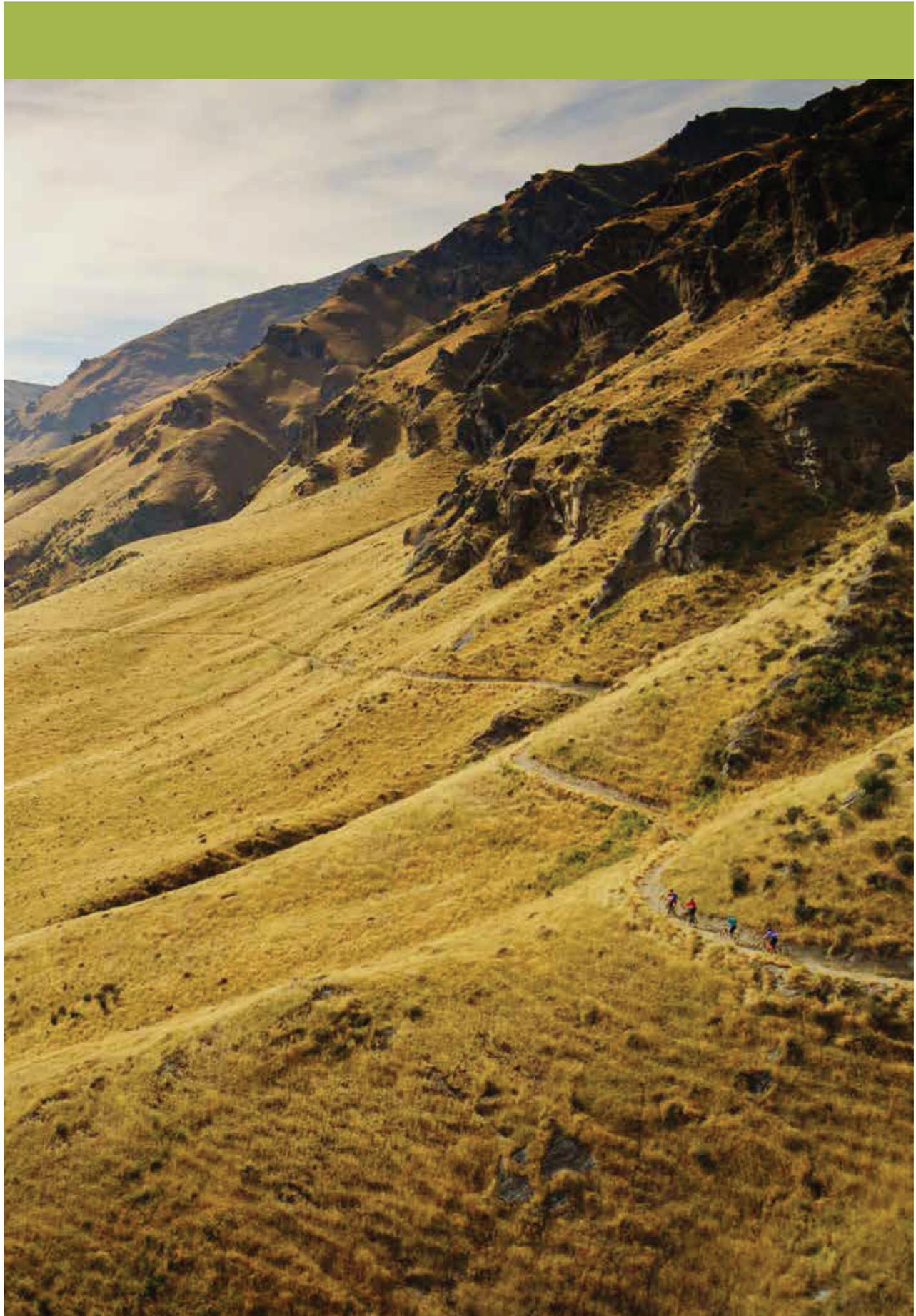
<sup>2</sup> Headwaters Economics. 2016. Measuring Trail benefits: Property Value. <http://headwaterseconomics.org/wp-content/uploads/trails-library-property-value-overview.pdf>

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<sup>4</sup> We Ride Australia. 2021. The Australian Cycling Economy 2021 Report. [https://www.weride.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/The-Australian-Cycling-Economy\\_October-2021-Updated.pdf](https://www.weride.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/The-Australian-Cycling-Economy_October-2021-Updated.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Ministry of Business Innovation & Employment (MBIE). 2021. 2021 Evaluation of Ngā Haerenga Great Rides of New Zealand. <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/19854-2021-evaluation-of-nga-haerenga-great-rides-of-new-zealand-pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Recreational Trails Program. 2023. About the Recreational Trails Programme. <https://recreationaltrailsinfo.org/about/>



Coronet loop

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## 4. THE CREATION OF THE QUEENSTOWN TO GLENORCHY TRAILS ALLIANCE (QTtoGYTA)

In April 2022 the four entities - QTMC, QTT, SETT and GYTT - began to engage to discuss how to create a more aligned approach. This was prompted by the partial review of DOC's Otago Conservation Management Strategy (CMS). Frustrated by this review process, the entities coalesced, driven by mutual agreement that a more aligned approach was worth pursuing. Existing personal relationships resulted in an inherent level of trust between the parties. Discussions identified that all were looking for better solutions to land acquisition and funding for maintenance for trails. The four entities continued to collaborate and agreed that while creating an ongoing alliance was worth pursuing, it was beyond any individual organisation's current resources. Therefore, they looked to collaborate on a project in the immediate term that would help to create a pathway to explore a longer-term and more formalised regional LTE alliance.

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Further discussions between the LTEs identified shared interests in similar projects, which included:

- QTT and QMTBC had been in joint discussions around creating a trail from Queenstown to Seven Mile Bike Park.
- GYTT had established a long-term goal and had been exploring the opportunity to extend its existing trails towards Queenstown.
- QTT had separately been undertaking feasibility and route planning for a trail from Queenstown to Glenorchy.
- SETT had been exploring opportunities for a trail from Queenstown to Te Anau via Glenorchy.



Glen Jacobs of World Trail assessing the Queenstown to Glenorchy trail concept.

They agreed that collaborating on this project by combining resources and presenting an aligned approach would result in better results than if pursued individually. The Queenstown to Glenorchy Trail Alliance (QTtoGYTA) was established, a Memorandum of Understanding (attached in the appendix) was created and signed by all parties. It identifies how to work collectively while ensuring the individual entities remain autonomous outside this project and remain free to pursue and expand their individual work programmes unencumbered.

The benefits of this alliance are already being realised. GYTT, SETT and QTT have each committed funds to the trail project with the support of the QTMTBC. GYTT then submitted to QLDC for co-funding on behalf of the alliance. This collaborative application was successful and enabled the alliance to contract the proof of concept. The alliance members have noted their gratitude to QLDC for its support. Further progress has been made on the project, including a site visit by Glen Jacobs from 'World Trail' in November 2022 with the proof of concept for the trail expected in May 2023.

The formulation of the Queenstown to Glenorchy Trails Alliance is a definitive example showing the benefits of forming an aligned approach. Initial engagement with Wānaka based LTEs have indicated that they are interested in being part of discussions for future collaboration and it is hoped that they will become key partners in the development of a wider **regional LTE alliance**.

## 5. THE RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL LTE ALLIANCE

A coordinated approach with collective input from LTEs and potential funders will be the foundation of creating a regional LTE alliance. There is no single conclusive model that prescribes the structure, membership or geographic reach of a regional LTE alliance. Most existing alliances interviewed noted they didn't try to define a geographic area first but instead looked for those who were willing to participate, often described as a coalition of the willing. Funding bodies can often influence the structure, membership and geographic reach and further engagement with potential funders and stakeholders should be prioritised.

The QMTBC has a focus on bike specific trails while QTT and GYTT and SETT work towards developing tracks that are multi use, it is recommended that the alliance consider including other trail entities outside of the biking ecosystem in its regional LTE alliance. This is key to gaining a collective understanding of all trail users and helping to achieve stronger representation for all trail networks. Global experience demonstrates that most of the activity and energy for the development of new trails is currently being driven by mountain biking entities, however aligning with all trail users helps to find consensus and ultimately benefits all user groups.

From a geographic perspective, a regional LTE alliance model worth exploring further is the Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association<sup>7</sup> in Pitkin County, Colorado, home of Queenstown's Sister City, Aspen. This association has a mountain bike focus, however by coalescing a variety of wider interests it created buy in from a diverse set of communities.

Members of the regional LTE alliance will align and collaborate as agreed via consultation that will result in contributing to and signing MOU. The structure will enable them to continue to pursue the individual work programmes and initiatives of their own entity unencumbered.

### **The recommended process to create the regional LTE alliance is as follows:**

- Identify a champion or organisation to pursue the formation of the regional LTE alliance.
- Identify the potential geographic boundaries of the alliance.
- Secure Seed Funding to progress the LTE Alliance, possible funders to include:
  - Local Councils
  - Regional Councils
  - Destination Management Organisations
  - Regional Tourism Organisations
  - Other public and private funding opportunities, Trusts, etc.
- A localised alliance is the primary objective however it is proposed that during the formation of an alliance within the Queenstown Lakes District, consideration should be given to explore the development of a wider regional alliance that might include Otago or Central Otago and/or Te Anau/Southland.
- Engage with existing LTEs in the Queenstown Lakes, initially the proposed entities will include:
  - Queenstown Trails - formerly Queenstown Trails Trust
  - Queenstown Mountain Bike Club
  - Glenorchy Trails Trust
  - Southern Eco Trails Trust
  - Bike Wānaka
  - Upper Clutha Trails Trust
  - Other trail entities in the district. These entities do not need to be bike focused.
- Identify what, if any, organisation an alliance should sit within, or if an independent/external model is preferred.
- Initiate the establishment of a local trail manager/coordinator position to sit within local and/or regional councils and/or destination management organisations and/or a new or existing entity.
- Secure long-term funding for the LTE alliance from funding opportunities identified during the process of creating the alliance.

<sup>7</sup>Roaring Fork Mountain Biking Association (RFMBA). 2023. Website. <https://rfmba.org/>

## 6. THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL NETWORK OF LTE ALLIANCES

There is currently no adequately resourced organisation representing Mountain Bikers place in the wider trail ecosystem in New Zealand. This results in a lack of advocacy for the sector and missed opportunities. The regional LTE alliance created in the Queenstown Lakes region can become a prototype and/or template that can be scaled and shared with other regions to create a national network of LTE alliances or chapters. The goal is to create a network of regional LTE alliances and an overarching body to represent its regional LTE alliance members at a national level. The concept is to develop a model like Forest and Bird's branch structure or Federated Mountain Clubs' structure. This national body might sit within an existing national organisation, or it could result in the creation of a new entity.

Successful examples of this tiered approach exist. In the USA localised entities and alliances have been established to do work within their respective regions. They then feed into a state-wide alliance who in turn advocates and lobbies on their behalf at a state level. This approach is helping to create and influence policy decisions that benefit all its members. The State organisations also provide regional members with a variety of benefits such as data and research materials, in addition it looks after the well-being of its members by providing inspiration and moral support. Many of these alliances also support the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA), which advocates nationally.<sup>8</sup> This is proving to be successful in influencing high level-policy decisions while ensuring local entities continue to represent their communities and drive local initiatives. A state-wide organisation in the USA could be considered equivalent to a National Body in New Zealand. The California Mountain Biking Coalition (CAMTB)<sup>9</sup> is a state-wide alliance that provides a relevant model to reference when exploring a New Zealand-wide organisation. Its recently created sister non-profit organisation goes beyond Mountain Biking to include all trail stewardship organisations and offers a vision of more trails and access for everyone in California. The California Trails Foundation (CATF) *exists to fund, empower and amplify the work of trail stewardship organisations all over California, and to address the long-standing trail and access disparities that exist throughout the state.*<sup>10</sup>



The California MTB Alliance and its 30 alliance members.

<sup>8</sup> Look to <https://www.imba.com/> for further information.

<sup>9</sup> Look to <https://camtb.org/> for further information.

<sup>10</sup> Look to <https://www.californiatrils.foundation/> for further information.

Another approach to consider is Scotland, which has a demographic similar to New Zealand, a population of 5.4 million and a land mass approximately one-third of NZ. Scotland has created an all-of-government approach to Mountain Biking by producing The Strategy for Scottish Mountain Biking 2019-2025 - “Leading European Mountain Biking”.<sup>11</sup> The strategy’s vision is for Scotland to be recognised as the leader of European mountain biking through innovative product development and tourism, participation and sports development and sustainable trail development and management. Should a national body or organisation for trails be created in NZ it could pursue a similar all-of-government approach to trail ecosystems in New Zealand.

A nationally aligned body would follow global best practices and initiatives to address what steps could be taken to encourage and foster a more diverse trail user population. How to get more people of colour, younger riders, older riders, more women, more people from the LGBTQ+ community, more people with unique physical abilities and people from disadvantaged communities to make trail use more inclusive. Working with ministries such as Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People and Te Puni Kōkiri, could help to further this cause.

There is also opportunity to create a template or systematic approach to provide to regional LTEs to engage with their respective DMOs in a consistent manner. Initial informal conversations with representatives from Taupo and the Coromandel regions who could represent potential chapters have been very positive with strong encouragement to pursue this concept.

It is proposed that creation of a national entity and network of regional LTE alliances/chapters is done concurrently with creation of a local LTE alliance.



Finn Richardson.

Credit: Fiona Glennie / Makingtrax Foundation.

<sup>11</sup> Scottish MTB Tourism. 2019. The Strategy for Scottish Mountain Biking, 2019-2025. [https://www.outdoorcapital.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/MTB\\_Strategy-Scotland-2019-2025\\_web.pdf](https://www.outdoorcapital.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/MTB_Strategy-Scotland-2019-2025_web.pdf)

# 7. OPPORTUNITIES AN LTE ALLIANCE WILL CREATE

## 7.1 Trails creating positive conservation outcomes

To date, the wider biking community hasn't communicated the conservation benefits to the natural environment that can be realised by creating a new biking trail. There is an illogical perspective held by some who maintain that while conservation and hiking trails are symbiotic, conservation and biking trails are perceived as mutually exclusive. This prejudiced view fails to embrace how properly planned and executed trail development has the potential to enhance conservation outcomes irrespective of how a person might utilise the trail.

Conservation is a key driver and deliverable of many LTEs, there are initiatives underway that enable pest control and reforestation efforts to be expanded and amplified as a direct result of building a new trail.

A long-term objective is for trail development to result in a corridor of birdsong. LTEs and members of the trail and biking communities were recently part of a large-scale planting project on the Coronet Faces (Mahu Whenua/QEII covenants), led by Trees That Count, Te Tapu o Tāne and the Whakatipu Reforestation Trust. A recent meeting of the Wakatipu Conservation Alliance had representatives from three LTEs, creating a platform to foster relationships and identify synergies.

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Coronet Faces tree planting.

Credit: Trees That Count.

A formalised LTE alliance will help further conservation efforts by aligning strategies, methodologies and funding streams with other conservation initiatives. It will help to create a better understanding that regardless of the type of trail user, trails can enable and enhance conservation. Further discussion on DOC's role in enabling trails to achieve conservation benefits is discussed in 7.6 below.

## 7.2 Trails are the key to regenerative tourism

The creation of an LTE alliance is consistent with and will deliver on all five guiding principles as stated in our regenerative tourism plan 'Travel to a Thriving Future'.<sup>12</sup> They are; Building Communities, Enabling Regeneration, Demonstrating Leadership, Working Together and Embracing Change.

Local trail ecosystems should be designed for all trail users, further research is needed to provide data on other trail user groups. There are significant benefits to be realised from walking and running and other activities on trails. The following information provides context through a bike specific lens.

Recreational biking is experiencing a global boom on an exponential scale. Destination Queenstown's (DQ) recent Biking Market Development Plan<sup>13</sup> identified a projected 10% Category Average Growth Rate from 2020 to 2027. Biking tourists are typically low-impact visitors with a high spend, making them an attractive market for the local economy. There is the potential to reduce their carbon impact by getting them to stay in the region for longer periods. To enable this and compete with other national and international biking destinations, our district needs to continue to develop and expand its trail infrastructure to attract more 'wallets on wheels'.

The DQ Biking Market Development Plan identified that our trail infrastructure needs development to compete globally. There are gaps in beginner to intermediate trails and lack of interconnection between trails, which currently requires the use of vehicle transport or on road cycling. Additionally, there are limited cross-country/trail riding and overnight or multi-day adventure rides.

A successful global biking destination evolves from creating a trail ecosystem that first and foremost serves its own community. LTEs such as QTMTB and QTT have driven the development to date and provide a great community driven platform to expand on. By creating buy-in, ownership and pride of place, a trail community vibe is emerging in Queenstown. This community-driven approach has been successful in other destinations such as Whistler (British Columbia) and Park City (Utah). Once known for their skiing, they have evolved into year-round destinations that attract visitors specifically to use the trail networks.

<sup>12</sup> Destination Queenstown. 2023. Travel to a thriving future – A Regenerative Tourism Plan. [https://assets.simpleviewinc.com/simpleview/image/upload/v1/clients/queenstownnz/Queenstown\\_Lakes\\_Regenerative\\_Tourism\\_Plan\\_33b42536-edd1-4086-acc5-708207e134f8.pdf](https://assets.simpleviewinc.com/simpleview/image/upload/v1/clients/queenstownnz/Queenstown_Lakes_Regenerative_Tourism_Plan_33b42536-edd1-4086-acc5-708207e134f8.pdf)

<sup>13</sup> Destination Queenstown. 2021. Queenstown Biking Market Development Plan. [https://assets.simpleviewinc.com/simpleview/image/upload/v1/clients/queenstownnz/Queenstown\\_Biking\\_Market\\_Development\\_Plan\\_Final\\_November\\_2021\\_Website\\_1c6e805e-a071-4dee-a528-f8bbc9186cf8.pdf](https://assets.simpleviewinc.com/simpleview/image/upload/v1/clients/queenstownnz/Queenstown_Biking_Market_Development_Plan_Final_November_2021_Website_1c6e805e-a071-4dee-a528-f8bbc9186cf8.pdf)

The upper northeast of Tasmania is an example of how the development of three trail destinations within close proximity can provide a regenerative tourism solution. Georgetown, St Helens and Derby are approximately one hour from each other and attract mountain bikers from around Tasmania, mainland Australia and internationally. Once in Tasmania, many visitors utilise shuttle companies to get them to and between the ride centres, otherwise only riding their bikes and producing a minimal carbon footprint while there. Derby demonstrates it is possible to transform a former mining and logging town into a regenerative tourism success story. The Blue Derby Foundation is evolving with this success by exploring initiatives such as alternate booking systems to Airbnb, as well as providing staff accommodation on council land with proceeds generated used to support the trail network. There is an opportunity to replicate this in our region given the established trail centres in Queenstown and Wānaka and the aspirations of the Glenorchy community to create *'an enviable network of hiking and biking trails.'*

Consideration should be given by Chambers of Commerce, RTOs, Economic Development organisations and stakeholders to create or focus a localised stakeholder group or entity to pursue tourism and business opportunities to enhance local/tourist trail users experience. This is in addition to the formation of a regional LTE Alliance as LTEs should remain focused on their core purpose of creating and maintaining trails. It is expected there will be crossover and collaboration between the two entities however a separate structure will enable a more focused approach.



Bike wash and repair station at local hotel in Bend, Oregon.

### Opportunities that will support regenerative tourism include:

- Developing amenities like bike locking facilities, E-bike charging stations, water-bottle refill stations, tool stations, bike wash stations, bike racks on buses, taxis, ferries etc.
- Create a localised stakeholder group or entity to pursue tourism and business opportunities to enhance local/tourist trail users' experience. Separate to but with a close relationship with the regional LTE alliance.
- Creating a landscape scale trail master plan or plans.
- The development of new trails and ensuring that future trail development is done to a world class standard and has the potential to expand.
- The development of new trail town destinations beyond Queenstown and Wānaka in communities such as Glenorchy. Providing complimentary offerings in the region will increase the length of visitor stays, while reducing their emissions profile.
- Support alternate funding models for the maintenance of trails.
- Attracting, supporting and promoting events.
- Consistent and comprehensive signage across the trail networks including in-town information directing visitors towards trailheads.
- Ensuring trail information is updated and current on all biking apps and platforms such as Trailforks, AllTrails, MTB project, Komoot, etc.
- Funding and monitoring an extensive network of trail counters across the network to create visitor and usage data.
- Creating a seamless experience for visitors who arrive by bike, vehicle or plane.
- Explore the development of art trails as part of the network.
- Creating a social media presence that encourages participation from the local community.
- Positioning our region as the leader in trail advocacy by hosting an annual advocacy event targeted at LTEs, wider Alliances, iwi, Land Managers, NGOs, representatives from local and national government, businesses and other stakeholders.
- Target global LTEs and Alliances to create an affiliation or exchange programme that will encourage their members to engage with and contribute to local LTE initiatives while visiting the region, this can result in visitors participating in knowledge exchange, trail maintenance, tree planting on trails, etc.
- Explore establishment of a global network of great biking destinations, similar to initiatives DQ has pursued in the past with "great mountain resorts of the world."
- Support development of inclusive and accessible tourism products and infrastructure.

### 7.3 Carbon Zero by 2030

Currently over half of car trips by New Zealanders are under 5km, and 12% are under 1km.<sup>14</sup> Research by Waka Kotahi found that 75% of New Zealanders in urban environments would travel by bike if the networks were improved.<sup>15</sup> Converting these short car trips into people walking or biking will be enabled through redefining, improving and expanding active trail networks. Redefining the active transport network is further detailed in section 6.4.

Alignment and coordination by the trail sector will help foster regenerative tourism by delivering on a wide range of goals identified in the Destination Management Plan “Travel to a thriving future”. It will specifically enable the meeting of goals outlined in the Keystone Project 9: “Carbon Zero by 2030”.<sup>16</sup>

Project 9 identifies relevant known actions as:

1. Decarbonise emissions associated with visitor experiences, hospitality and attractions.
2. Identify system-wide initiatives that will increase the length of visitor stays, while reducing their emissions profile.
3. Reduce polluting emissions from road vehicles and relieve traffic congestion by improving infrastructure and changing traveller behaviour.
4. Support the development of infrastructure to enable lower and zero carbon mobility in the short-term, such as EV charging stations.
5. Encourage visitors to use alternative transport options like public transport, cycling and walking.
6. Work with partners within and beyond the district to support the development and promotion of EV and e-bike touring routes.
7. Identify and support further opportunities to develop walking and cycling transport networks that serve local communities, as well as visitors, to make cycling and walking a convenient way to get around.
8. Leverage the district’s reputation as a premier biking destination and identify opportunities for improving biking amenities that will benefit both the community and visitors.
9. Formation of a regional LTE Alliance will ensure that the independent LTEs are working in a strategic and collective manner with the local and regional Councils and DMOs to enable the actions listed above.

This approach is scalable and could become a template for other regions to develop in partnership with their respective DMOs.

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<sup>14</sup> Radio New Zealand. 2019. Switching short car trips for walking and cycling has major health gains. <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/394626/switching-short-car-trips-for-walking-and-cycling-has-major-health-gains>

<sup>15</sup> Waka Kotahi (NZTA) 2016. Urban New Zealanders Attitudes and perceptions of cycling. <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Walking-Cycling-and-Public-Transport/docs/Urban-Cycling-Attitudes-Baseline-2016.pdf>

<sup>16</sup> Destination Queenstown. 2023. Travel to a thriving future. [https://assets.simpleviewinc.com/simpleview/image/upload/v1/clients/queenstownnz/Queenstown\\_Lakes\\_Regenerative\\_Tourism\\_Plan\\_33b42536-edd1-4086-acc5-708207e134f8.pdf](https://assets.simpleviewinc.com/simpleview/image/upload/v1/clients/queenstownnz/Queenstown_Lakes_Regenerative_Tourism_Plan_33b42536-edd1-4086-acc5-708207e134f8.pdf)

## 7.4 Redefining the active travel ecosystem to include more natural surface trails

In addition to delivering on the Carbon Zero by 2030 initiative, a regional LTE and/or national alliance will work with QLDC/ORC and Waka Kotahi to expand the active transport network to include more smaller, natural surface trails that create micro links into communities and neighbourhoods, addressing the first/last mile challenge.

Waka Kotahi currently defines recreational cycling as:

*“Cycling undertaken just for enjoyment rather than utility; not in view of reaching a particular activity at the journey’s end. Recreation cycling includes cycle touring, sports cycling and cycling for pleasure.”<sup>17</sup>*

Based on this definition, Waka Kotahi appears to consider the commuter networks created by QTT are conducive to active travel, while smaller trails traditionally built by QMTBC are for recreational purposes only and do not play a role in an active travel network.



Example of an abrupt end of the current active transport network.

Redefining recreational cycling and the role it can play directly and peripherally in the active transport ecosystem could create new funding opportunities to achieve the outcomes stated in “Better Ways To Go” a mode shift plan for the Queenstown Lakes District.<sup>18</sup> The plan states ‘A key outcome of the Spatial Plan is: *Public transport, walking and cycling are everyone’s first travel choice.*’ This includes access to more sustainable options such as a connected, high-quality network of walking tracks and trails...

Waka Kotahi’s ‘Road to Zero’<sup>19</sup> initiative which has set a target to reduce deaths and serious injuries on New Zealand’s roads, cycleways and footpaths by 40% over the next 10 years would benefit from a refreshed view of how recreational cycling can become recognised as a form of active transport. An expanded network of walking, biking and multi-use trails into and within neighbourhoods will ignite active transport.

<sup>17</sup> NZTA. 2023. Glossary of terms. <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/walking-cycling-and-public-transport/cycling/cycling-standards-and-guidance/cycling-network-guidance/cycle-network-and-route-planning-guide/glossary-of-terms/>

<sup>18</sup> Way to Go. 2022. Better Ways to Go. <https://www.qldc.govt.nz/media/ljzhnppz/item-2a-attachment-1-mode-shift-plan.pdf>

<sup>19</sup> NZTA. 2019. Road to Zero Strategy. [https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Report/Road-to-Zero-strategy\\_final.pdf?gclid=EAlalQobChMlp83Fz6q5\\_QlVqppmAh3Wtgc8EAAYASABEGKh6\\_D\\_BwE&gclid=aw.ds](https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Report/Road-to-Zero-strategy_final.pdf?gclid=EAlalQobChMlp83Fz6q5_QlVqppmAh3Wtgc8EAAYASABEGKh6_D_BwE&gclid=aw.ds)

The town of Eagle, Colorado is an relevant example of integrating recreational riding and active transport. Residents recognised that children who rode to school on bikes often zig-zagged off the sidewalk and onto the verge. The community worked with the Council and homeowners' association to enable access to the verge and with the assistance of a local trail builder they designed a recreational trail that allows students to have fun on their way to school. Based on its popularity, they needed to add bike racks at the destination school. The result is a new generation of active travellers.<sup>20</sup>



Eagle, Colorado. Single Track Sidewalk creates active travellers for life.

<sup>20</sup> Vail Daily. 2018. Singletrack sidewalk. <https://www.vaildaily.com/news/mountain-bikers-enjoying-new-phase-of-singletrack-side-walks-now-open-in-eagle/>

One of the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA)'s primary initiatives are 'More Trails Close to Home'.<sup>21</sup> Trails close to home mean more quick hits for mental health and fun. They are key to creating recreational opportunities that create crucial links from people's homes onto interconnected trail systems. This results in users riding from home as opposed to using a car to get to their riding destination. In Park City, Utah there is a saying "My garage is my trailhead".



Another benefit of extending the active transport network to include natural surface trails is resiliency. In the event of a natural disaster, these smaller trails are likely to be the only access available for some time. Should these trails be damaged, they can be rebuilt at a fraction of the cost and time of traditional roading projects.

Some recreational trails such as downhill or flow tracks do sit outside of the traditional active transport network but they play an important part in the ecosystem. These trails provide value in a holistic way, as those who enjoy riding these trails are regular bike riders who are fit, active and engaged with the outdoors and more likely to ride a bike as transport than more sedentary residents.

Throughout New Zealand, there is currently no baseline of the expanse of trails beyond the commuter/great ride network. It is recommended that a stocktake of current recreational trails to identify the quantum, quality and condition be initiated to create a baseline of the existing networks that exist beyond the traditional active transport network.

An regional LTE alliance will provide a platform to engage with local and regional councils and Waka Kotahi to redefine 'recreational cycling'. Smaller, natural surface trails should be recognised for their ability to transport users from place to place. This would enable increased resources to develop and maintain more natural surface trails that would greatly expand on what is currently considered part of the active transport network.

Smaller, natural surface trails should be recognised for their ability to transport users from place to place.

Consideration should be given by local and/or regional councils and/or DMOs to create a trail manager and/or coordinator position. There are a variety of models and ways to structure this based on what organisation(s) or structures they sit within. They play a key role as the interface between external stakeholders and the multiple departments within their organisation who have a role in trail development and/or associated outcomes. Grand County, Utah and the Moab Trail Mix<sup>22</sup> provides a relevant model to consider.

<sup>21</sup> International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA). 2023. About IMBA, <https://www.imba.com/about>

<sup>22</sup> Moab Trail Mix. 2023. Trail Mix Committee. <https://www.grandcountyutah.net/223/Trail-Mix-Committee>

## 7.5 Iwi Engagement

There is an opportunity for an LTE alliance to further engage with iwi. In the Queenstown Lakes district, engagement with iwi regarding trails is often project-specific and sporadic. This creates inefficiencies due to a lack of structured ongoing engagement and relationship building. As a new era of trail development is upon us, iwi should be celebrated and acknowledged for establishing the original trail networks in Aotearoa. How can LTEs support them in exercising their role as kaitiaki and develop user experiences through trail development while ensuring future trail development prioritises the protection of the mauri of the environment? There is a strong desire by LTEs to understand how to better engage with iwi.

Creating an alliance will enable structured and ongoing engagement by the Trail Sector. This will establish and build relationships that can inform and seek feedback and to determine what role iwi would like in the ongoing development of trail ecosystems. It will create an understanding of and ensure that the values and aspirations of mana whenua are considered and reflected throughout the development of a trail project. There is an opportunity to explore how LTEs can help to achieve the three outcomes identified in documents such as The Te Tangi a Tauria - The Cry of the People (Murihiku Natural Resource Management Plan)<sup>23</sup> as follows:

- Kaitiakitanga, Tino Rangatiratanga and Treaty related outcomes.
- Environmental outcomes.
- Social, economic, health and well-being outcomes.

An LTE Alliance should prioritise building relationships with iwi, including ongoing engagement with Te Ao Marama and Aukaha.

<sup>23</sup> Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku. 2008. Te Tangi a Tauria - The Cry of the People (Murihiku Natural Resource Management Plan) <https://www.es.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:26gi9ayo517q9stt81sd/hierarchy/about-us/plans-and-strategies/regional-plans/iwi-management-plan/documents/Te%20Tangi%20a%20Tauria%20-%20The%20Cry%20of%20the%20People.pdf>

## 7.6 Partnering with DOC

DOC was identified by LTEs as the single biggest obstacle in the development of new trails. DOC has a complex and difficult role in trying to coalesce the views of a wide variety of stakeholders, one issue is that LTEs have failed to date to create a nationally coordinated approach or structured organisation for DOC to engage with.

LTEs across New Zealand often apply to DOC to get permission for new trail access on Public Conservation Land (PCL). This process is currently flawed and inconsistent. The process can depend on the region, the status of its Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) and the variable interpretation by DOC staff. This has effectively created a moratorium on new bike trails in much of the country, in contrast new hiking trails can still be applied for and allowed in many of those places.

Significant delays by DOC in reviewing key strategies and plans fail to comply with the Conservation Act and National Parks Act which state Conservation Management Strategies (CMS) and National Park Management Plans (NPMPs) are meant to be revised every 10 years. There are 29 plans and strategies in total and only nine that are current.<sup>24</sup> Some strategies are approaching 30 years old and are no longer fit for purpose.



Land managers such as the US Forest Service are taking a proactive approach to recreation for all trail users.

<sup>24</sup> DOC. 2023. Statutory planning status report. <https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/our-policies-and-plans/statutory-plans/statutory-planning-status-report/>

The Minister of Conservation recently addressed these institutional issues by calling for a review of conservation law to “Help us improve conservation management planning and concessions legislation”. DOC itself has stated the current approach “has proven inflexible, cumbersome and frustrating.” In response to this, DOC announced it is engaging in a ‘Nationwide CMS partial review for biking’, identifying it as a priority. However, almost two years later, DOC has stated that it is still in “preparatory and planning” mode.<sup>25</sup>

The Conservation Act 1987 that lists a function of the department as follows. *6(e) to the extent that the use of any natural or historic resource for recreation or tourism is not inconsistent with its conservation, to foster the use of natural and historic resources for recreation and to allow their use for tourism.*<sup>26</sup> Oxford defines foster as ‘encourage the development of’. There is an opportunity to better understand the internal strategies and operational guidelines DOC uses to fulfil its requirement to ‘*foster the use of natural and historic resources for recreation*’ during the process of creating management plans and strategies.

There are many examples of offshore government agencies who also have a remit of managing conservation and recreation like DOC who are achieving both outcomes concurrently. In discussion with various land managers overseas, many of them realised that an overly restrictive approach didn’t stop trails from being built, it meant they were being built without permission. They continue to prioritise preservation of the natural environment however demonstrate that recreation and conservation can be symbiotic. Their approach has evolved from being overly restrictive to enabling where appropriate, creating an evidence-based approach that encourages ongoing engagement research and education.

The trail sector wants to create a partnership with DOC to ensure a path forward that will be more efficient and deliver better conservation and recreation outcomes for all. There is a sense of urgency for this improved consultation, with pressing concerns that the current process for the ongoing ‘*Nationwide Conservation Management Strategy partial review for biking*’ will continue to be pursued without meaningfully engaging with LTEs at an early stage.

Perpetuating the issue is that there is currently no established and properly resourced advocacy body to represent LTEs to engage with DOC in a collective manner. DOC has engaged on occasion with Ngā Haerenga but this engagement does not include or represent LTEs or trails that are not part of the Great Ride Network.

A regional LTE alliance will provide opportunities for improved advocacy and collaboration with DOC in the interim, while a national advocacy entity is being developed.

<sup>25</sup> Newsroom. 2022. Inside DoC’s slow ride towards more biking. <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/inside-docs-slow-ride-towards-more-biking>

<sup>26</sup> Conservation Act. 1987. Section 6 – Functions of Department. <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1987/0065/latest/DLM104081.html>

## 7.7 Alignment with local and national policies

Numerous strategic planning documents are providing a long-term vision for land-use development and growth in our district and across New Zealand. Individual LTEs currently lack resource to stay current with the information and opportunities these plans contain. Creating an LTE Alliance will create a resource to analyse existing and new strategies and plans enabling it to provide direction to independent LTEs. This will ensure they are aligning their strategies with relevant local national strategies, plans and policies. Additionally, the proposed LTE Alliance will advocate and provide input to the development of future strategies and plans.

Figure 1. Outlines the relevant strategic plans, strategies and studies that intersect with the work of LTEs and informed this report.

National plans/policies	Local government plans/policies	Stakeholder group plans/policies	LTE plans/policies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government Policy Statement 2021 (GPS) Ministry of Transport</li> <li>MPI/Walking Access Commission - Report on the Findings of the Review of the Walking Access Act 2008 (2019)</li> <li>DOC - Heritage and Visitor Strategy 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QLDC Vision Beyond 2050</li> <li>QLDC - Queenstown Lakes Spatial Plan (2021)</li> <li>QLDC - Draft Queenstown Lakes Climate and Biodiversity Plan 2022-2025</li> <li>QLDC Better Ways to Go - Mode Shift Plan May (2022)</li> <li>QLDC - Wakatipu active travel network (2019)</li> <li>QLDC - 10 Year Plan 2015-2023</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel to a Thriving Future - Regenerative Tourism Plan (2023)</li> <li>Te Tangi a Tauira - The Cry of the People (Murihiku Natural Resource Management Plan) (2008)</li> <li>Destination Queenstown - Queenstown Biking Market Development Plan (2021)</li> <li>Forest and Bird - Strategic Plan (2020)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QMTBC - Trail Master Plan (2022)</li> <li>GYTT - 10 Year Strategy (2018)</li> <li>Upper Clutha Track Network Strategy 2021-2027</li> <li>Southland Cycling Strategy (2018)</li> </ul>

## 7.8 Enhancing relationships with other stakeholders

A regional LTE alliance will engage with stakeholders who do or have the potential to intersect with trail ecosystems to increase opportunities and efficiencies. It will enable a two-way flow of information to assist streamlined operational functionality and to inform relevant strategies. A primary role of the proposed LTE Alliance will be to establish and maintain relationships with the following stakeholders listed in Figure 2 table below.

National bodies/stakeholders	Local stakeholders
Ngā Haerenga - The New Zealand Great Rides network	Bike parks and trail venues
Te Araroa Trail	Trail building companies
Federated Mountain Club	Hiking/tramping/trail running community
Forest and Bird	Destination Queenstown
Herenga ā Nuku - Outdoor Access Commission	Lake Wānaka Tourism
Mountain Bike New Zealand - MTBNZ	Destination Management Office
AdaptMTB	Queenstown Lakes District Council
Making Trax	Otago Regional Council
Trail Fund	Te Tapu o Tāne Ltd
Backcountry Trust	Te Ao Marama
Sport NZ	Aukaha
Cycle NZ	Whakatipu Conservation Alliance
Waka Kotahi	Whakatipu Wildlife Trust
LINZ – Land Information New Zealand	Whakatipu Reforestation Trust
LINZ Pastoral	Wai Wānaka
MBIE – Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment	Lightfoot Initiative
ACC – Accident Compensation Corporation	Chambers of Commerce
Te Puni Kōkiri – Maori wellbeing and development	QT Airport Corporation
Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People	Community groups
International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) including IMBA Europe	Southern District Health Board
New Zealand Ultrarunners Association	Equestrian community
Wild Things: NZ trail running community	Wakatipu Walkers
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association	Historic societies and museums
Cycling Action Network	Other relevant stakeholders

Note: This list is a work in progress and any organisation with an interest who isn't mentioned are encouraged to engage.



Credit: Jeff Marks / Queenstown Trails

# 8. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS, NEXT STEPS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS

## The main recommendations from this report are as follows:

- That the current Queenstown to Glenorchy Trail Alliance members continue to work collaboratively on its trail project while participating in the formation of an expanded alliance.
- Pursue and secure funding for the formation of a Queenstown Lakes District and/or regional LTE Alliance. (Geographic reach TBC.)
- Create a localised stakeholder group to pursue tourism and business opportunities.
- Local/regional councils and/or DMOs should consider establishing a trails manager/ coordinator position that extends beyond the traditional commuter trails to include natural surface recreational trails.
- Engage with other regions throughout New Zealand to pursue a network of regional LTE alliances/chapters.
- Pursue the development of a national advocacy body for all trail users.

## Proposed Next Steps

There are two key pieces of work to be pursued concurrently.

- 1. Creation of the regional LTE Alliance**
- 2. Development of a national advocacy body supported by a network of regional LTE alliances/chapters. (This might become an expanded role of an existing national entity.)**

## 1. Next steps for the creation of the regional LTE Alliance.

- a. Identify a champion or organisation to pursue the formation of the regional LTE alliance.
- b. Secure funding to progress a regional LTE alliance.
- c. Initiate discussions with possible partners, funders and collaborators.
- d. Establish the geographic scope of the alliance.
- e. Confirm what, if any existing organisation an alliance should sit within, or if an independent/external model is preferred.
- f. Create a draft set of guidelines and MOU to be adopted by members once formed.
- g. Establish budget and identify long term funding opportunities for the LTE alliance.

### Once formed, the regional LTE alliance should create a work programme to pursue and inform the following opportunities:

1. Advocate to ensure that trail ecosystems are recognised for their conservation benefits and that LTEs become partners in conservation.
2. Partner with DOC to establish a positive working relationship to ensure the trail sector can expand its contribution to better conservation outcomes and to foster recreation.
3. Develop relationships and opportunities with wider stakeholders.
4. Work with local/regional councils and DMOs to discuss establishment of a local trails manager/coordinator position(s).
5. Initiate an assessment of current recreational trails to identify the quantum, quality and condition to create a baseline of existing networks beyond the scope of the traditional active transport network.
6. Establish and initiate systems for data collection, collation and distribution.
7. Drive a change in ethos to identify that trails are a valued community asset that justify significant and ongoing investment.
8. Work with Chambers of Commerce, RTOs, Economic Development organizations and stakeholders create a localised stakeholder group or entity to pursue tourism and business opportunities to enhance local/tourist trail users' experience.
9. Work with local and regional councils to recommend Waka Kotahi redefines its definition of recreational riding.
10. Explore applicable models for community supported funding options via referendums and/or visitor levies.
11. Investigate alternative funding programmes similar to the Recreational Trail Programme (USA)
12. Participate with other regions to explore the expansion of the national alliance concept. Establish chapters throughout the country that feed into a properly resourced advocacy body.
13. Explore Scotland's All of Government approach to Mountain Biking to inform opportunities to emulate it in New Zealand.
14. Engage domestically and internationally to ensure global best practices are identified.

**2. Next steps for the creation of a national network of LTE alliances and the development of a national advocacy body. (This might become an expanded role of an existing national entity.)**

- a. Identify a champion or organisation to pursue the formation of the national body and network of regional chapters.
- b. Secure funding to progress a **national network** of regional LTE alliances/chapters.
- c. Initiate discussions to explore the expansion of the national alliance concept and collate feedback with existing LTEs to inform development.
- d. Identify possible partners, funders and collaborators.
- e. Establish guidelines to create the geographic or regional parameters to assist regional alliances/chapters in establishing their geographic reach.
- f. Confirm what, if any existing organisation an alliance should sit within, or if an independent/external model is preferred.
- g. Create a draft set of guidelines and MOU to be adopted by members once formed.
- h. Establish budget and identify long term funding for the formation the national network of regional alliances/chapters.

**Once formed the national entity and its network of regional LTE alliances/chapters should create a work programme to pursue and inform the following opportunities:**

1. Collaborate proactively with other regions to develop regional LTE alliance/chapters throughout the country.
2. A systematic approach to inform and be informed by its regional LTE alliance members providing a two way conduit.
3. Work with RTONZ, LGNZ, EDANZ etc. to discuss aligned national solutions to inform its regional LTE alliance/chapter members.
4. Establish an umbrella advocacy entity at a national level. (Or join an existing entity/organisation.)
5. Establish a high-level relationship with DOC to ensure the trail sector can expand its contribution to assist DOC in creating better conservation outcomes and to foster recreation.
6. Develop relationships with relevant Ministries, NGOs and other stakeholders.
7. Create a nationally consistent methodology to initiate an assessment of current recreational trails to identify the quantum, quality and condition to create a baseline of existing networks beyond the scope of the traditional active transport network.
8. Establish a nationally consistent system for data collection, collation and distribution.
9. Create a national campaign demonstrating that natural surface trail networks are valued community assets to enable justify significant and ongoing investment from a national level.
10. Work with Tourism New Zealand, New Zealand Chambers of Commerce, EDANZ, etc. to create a framework for localised stakeholder groups or entities to pursue tourism and business opportunities to enhance local/tourist trail users' experience.
11. Work with Waka Kotahi to explore redefining its definition of recreational riding and other opportunities.
12. Explore funding opportunities at a ministerial level including the investigation of alternative funding programmes similar to the Recreational Trail Programme (USA).
13. Explore Scotland's All of Government approach to Mountain Biking to inform opportunities to emulate it in New Zealand.
14. Engage internationally with similar organisations to ensure global best practices are identified.

## Risks

- No one champions for these projects to proceed. There is currently no individual agency or organisation with the resource or remit to drive the development of this alliance.
- There is insufficient seed funding to progress the alliance to a stage where it can secure ongoing funding from other sources.
- Resistance from those who question the need for yet another entity.
- Individual LTEs who may not want to participate concerned they might give up more than they stand to gain.
- Inability to agree on what geographic reach will provide the most benefits to the members of the alliance, Queenstown Lakes District vs. Otago Regional vs. Otago/Southland. This could likely be influenced by funders.
- Should this project not attract a champion or funding, it will likely lose momentum and become a missed opportunity. This will likely result in the current siloed activity among LTEs continuing without the development of a wider strategic approach. The opportunities that a healthy local trail ecosystem can create will be greatly diminished.
- Should the relationship between trail entities and DOC remain the status quo, it will inhibit the conservation efforts that could otherwise be realised by responsible trail development, increase costs and timelines for projects and further loss of public confidence in DOC.

## Disclaimer

In preparing this report it has been necessary to make a number of assumptions based on the information supplied during research and investigations for this study. The recommended actions contained in this report are subject to uncertainty and variation depending on evolving events but have been conscientiously prepared based on consultation feedback and an understanding of trends. The author did not carry out an audit or verification of the information supplied during the preparation of this report, unless otherwise stated or referenced in the report. Whilst due care was taken during enquiries, we do not take any responsibility for any errors nor misstatements in the report arising from information supplied to the author during the preparation of this report.

# 9. APPENDICES

## Methodology, Partners and References

The outcomes of this report have been informed by desktop research, in person interviews, attendance at events and review of existing strategies and plans which intersect.

Interviews and engagement with the following people informed this project:

Name	Association	Role
Mark Williams	Queenstown Trails Trust (QT)	CEO
Bruce Mcleod	Queenstown Mountain Bike Club (QTMBC)	Treasurer
Steve Hewland	Glenorchy Trails Trust (GYTT)	Trustee
Dave Howard	Upper Clutha Tracks Trust (UCTT)	Chairman
Ewan Mackie	Bike Wānaka	Trustee
Wendy Pannett	Southern Eco Trails Trust (SETT)	Trustee
Joanne Conroy	Whakatipu Wildlife Trust (WWT)	Executive Officer
Greg Lind	Southern Lakes Sanctuary (SLS)	Co-Chair
Leslie Van Gelder	Southern Lakes Sanctuary (SLS)	Co-Chair
Paul Kavanagh	Southern Lakes Sanctuary (SLS)	Director
Sierra Alef-Defoe	Southern District Health Board	Health Promotion Advisor
Matt Hollyer	GSD Workforce Ltd.	Operations Manager
Karen O'Donahoo	Whakatipu Reforestation Trust	Operations Manager
Jo Smith	Whakatipu Reforestation Trust	Education and Outreach Manager
David Butt	Department of Conservation (DOC)	Operations Manager Whakatipu
Alexa Forbes	Otago Regional Council (ORC)	Councillor
Angela Spackman	Queenstown Chamber of Commerce	Chair
Trent Yeo	Ziptrek	Executive Director
Sarah O'Donnell	Destination Queenstown	Marketing and Comms Director
Gizelle Regan	Lake Wānaka Tourism	Marketing and Comms Manager
Molly Hope	Lake Wānaka Tourism	Destination Development Lead
Henry Van Asch	Southern Eco Trails Trust (SETT)	Chairman
Aaron Halstead	Central Otago Queenstown Trail Network Trust (COQTNT)	Trustee
James Reardon	Te Anau Cycling Inc. (TACI)	Secretary
Patrick Morgan	Cycling Action Network (CAN)	Project Manager
Matt Claridge	Te Araroa Trail	Executive Director
Ange van der Laan	Walking Access New Zealand	Regional Field Advisor - Queenstown Lakes and Southland
Ryan Hunt	Mountain Bike New Zealand (MTBNZ)	President
Kent McNeill	International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA)	President
Marty Caivano	International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA)	Community Engagement Coordinator

Anthony Duncan	International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA)	Director of Local Programs
Jake Bayless	California Mountain Bike Coalition (CAMTB)	President
Michael Anzalone	California Mountain Bike Coalition (CAMTB)	Executive Director
Susie Murphy	San Diego Mountain Bike Alliance (SDMBA)	Executive Director
Lora Smith	Mountain Trails Foundation (Park City, Utah)	Executive Director
Jennifer Wesselhoff	Visit Park City - RTO (Park City, Utah)	President and CEO
Mike Pritchard	Roaring Fork MTB Association - Aspen Colorado	Executive Director
Glen Jacobs	World Trail	CEO
Jimmy Young	Trail Fund	Advocacy Lead
Peter Harris	Queenstown Lake District Council (QLDC)	Economic Development Manager
Marie Day	Queenstown Lake District Council (QLDC)	Community Partnerships Manager
Samantha Marsh	Queenstown Lake District Council (QLDC)	Parks Officer - Community Services
Jeannie Galavazi	Queenstown Lake District Council (QLDC)	Senior Parks and Reserves Planner
Tony Pickard	Queenstown Lake District Council (QLDC)	Transport Strategy Manager
Quentin Smith	Queenstown Lake District Council (QLDC)	Councillor
Wendy Fisher	Utah Open Lands	Executive Director
Carly Lansche	Utah Department of Natural Resources	State-wide Recreation Planner
Betsy Byrne	US National Park Service	Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance
Tyson Swasey	Grand County Active Transportation and Trails (Moab, Utah)	Operations Coordinator
Rachel Fussell	PeopleForBikes	EMTB Policy and Programme Manager
Vernon Huffman	Acces4Bikes (Marin, California)	Executive Director
Bill Keene	Climate Equity Solutions (Marin, California)	Principal
Shelli Fine	Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority (Nevada)	Director of Sports Development
Eliza Voss	Aspen Chamber Resort Association (Aspen, Colorado)	Vice President Destination Marketing
Janet Bartnik	Mountain Recreation (Eagle, Colorado)	Executive Director
Rich Balfour	Thames MTB Club (Coromandel)	Vice President
Greg Williams	Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (Downieville, California)	Executive Director
Chris Café	Blue Derby Foundation (Derby, Tasmania)	Chairman
Pete Coleborn	Blue Derby Trail Crew (Derby, Tasmania)	Head of Maintenance

**Industry events/seminars attended:**

- PeopleForBikes eMTB summit 14/15 September 2022 - Lake Tahoe, California.
- International Mountain Bike Association Trail Lab 17-19 October 2022 - Cedar City, Utah.
- CAMTB (California Mountain Biking Coalition) 'CAMTB Connected' 16-18 September 2022 – Downieville, California.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Queentstown to Glenorchy Trail Alliance "the alliance"**

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to set out the framework for the working relationship between Queenstown Mountain Bike Club (QMTBC), Queenstown Trails Trust (QTT), Glenorchy Trails Trust (GYTT) and Southern Eco Trails Trust (SETT) "the parties" to further the Queenstown to Glenorchy trail project.

**2. Background**

In April 2022 the parties met to discuss how the entities could better collaborate and create efficiencies through enhanced collaboration and further developing their working relationships. At this meeting the parties realized that between them there was common ground in that they had individually identified trail development between Queenstown and Glenorchy (or a part of) as future projects for their own entities as follows:

- i. QTMBC and QTT had already been collaborating on developing the Queenstown to 7 Mile trail.
- ii. QTT and GYTT had individually identified development of the QT to GY trail as a priority.
- iii. GYTT was currently working on extending its recently developed trail towards the Buckler Burn further in the direction Queenstown.
- iv. SETT had identified a Queenstown to Te Anau trail as a goal.

Given the individual goals of each entity overlapped on the QT to GY trail - it was decided to form this alliance to help initiate the project and collectively create momentum.

**3. Objectives of the alliance**

The objectives of the Queenstown to Glenorchy Trail Alliance are to coordinate efforts to further the development of the Queenstown to Glenorchy Trail by:

- i. Promote the benefits of the Queenstown to Glenorchy Trail.
- ii. Advocate for the Queenstown to Glenorchy Trail.
- iii. Explore opportunities to attract funding for the project.
- iv. Apply for funding as agreed by the entities
- v. Apply for permissions as agreed by the entities
- vi. Share knowledge and resources to assist where possible.

**4. Objectives of Individual parties**

The objectives of the individual parties remain as they are. Each is free to retain its autonomy, manage its own work programmes, funding, partnerships and sponsorships as they see fit. All existing and any future management agreements, MOUs, Deeds of Grants or other legal arrangements between individual entities and DOC and/or other entities remain the responsibilities of the individual groups.

**5. Relationship management and communication**

It is agreed by the signatories of this MOU to:

- i. Work collaboratively and respectfully to promote a harmonious approach to the project.

- ii. Act as a first point of reference between parties and as liaison persons for external contacts; and
- iii. Communicate between parties on matters that arise that may be of interest to any of the parties.
- iv. Meet four times a year to discuss the project, discuss issues and solutions to any issues and opportunities.

**6. Activity done on behalf of the alliance**

Given the alliance has no formal structure, Applications for funding and permissions etc. related to the QT to GY trail will be done by one or more of the parties as nominated and agreed to by the other parties.

**7. Dispute Resolution**

Any dispute concerning the subject matter of this MOU is to be settled by full and frank discussion and negotiation between parties.

**8. Term of MOU**

This MOU will remain until June 30 2023 at which time it can be renewed or revised. It can be revised at any time prior to that date if deemed necessary: it will expire upon completion of the QT to GY trail or as decided by the parties.

Signed on behalf of Queenstown Mountain Bike Club by Bruce Mcleod:

Signature: 

Date: 3/6/2022

Signed on behalf of Queenstown Trails Trust by Mark Williams:

Signature: 

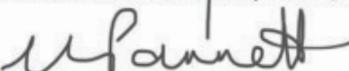
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Signed on behalf of Glenorchy Trails Trust by Steven Hewland:

Signature: 

Date: 8/6/2022

Signed on behalf of Southern Eco Trails Trust by Wendy Pannett:

Signature: 

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## Glossary of Acronyms

**BW** – Bike Wānaka

**CAMTB** - California Mountain Biking Coalition

**CATF** - California Trails Foundation

**COQTNT** - Central Otago Queenstown Trail Network Trust

**CMS** – Conservation Management Strategy

**DMO** – Destination Management Organisation

**DMP** - Destination Management Plan

**DOC** – Department of Conservation

**EDANZ** – Economic Development New Zealand

**DQ** – Destination Queenstown

**FTE** – Full Time Employee

**FTT** - Fiordland Trail Trust

**GPS** – Government Policy Statement

**GYTT** - Glenorchy Trails Trust

**IMBA** - International Mountain Bike Association

**LGNZ** – Local Government New Zealand

**LTE** – Local Trail Entity

**MBIE** – Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

**MPI** – Ministry of Primary Industries

**NGO** – Non Government Organisation

**NZTA** – New Zealand Transport Agency/Waka Kotahi

**ORC** – Otago Regional Council

**PCL** – Public Conservation Land

**QLDC** – Queenstown Lakes District Council

**QMTBC** – Queenstown Mountain Bike Club

**QTtoGYTA** - Queenstown to Glenorchy Trails Alliance

**QTT** – Queenstown Trails (formerly Queenstown Trails Trust)

**RTO** - Regional Tourism Organisation

**RTP** – Recreational Trails Programme

**SETT** - Southern Eco Trails Trust

**TACI** - Te Anau Cycling incorporated

**UCTT** – Upper Clutha Tracks Trust



Hotrod.

Credit: Queenstown Trail.



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- Q1. **Full name** Elizabeth Muir Roberts
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q4. **Location** Arrowtown
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
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Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Neutral

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Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Oppose

Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

I want Council to include an allocation in the Plan to construct desperately needed facilities at the Waiorau Recreation Reserve, including toilet facilities and associated infrastructure, dedicated carparking, a community facility to provide shelter, a lunchroom, and a teaching educational facility at the Reserve.

Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

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Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

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not answered

Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

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- Q1. **Full name** Edward Spearing
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Lake Wanaka Swimmers
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
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- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
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- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Oppose
- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
The increase in Fees for swim coaches to use facilities are outrageous. It will result in fewer users, lower skill base and a detrimental effect on the number of people who can swim. There are already a lot of drownings in NZ and this measure will also lead to a further increase over time.
- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Neutral

Q16. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees

not answered

Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees? Support

Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

There are way too many dogs around. Perhaps this will get rid of some.

Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Neutral

Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

not answered

Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Oppose

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26th April 2023

Submission to the District Plan 2023- 2024

I am making this submission for and on behalf of The Wanaka Lake Swimmers. The club of swim users of Lake Wanaka. Current year membership is 110 paid members.

We request that the deferral of \$6million for the Stone Street Storm Water upgrade from the Annual Plan (page 16) is reversed.

We would request that further budget is allocated to upgrade all stormwater inflows around Roys Bay, the 'urban area' of Lake Wanaka.

This submission is to be read in conjunction with the submissions made by The Friends of Bullock Creek; and by Touchstone.org; and the Guardians of Lake Wanaka. The points and views made within which we wholly agree with.

I do not want to reiterate all the detailed and thorough points made in their submissions.

*From the point of view of swimmers:*

Swimmers have the POV of actually being IN the water, not on a boat or any other above the surface type of vessel, but actually being in the water, observing. This is a unique perspective.

Since swimming in the lake from perhaps 2008/09 (the club was formed in 2011) it has been noted that the lake over the years until the present has degraded. This is along the Wanaka lake front, along the swimmers buoy line, in front of the Watersports building, along the western side past #thatwanakatree and Edgewater. We don't tend to swim much at the eastern corner - the Dinosaur Park corner, mainly because Bullock Creek enters the lake here and it's colder. But swimming is also popular at Eely Point towards the direction of the Yacht Club. So too out to and around Ruby Island.

The change has occurred unnoticed if a user had no prior knowledge of the lake. Certainly a new visitor/resident/user swimming in Lake Wanaka now, today, would think it amazing. But not like it was for those with more experience. Just a little change here, a little bit there. A change not actually easy to pin down. Not any one single event. Simply a gradual small change of the clarity of the water in this vicinity over time, lets say, 15 years. Death by many cuts.

We have done some rudimentary clarity and temperature recording, to put numbers to our observations, but not within the past three years. We can see the change. We have done citizen science water quality testing with the environmental organisation Touchstone directly after rain events, and it was from our own investigations we discovered the alarming increase in poor water quality and high e-coli levels after these rain events, particularly after a period of dry weather. Such were the measurements that we thought it advisable to swim elsewhere than

within the swimmers area of Roys Bay for at least 24 hrs to allow the concentrated levels to reduce through dissipation into the larger mass of lake water. Things like duck and dog poop, run off from hardstanding and roads, chemicals, metals, the general increase in 'stuff' that comes from an increase in population because of an increase in developments and housing. But dissipation does not mean it's gone. It just means it's diluted. But it has changed the water clarity and quality.

Of course this is but anecdotal, based on our feel and comparing past experience to current experience, but nonetheless it is factual.

This area of the lake is the very same area where stormwater runoff into streams from the large and growing developments from Meadowstone and Alpha series run into the lake. Hence stormwater settling ponds and upgrades to stormwater infrastructure are vital to keeping the lake, in the very same place where visitors and users see and visit most often, clean. Crystal pure clean. Not doing this, literally is killing the goose which lays our golden egg.

This does not need research and data and consultants. It's right there in front of our eyes every time we swim. The lake is of absolute paramount importance. It is because of the lake that we, most every resident of Wanaka, are here. The lake has to be protected with ever higher standards as residency and population of the urban water catchment into the lake grows.

All the points laid out in the submission, from Friends of Bullock Creek in particular, on the pushing out by 6 years to 2030 of the Stone Street storm water upgrades should be accepted, because the costs NOT TO are too high further down the line.

So too, stormwater settling ponds created for every major entry into the urban perimeter of Roys Bay should be instigated as a matter of urgency.

Edward Spearing

For and on behalf of The Wanaka Lake Swimmers.



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- Q4. **Location** Hāwea
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- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** Yes
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- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** [REDACTED]
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- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
Not enough information, resources or time to properly investigate this issue.
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- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Neutral
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Current conversations around the world suggest that emission trading schemes are ineffective and don't achieve any real or tangible outcomes. If this is the reason for price increases, it is dissatisfactory. If it actually costs more to process rubbish, then we need to make sure we charge appropriately.
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- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Neutral
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Not enough information available in the draft consultation document to assess this proposal properly.
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- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Oppose

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This has impacted on some "passion" classes specifically in arts and recreational activities. These activities are run as "businesses" because they legally must and are therefore considered commercial however, make no profit. There is no provision for these groups and as such it is likely we will lose them because the price increases does not distinguish between a commercial business and a "passion" group that is forced to run as a business. This will have a negative effect on the community and is not in its best interests.

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**Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** Neutral

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**Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees**

Not enough information in the draft consultation document however the term "dangerous dogs" is sure to subliminally influence people.

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**Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre?** Neutral

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**Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme?** Neutral

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**Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme**

Without the detail, we cannot comment on the proposed changes. The summary doesn't tell us anything particularly useful.

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For voluntary groups, there is far too much information to realistically absorb the content of the Annual Plan review. Council needs to find more effective ways to communicate with the population. Interactive, educational webinars for example.

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25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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On behalf of - Hāwea Community Association Inc

By Cheryl Walthew – Acting Chairperson

[Chairperson@Haweadistrict.nz](mailto:Chairperson@Haweadistrict.nz) / [REDACTED]

Submission to QLDC - 2023 – Annual Plan

We would like to speak at the hearing regarding:

- Requests for funding relating to planning and development in Hāwea Flat
  - Rate increases for 2023
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### Overview of the Hāwea Community Association Inc. (HCA)

- The Hāwea Community Association represents the residents of the Hāwea District including the Lake Hāwea town settlement, residents through to The Neck (Manuhaea), John Creek, Hāwea Flat and Maungawera.
- The population is the second largest settlement in the Upper Clutha/Mata-au.
- The HCA holds regular Public Meetings to consult with the residents three times a year in January, May, and October. This has been constricted in 2023 due to the awaited release of information regarding the outcome of Mediation with Universal Development Holdings Ltd (UDHL), QLDC, Streat Developments, and Otago Regional Council. This is a major topic of discussion and due to all parties being unable to agree advanced communications with the membership, despite the HCA representing the community on the matter, a public meeting was deemed to leave the HCA open to accusations of a breach of confidence.
- Prior to commencing mediation with the parties listed above, the HCA consulted with the Hāwea Community over aspirations for Hāwea in both Lake Hāwea and Hāwea Flat. Lake Hāwea become the priority due to the impending Proposed District Plan appeal by UDHL and the potential consequences of losing Hāwea's "community connectivity", which is a key feature the community would like to retain.
- The Hāwea Taskforce has been dormant over this period however, once the outcomes of mediation are released, we remain eager to review how we continue to engage with the community, developers, and Council.
- Executive committee meetings are consistently held on the third Tuesday of the Month.

### Local projects

- **Hāwea Playground Subcommittee**
  - Work is underway with planning for the additional Playgrounds in Lake Hāwea at Sentinel Park and Hāwea Flat at Long Grass Place with designs and pricing currently underway. A submission for at least one of those playgrounds will be made through the Long-Term Plan.

- The Subcommittee is once again requesting that Council consider installing a “dry vault”, norski type toilet at the reserve at Long Grass Place, Hāwea Flat, similar to the type at John Creek.
  - Currently there is no public toilet at Hāwea Flat other than the Domain.
  - Parks and Reserves have shown support for the development of playgrounds with the initial funding provided however, we see it as important that there are facilities there to prevent the use of bushes etc in the absence of a toilet, especially when it is considered that play spaces will draw families with young children.
  - This was also requested in 2022 through the Annual Plan process.
- **Shaping Our Future – Hāwea Taskforce**
    - As a result of engagement with the community back in November 2021, the Hāwea Taskforce has been instrumental in providing guidance about the community aspirations, prior to the mediation process.
    - With the confirmation of the Project Pure connection to Lake Hāwea and the proximity of the pipe to Hāwea Flat, we feel it is likely that this will be the next community to be linked up to the district wastewater system.
    - In view of this, we would like to work again with Shaping our Future and specifically the Hāwea Flat community to look at ways to assess the needs of this community and communicate these effectively to Council and, any developers that may have an interest in this area. If it is connected to a town sewerage system, the potential for development increases and the residents would like to ensure that this is done in a way that meets their needs.
    - The first step in this process is to produce some kind of masterplan for what the rural community which has different needs to Lake Hāwea.
    - We therefore ask the Council to consider the following.

**Request to QLDC for funding for graphic and landscape design work to produce a Hāwea Flat community led masterplan.**

This is the same process that we followed for Lake Hāwea. We vastly underquoted for this last year, however, were grateful to receive pro-bono work from the professionals, on a one-off basis.

As a result of planning with Shaping our Future, we have an updated plan of the Hāwea area however, more detail was focused at Lake Hāwea because of impending mediation.

The community led masterplan for Hāwea Flat will capture and present our aspirations, challenges, and suggested solutions, and bring them together in a simple, easy to read and visualise format for use by community members, community groups and decision makers.

A local volunteer task force specific to Hāwea Flat will be established as a result of wider consultation with the Hāwea Flat community to produce the content for a first draft of the Hāwea Flat Masterplan. We hope that Shaping our Future will be able to assist with this task.

The funding will allow the draft to be developed using graphic design and landscape planning specialists. After consultation(s) around all sectors of the community - in person and online, a final version will be produced.

The plan and associated drawings will assist the community to focus on and gather around positive outcomes and will also help inform Council investment and workstream priorities notably Parks & Rec, Planning, Infrastructure and Roading teams.

### **Project Output**

Maps /drawings of the area overlain with a community consensus of:-

1. Known issues to address (e.g., traffic speed areas, lighting, parking, reserves)
2. Improvements to make to existing tracks, trails, pavements, (physical form & planting)
3. New walking tracks and routes for active transport
4. Planting design and on-site interpretation panels across the area
5. A “whole picture” approach to the design of tracks, parking, planting, and amenities the Hāwea Flat district and how this connects to the community at the Lake.
6. Street and path lighting standards where appropriate, with reference to dark skies standards
7. Potential locations for things that aren’t here now (eg new amenities, skate park, community gardens, toilets, business facilities, local recycling centre, etc)
8. Future growth areas
9. Future public transport routes

### **Funding request \$20,000**

#### **100 hours graphic designer @ \$95 per hour \$9,500**

Add information to base plans, prepare in format for physical and online engagement, update changes to plans following consultation and produce final set for community use.

#### **100 hours landscape architect @ \$ 105 per hour \$10,500**

High level drawings depicting access routes, landscape treatment, amenities, streetscapes, and planting plans across the Hāwea area.

The HCA has been very appreciative of the Shaping our Future Executive for their support to capture the community interests in a format that will improve our relationship with Council. We would be very supportive of further funding requests by Shaping Our Future to assist other communities in the district.

- **Anzac Monument Area Access for Disabled and Elderly.**
  - We are experiencing increased attendance numbers with over 800 expected every year and 951 in attendance this year.
  - For safety reasons it is imperative that we plan ahead with suitable accesses over the peninsula terrain for the elderly, those with disabilities, and those with wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

- This has been discussed in recent years and is not just for the Anzac Service. It would cater for the surprising number of visitors/tourists who love the site.
- Discussions after the service this year are that we will have to plan and react to the increasing population, meaning increasing numbers of the elderly in our community and the increasing numbers with a disability.

**Funding request** - \$20-\$30,000 for planning and design

### **Additional Requests**

- **REMEDICATION Work Required**
  - **The walking and Cycling Path over the Hāwea Dam** (off Capell Ave/Domain road towards SH6) is in a poor state of repair and design. It is narrow with no path guards on the lake side of the path between the peninsula to the Highway. This is extremely dangerous and has been exacerbated by pipe and barrier replacements in recent years. We ask that the Council review this pathway for remedial work urgently before a serious accident occurs.
  - **Lakeview Terrace and Capell Avenue** – This section of road, which is well populated, is the subject of continuous repairs from on-going pipe failures below the road surface. Remediation work has been poor in almost every instance including the resealing of a section of road some years back. This results in regular disturbances for some residents who hear the road every time traffic hits the dip outside their properties. We would request that current standards of past remedial work are reviewed and that long-term repairs are implemented as part of this annual plan.
  - **Gladstone Road** – This road continues to see increases in traffic as the school numbers continue to grow. Whilst the Ministry of Education may look at relocating the school, this is not expected to occur for 7-10 years which means this road will continue to be a main thoroughfare between our two communities for some time. This needs some upgrading and safety improvements to continue to meet the needs of the community. We accept that this may be a matter for the long-term plan.
- **Drinking Water reservoir**
  - There is no mention once again of a second Lake Hawea reservoir which was recommended by the DHB in 2014.
  - This has been ignored now for 9 years – meantime Lake Hawea population growth and water demand are climbing steeply.

### **Annual Plan Feedback**

#### **Average rate increases**

The suggested average increase in rates of 13.6% across the district with an expected 12.19% average for Hāwea does seem extraordinarily high given the significant growth in the Hāwea ratepayer base.

To cooperate in trying to address the housing crisis, the HCA supported the re-zoning of Lake Hāwea to Low Density Zoning. This re-zoning appears to have resulted in many residents seeing increases to their rates in excess of the proposed average cited by QLDC for 2022. The HCA has yet to hear of



anyone paying less than the average and, further investigation seems to indicate that where the residents' properties are larger than the new zoning requirements, there has been a significant increase to rates. This would be the majority if not virtually all residents in Lake Hāwea.

In August 2022 the Council was advised it would be the recipient of \$24 million from Central Government to secure connection to Project Pure for Lake Hāwea, thereby eliminating the financial burden directly on the Lake Hāwea community.

Given the increase in QLDC rate revenues from existing residents of Lake Hāwea with larger than 450sqm properties, the continuing growth in the Lake Hāwea population, the support from Central Government for essential infrastructure projects, and the lack of services currently available in Hāwea, we would expect rate increases for the Hāwea district to be significantly lower than the projected average identified in the 2023 Draft Annual Plan.

### **Water Consents**

Our three-waters subcommittee has noted that there is a lack of collaborative work between QLDC and ORC over any issues that require consents related to water quality/drinking water/wastewater/stormwater – this flaw has resulted in problems like Wanaka's Bullock Creek fiasco.

### **Project Pure**

The community has been promised some timelines on this venture however, none of these have been met to date. When can we expect an update on this project and, the projected number of connections the existing wastewater treatment system upgrade can currently handle? This will have an impact on development in the Lake Hawea area and landowners who are preparing to build should be aware of any restrictions that may prevent them from building in line with their own projected plans.

### **Summary**

- **Norski type toilet at the reserve at Long Grass Place, Hāwea Flat.**
- **\$20,000 to develop a Hawea Flat master plan.**
- **\$20-30,000 for design and planning of the ANZAC peninsula to secure access for all.**
- **Remedial road works for Lakeview Tce, Capell Ave and Gladstone Rd and, the cycle/walking path over the Dam.**
- **Second drinking water reservoir for Lake Hawea.**
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# Submission to the QLDC Annual Plan

On behalf of the Southern Lakes Sanctuary

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## WE WISH TO SPEAK AT THE HEARINGS



We write in support of the central tenets of the QLDC Annual Plan and write to:

- 1. Provide background on the Southern Lakes Sanctuary (SLS), and its role in helping New Zealand meet its international obligations in respect of the World Heritage Status of Te Wahipounamu; and of COP15 with regard to Biodiversity.**
- 2. Demonstrate how our work relates to the QLDC's Climate Change and Biodiversity Plan, Destination Management Plan, Spatial Plan, Economic Diversification Framework and Strategy, and the goals of Vision Beyond 2050.**
- 3. Formally thank QLDC for being a partner in 2022-23 and supporting the Conservation Standards, and the Optimal Biodiversity Plan.**
- 4. Encourage further collaboration between QLDC and the SLS, to achieve our shared goals of ambitious climate leadership and a flourishing natural environment.**
- 5. Encourage QLDC to find funding of \$250,000 per annum in years 4-10 of the Ten Year Plan for the SLS so the SLS can continue to work at landscape scale to support QLDC and community goals: Deafening Dawn Chorus, Climate Change Resilience, Economic Diversification, Vibrant Communities, Enduring Landscapes and giving clear evidence of Bold Leadership.**
- 6. Encourage QLDC to investigate responsible cat ownership mandates and feral cat control options.**

## Background:

**Biodiversity is critical for maintaining healthy, functioning ecosystems. Biodiversity loss has five key drivers, all related to human activities: climate change, changes in land and sea use, exploitation, pollution, and introduced invasive species.**

Nowhere in the world is biodiversity loss more pronounced than in New Zealand, mainly as a result of introduced mammalian species. Eighty percent of bats, 84 percent of reptiles, 74 percent of terrestrial birds, and 75 percent of frogs in NZ are currently threatened with or at risk of extinction (Ministry for the Environment & Stats NZ, 2019). Amplifying the challenge, New Zealand has many endemic species, with approximately 40 percent of plants, 90 percent of fungi, 70 percent of animals and 80 percent of freshwater fish found nowhere else. If they are lost here, they are lost entirely (McLean, 2019).

As a signatory to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD), New Zealand is obligated to reduce biodiversity loss. In response to COP15, then Conservation Minister Poto Williams said:

“Aotearoa New Zealand has one of the richest and most threatened reservoirs of life on earth, with an estimated 80,000 native species of animals, plants, and fungi. These species evolved over 80 million years in isolation from other land masses resulting, in many native species that are endemic. The downside is we have experienced one of the highest extinction rates in the world and have the highest proportion of threatened indigenous species. Aotearoa New Zealand is firmly committed to contributing to the new global targets in line with the national biodiversity strategy, Te Mana o te Taiao.”

Introduced mammals, such as stoats, rats, ferrets, weasels, cats and possums have decimated our native fauna and are responsible for a wave of extinctions. Central Government with its Predator Free 2050 movement has pledged to eradicate the three main threats (stoats, rats and possums) by 2050 in possibly the most ambitious conservation project in the world. This has led to a dramatic increase in community predator control groups, and advances in technology and innovation.

Community-led PF2050 activities in the form of trapping having been taking place in pockets of the Queenstown-Lakes District during the last 20 years. There has been an upswing of activity in the last 10 years with the development of larger scale projects (Routeburn Dart Wildlife Trust, Matukituki Animal Pest Control Project, Forest & Bird’s Central Otago Lakes Branch work at Makarora), and community focused umbrella groups (Whakatipu Wildlife Trust, Wanaka Backyard Trapping). Private high country stations and property owners have invested significantly in biodiversity gain (Soho Properties).

In 2019 a consortium of 6 of these community groups, led by the Whakatipu Wildlife Trust and funded by DOC, QLDC, ORC, and private investors, commissioned a study to look at the possibility of Landscape Scale approaches to predator suppression and eradication in the whole of the Queenstown Lakes District. That report noted that there were 30 at risk species within the boundary of the district and to bring together the mahi of those groups would be an unprecedented large scale predator trapping effort that “has no equal in any other region in New Zealand.” **Wildlands, 2020**

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Following on that report and stimulated by Central Government’s Conservation Funding in 2020, the Southern Lakes Sanctuary concept solidified in April 2020 around the idea of turning the entire Queenstown Lakes District into a predator-free sanctuary, and thereby **achieving one of the QLDC “Vision Beyond 2050” goals of Waraki: Deafening Dawn Chorus**. A successful application for funding was made to Predator Free 2050 in July 2020. SLS was offered \$8 million for the project. However, we were unable to accept their funding because we could not find matching 1:1 non-crown funding within the PF2050 time frame. Had QLDC and ORC been able to partner the SLS at that time, as local and regional councils do with PF2050 projects elsewhere in New Zealand, we could have created numerous jobs and met our climate change and biodiversity responsibilities, while making significant progress towards both our district’s and our nation’s ambitious 2050 goal.

## Southern Lakes Sanctuary and Mahi mō te Taiao

Even though PF2050 funding was not forthcoming, the Southern Lakes Sanctuary Trust was officially formed in 2021. In July 2021 the SLS received approximately \$3 million over 3 years via DOC’s Mahi mō te Taiao programme. This has allowed us to begin a joint job creation and conservation project designed specifically to protect most of the Queenstown Lakes District from rats, possums, and mustelids.

The total area of the Southern Lakes Sanctuary is the 660,000 ha of the Queenstown-Lakes district; our Mahi mō te Taiao funding covers an initial 155,960 ha.

We currently employ 22 staff working across the district, focusing on supporting the work of our original consortium partners, and on building strong landscape-scale connections between and among their projects. Working at landscape scale allows us to address the movement of predators across the landscape, and amplify efforts over a wide range of geographic areas more efficiently.

Over the 3-year life of the Mahi mō te Taiao funding, we will create a total of 39 FTEs, providing a stable income for these local residents and enabling them to contribute to the community.

The consortium of 6 groups who make up the Southern Lakes Sanctuary Trust represents the mahi of approx. 90 community groups and projects; landowners; and businesses who have been working for many years to restore our declining biodiversity. The volunteer work of these groups is valued at over \$1.8 million per annum. This district would never be able to move towards our Deafening Dawn Chorus without them, as little QLDC funding is allocated in this area. Similarly, the Climate and Biodiversity Plan depends heavily on the work of community members to achieve its Biodiversity goals.



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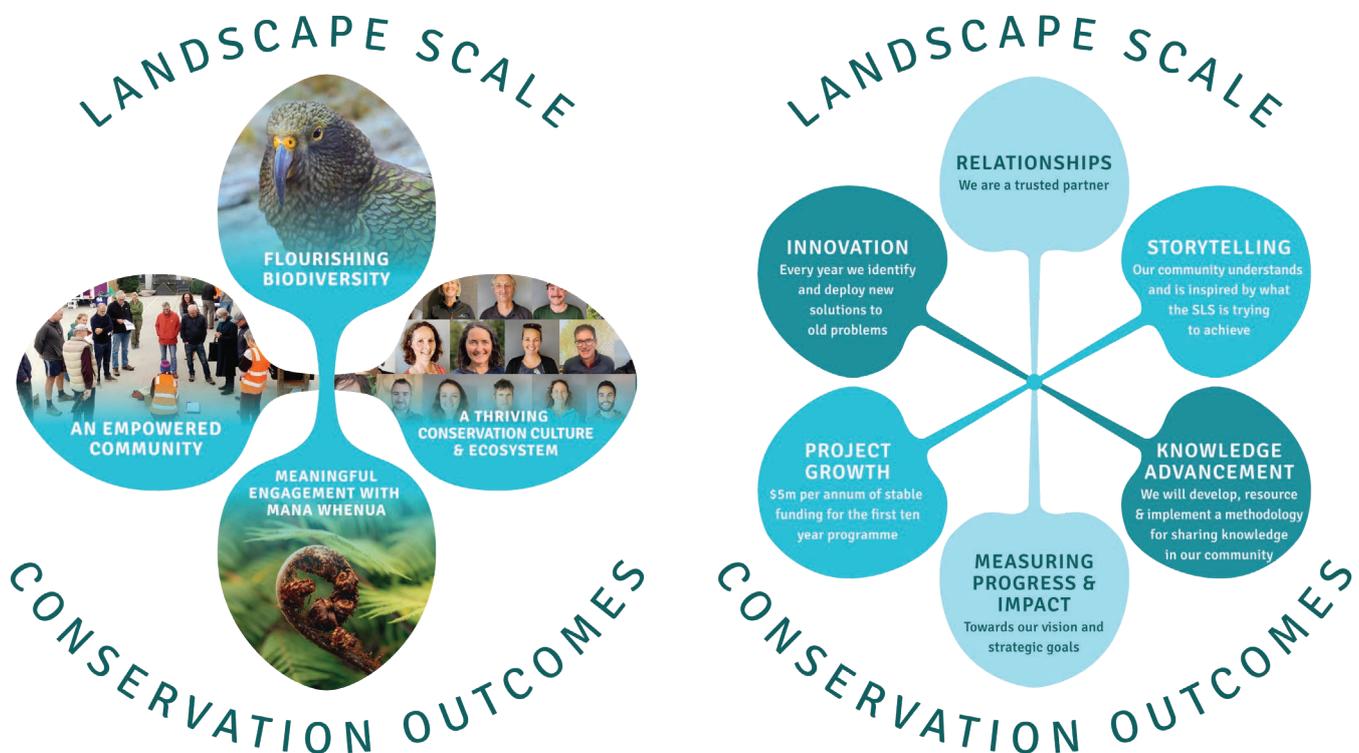
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Though we have begun our work under Mahi mō te Taiao, this is only the beginning for the SLS. We are now working towards funding our larger 10-20 year, \$50 million+ project. During the three years of the Mahi mō te Taiao funding we are building this larger project, collaborating with local, national, and international partners. This requires us to focus on strategic, long-term innovation, and building capability in conservation work, activities which are not funded by Mahi mō te Taiao.

## Our strategic long-term mission

We have 4 strategic pillars and 6 strategic focus areas, all of which lie within our unique Landscape Scale approach. Across all of our work we have a philosophy of openness and collaboration which allows us to work together with other larger partners such as Mana Tahuna, Wai Wanaka, Predator Free 2050, ...to be a site for opportunities in innovation, and shared problem solving.



**Above:** Our Strategic Pillars (left) and Focus Areas (right)

Mahi mō te Taiao funding stops in June 2024. This funding “cliff” is real for the Southern Lakes Sanctuary. We are currently working very hard to raise \$1.5 million for FY 2024-5, to allow us to retain our current staff, maintain our levels of activity, and support our community groups. DOC has signalled that there will be no more money in that fund, and with the uncertainties created by a 2023 election and potential change of government, we must look to a more secure mosaic of funding for the future. This will be made up from local and regional government, as well as philanthropic sources, and the potential of being a site for investors in biodiversity credits and other forms of environmentally focused international funding.

In the small window of time ahead, should we not secure the funding beyond June 2024 we will be forced to disband our programme, lose 22 staff, lose many of the gains of this extraordinary period, and will leave all of our community groups unsupported. Needless to say, we need to work together to ensure that this does not happen.

# Impact Statement

## TRAP CALIBRATION:

20% REPAIRED / 30% CALIBRATED / 86% AUDITED



## TRAP TOTALS:



Our number of traps in the field continue to increase and an extensive trap audit and calibration programme has resulted in improved performance.



We have increased monitoring across the district including the use of novel methods such as eDNA monitoring, with a proof-of-concept trial underway for using terrestrial eDNA for monitoring cryptic reptile species.



We have implemented a more adaptive, scientific, decision-making framework including the roll out of a site scoring index for conservation work, and the adoption of the Conservation Standards. We are striving for more efficient and measurable mahi.



We are involved in translocations of some rare taonga species such as mohua and takahē.



## Southern Lakes Sanctuary in relation to QLDC Plans:

### Vision Beyond 2050 / Climate Change and Biodiversity Plan / Economic Diversification / Destination Management Plan / Spatial Plan / Community Development

During the last three years it has become obvious that Conservation has gone from just something in the background, to a visible force in community well-being, tourism strategies and economic diversification. To our knowledge, the conservation sector alone contributed over 90 new jobs to the local economy during the last two years, making it one of the fastest growing economic sectors in the Queenstown Lakes District. The sector is a significant player in creating jobs that are highly sought after, locally based, which attract high contributing individuals (in terms of skills and experience), and which bring home Kiwis who had been in other countries at the start of the COVID pandemic. These staff now see career pathways in the district in conservation, which previously wasn't the case. We need enduring funding to ensure these career opportunities are enduring.

## Vision Beyond 2050

From its inception, Vision Beyond 2050 encompassed some of the key values that are also core to the Southern Lakes Sanctuary, and we play a vital role in ensuring that QLDC is able to deliver on this vision for the district. We feel especially responsible for helping to create the conditions to amplify the Deafening Dawn Chorus / Waraki. Just as the natural world underpins much that takes place in this district, the work we do in this natural world infuses all 8 of the Vision Beyond 2050 goals. We are connected to much of QLDC's core strategic work.



## Advisory role for council in biodiversity

Given the role that the conservation sector plays in so many of QLDC's plans, we reiterate the recommendation we made in the Destination Management Plan hearings: that QLDC needs a "working advisory group" made up of members of the region's conservation groups to be able to advise on what's happening right now and what is planned for the future, so that we can work in concert with each other. This is particularly important in respect of the Spatial Plan, District Plan, Climate Change & Biodiversity Plan, Economic Diversification and Community Development spaces.

Please take advantage of our know-how. The leadership of Wai Wanaka, Mana Tahuna, the Southern Lakes Sanctuary and the Whakatipu Conservation Alliance meet regularly and are working together towards a biodiversity strategy for the whole district, based on the recently QLDC funded work in Optimal Biodiversity. This capacity to envision flourishing biodiversity for the district, and to unify the key players, allows us to be both nimble and rigorous in creating a prioritized pathway toward tangible biodiversity outcomes. Given QLDC's role in planning at so many strategic levels, SLS believes it would be beneficial to have this group at the table and 'reality check' ideas as they are put forward. Our depth of knowledge and experience means we are well equipped to assess the feasibility of some of the goals, especially in the climate change mitigation space, and to see how they fit into QLDC biodiversity goals.

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## Climate Change and Biodiversity Plan

The Climate Change and Biodiversity Plan acknowledges the growing awareness that flourishing biodiversity is a core tool in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, and that climate change will have a profound effect on our indigenous ecosystems. QLDC has made clear it wants to be seen as a leader in this space. We want to help QLDC demonstrate that leadership in an authentic and measurable way. To date, QLDC's support (from Bill Nicoll, Katherine Durman, and Kirsty Pope) has been excellent and we very much appreciate their openness and willingness to partner with us.

We note that QLDC helped to support two key activities this year through this team's work. One was the Conservation Standards workshop, which brought together up to 23 conservation groups and 85 individuals across the district for 5 days. The workshop provided training in an internationally recognized methodology for adaptive management, so conservation groups, QLDC and ORC could all be working in a common and shared framework.

Secondly, we appreciated QLDC's support for our work with Wildlands Consultants to develop the first layer of a district Optimal Biodiversity Strategy. This GIS-based data will help us to understand which faunal species lived where in the district before human contact. It will be joined with a layer on floral distribution commissioned by ORC in 2019, and allow us to build a district-wide biodiversity strategy based on what should be here, not what is currently here.

The Climate Change and Biodiversity Plan is extremely ambitious. QLDC will be incapable of delivering on it without the assistance of groups like ours.

**We ask that as you look to the Long Term Plan, QLDC implements a framework whereby trusted partner groups – those who are actually doing the work of that strategy - have the assurance of multi-year funding. Such funding is essential for us to be able to plan and then make significant progress towards our common goals.**

## Economic Diversification

The outstanding beauty and natural environment of the district has obvious connections to the success of the tourism sector, which essentially leverages off it. The work of conservation groups in maintaining that environment has long been overlooked. However, as recent economic diversification work has recognised, the economic benefits of this natural environment go well beyond tourism. We are a place that talent wants to live (<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/eggs-baskets-one-positive-from-covid-19-peter-harris/>) and we need to ensure that the skills and experience in the conservation industry are supported.



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During the last two years Mahi mō te Taiao has been responsible for \$12 million of direct Central Government funding in the district, and the creation of over 90 local jobs in the conservation sector. This has spurred economic activity, collaboration and a shared sense of purpose that means conservation work will become a key economic driver in the district. Hence we expect to see the district's economic diversification strategy increasing its focus and action in the following areas:

- **Innovation in conservation:** Innovation is a key strategic focus area for us. For our ambitious biodiversity and climate change goals, innovation is integral to increase our productivity and efficiency. Some of the most exciting development areas are taking place in this arena and our attractiveness for partners in innovation to trial their technologies and novel approaches has been evident throughout the last year. We are working with PF2050, Boffa Miskell, Envico, FTP solutions and many other groups in this space. We need more support to allow conservation innovators to create clusters here and celebrate their advances so that they attract others.
- **Understanding risk:** we would like to see QLDC lead work in understanding the economics of the natural world in this district, by funding a study that would let all who rely on the natural world for their business understand the financial risks if we were to lose the 'clean, greenness' of our environment. What would it cost the district if the lake had a large oil spill event? What would it cost the district if we had a major fire in one of our areas of outstanding natural beauty as happened to Kinloch, for instance, in the past? Without the economics work to undergird our risk, we also perhaps don't value what the economic benefit to our district the preservation of the natural environment is. We consider getting this work done in FY 2024 essential, especially as it would have significant impact on the Economic Diversification Plan's capacity to deliver.
- **Capacity building:** as our sector seeks to become independent of the vagaries and cyclicity of central government funding, we are looking to the international community as an opportunity. The Southern Lakes region of New Zealand, with our strong "hyper local - hyper global" superpower, is well positioned in to attract international conservation finance. However, our local groups do not have enough capacity to develop this opportunity. We ask that QLDC aid us in developing capabilities related to international conservation finance, so that we can grow this sector in the coming year. International funding will to help ease our domestic dependencies and allow QLDC and the conservation sector to deliver on our international obligations.
- **Continued support:** for joined-up thinking about the impact our natural world, assets, trails, conservation programs, and community well-being all have in the economic value and resilience of the district. The SLS is looking to scope and find funding for an economic impact analysis of landscape-scale predator control activities.

The conservation sector is more than the core business of this district. More broadly, we look to QLDC to help advocate for and focus Central Government initiatives into this sector. The Southern Lakes Sanctuary is committed to innovative solutions to some of the most complex conservation challenges of our times. Economic diversification work must be interwoven deeply with climate change work – they are part of the same ecosystem. In biodiversity in particular, we believe this place has the opportunity and the capacity to develop solutions that are both locally important and potentially world-changing.

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## Spatial Plan

As we take a measured approach to the future of the district, the work of the Whaihora Grow Well Partnership is essential. We once again ask to be a partner, and would love the opportunity to discuss and potentially be involved in strategies being developed, especially with regard to the QLDC managed reserves. The development of the Blue-Green network on both Whakatipu and Upper Clutha sides of the district would benefit from planning input that integrates with our work in Optimal Biodiversity. We look forward to increased partnership in the Spatial Plan.

## Destination Management Plan

This year we spoke in support of the newly adopted Destination Management Plan. At those hearings we recommended - and continue to recommend – that all plans for carbon offsetting to achieve the Carbon Zero by 2030 goal take place within the district, so that we are genuinely regenerating our own environment through the visits from our tourists. We appreciate that this has been incorporated into the plan. We are happy to help lead in the development of that strategy. As stated earlier, we believe QLDC and the DMP leadership group would benefit from forming an Environment Advisory Group to ground-check ideas, utilising skills of those who are most knowledgeable about what’s possible, what is already in play in this district, and to facilitate work in collaboration rather than in silos. This will also mitigate concerns about “greenwashing” within the community, and create stronger trust and validity across the district.

## Community Engagement

Finally, through its integrated partnership structure, SLS has a very high level of community support (approx. 90 community groups comprising a mosaic of individuals, communities, commercial businesses, and high country farms) and believe we provide an ideal model of how to scale community engagement in conservation. Beyond this, there are opportunities to look at nature and well-being, studies of changes in perceptions of personal agency in making change which could be applicable to other fields such as climate change.

Given the council’s leading role in climate change, biodiversity, regenerative tourism, economic diversification and community development programmes, we seek a closer partnership. We want this partnership to facilitate change in a strategic way, ensuring goals are complementary and aligned to achieve the highest impact across all facets of society. We want to partner in a way that maximises the national and global impact of our work. We want to partner in attracting resources and talent to the Queenstown-Lakes District and nurture a community based on a shared love of this place.



## Gratitude for our Collaboration 2020-23

We would like to formally thank QLDC for the support we have received since our inception and during the formation of the Southern Lakes Sanctuary. During the 2020-21 Workforce Alliance pilot project, coordinated by QLDC, our partnership with GSD Ltd was developed. Had that pilot not taken place, we would not have had the opportunity to develop a relationship with an unexpected but incredibly valuable partner who has made our project possible. The Covid-stimulated creative partnerships that emerged during the initial period of the pandemic have led to a very strong relationship which would not have existed otherwise, and we wish to acknowledge and thank QLDC for having taken leadership at a difficult time and outside their normal role.

During 2020-2021, the Regenerative Recovery Advisory Group highlighted the role that Council could play in building up the capacity and “connective tissue” of community groups, creating stronger interconnection among them and collectively building strength. This has been realized repeatedly in the last two years and the shift in direction with QLDC coming in to support us has been clear. It is this leadership, support, and willingness to partner with us that has been critical over the last year and will continue to be so in the years to come, and we would like to formally acknowledge our appreciation for QLDC’s support for our work.

## Recommendations

<b>General</b>	Form a Conservation Advisory Group who can help QLDC in strategy and policy to ensure alignment with activities being undertaken in the community, and to apply “ground truth” to work in climate change mitigation with local knowledge and experience.
<b>Climate Change / Biodiversity</b>	As you work on the Long Term Plan, develop pathways for trusted partner groups, delivering the work of that plan, to have the assurance of multi-year funding that will allow us to be able to plan and make significant progress towards our common goals.
<b>Economic Diversification</b>	Strongly support emerging sector growth through capacity building in international conservation finance, stimulating conservation innovation cluster growth, and recognizing the role environmentally related jobs are playing in the district’s diversification.  Help to fund a jointly commissioned economic study on the “worth” of the natural world in the Queenstown Lakes District and the risks to the economy if it is further degraded.
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## Request

**At this point we are not asking for funding. We are instead asking the QLDC to formally work with us to help us to reach our true project vision which encompasses the entire the district, focuses on diverse and original strategies for species eradication, looks to introduce takahe, mohua, and whio, and protect those species which teeter on the edge of extinction and builds on community-wide engagement in conservation activity.**

**In Years 4-10 of the Ten Year Plan we will be requesting \$250,000 per annum. We ask to work with you to make this a reality and allow for the continuity of the Southern Lakes Sanctuary.**

We ask for creativity, collaboration, leadership, a partner and clear staffing support so that when we move into year 4 of this 10 year plan, QLDC will come in not only with a supportive environment for the success of the Southern Lakes Sanctuary, but also as a funding partner. We ask QLDC to aid us in leveraging potential funding from Central and Regional Government, and to use its resources and the good minds who work in the climate change, parks, biodiversity, community development and economic diversification spheres to help grow this sector for the district and region. This will energise both an enduring economy, and the vision we all hold for this place we call home.

When asked “who is responsible for conservation in the district”, we believe the answer should be **“all of us”**.

We ask QLDC to lead by example, and commit to supporting the Southern Lakes Sanctuary in both the short and long term.

We thank you for the support you have given us this year and we look forward to building and growing this as we go forward.

Nga mihi,



**Paul Kavanagh, Project Director**

**Leslie Van Gelder, Greg Lind, Stephen Batstone,**  
Co-Chairs on behalf of the Trustees of the Southern Lakes Sanctuary Trust



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Friday 24 April 2023

To Whom it May Concern.

### Introduction

I am writing to the Annual Plan in my role as Director for Te Atamira Whakatipu Community Trust, CC59284. Our interest in the longer term is that arts and culture are positioned to make their full contribution to both civic life and economic development, the latter providing a much-needed diversification for Queenstown - expanding beyond adventure and outdoor tourism. This goal is supported by the findings that can be found in reports issued in 2018<sup>1</sup> and 2020<sup>2</sup> that identified the need for purpose-built cultural infrastructure to practice, rehearse and showcase creative activities.

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1. Since we opened our doors on 16 May 2022, our 22 creative spaces to the community have delivered on our vision is to be a platform for creativity to flourish for everyone, every day. We have received more than 84,000 visits. Each week an estimated 1000 young people under the age of 18 are participating in classes and programmes.
2. Our curated programme has:
  - Presented 15 leading contemporary art installations such as Bailee Lobb's *In Bathing, Bask*; the Chartwell Foundation's *Squiggla* creative art lab and bespoke event programme; Cindy Huang's delicate porcelain lily installation recalling the history of Chinese mining communities in the district in Whakaari (main gallery) and Manaaki Nui(project space) with key national and local partners: Creative NZ, Queenstown Arts Society, Tuatahi Creatives, Miharo Arts Trust and International partners British Council and Asia NZ Foundation.
  - We have partnered with Sport Otago to deliver Wriggle and Rhyme for the under 5's, Turn up the Music Trust and Magical Music with Erica two days a week.
  - School holiday programmes for children from 5-17 have been delivered for more than 1000 families.
  - Te Atamira has found the community is eager for high quality contemporary arts experiences given that the long Covid period sparked resulted feelings of being overwhelmed by the need both to belong and to feel safe. Launching projects like *Make Space*, designed to foster creative wellbeing and connection; and *Senior Arts Social*, a multi-arts programme for over 65's, has been rewarding as we have come to a better understanding over time of the urgent need for programmes that can enable connectedness and wellbeing in our community.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.qldc.govt.nz/community/community-research>

<sup>2</sup> [https://threelakesculturaltrust.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/TLC34628-Strategy-Summary-Document-2020\\_WEB.pdf](https://threelakesculturaltrust.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/TLC34628-Strategy-Summary-Document-2020_WEB.pdf)



3. Our venue hires support a broad range of the community to deliver programmes and events including:
  - more than 25 groups who have weekly bookings; other trusts; U3A; Pivotal Point Parent support sessions; KiwiKit Community Trust, Frankton Community Association and more.
  - In addition, our members continue to deliver exciting programmes and classes for the community, including Wakatipu Pottery Group (who provide for nearly 80 members and run regular series of workshops); Wakatipu Conservatoire of Ballet; Remarkables Dance Crew; Afro Dance; Pipeband, and Remarkables Theatre, etc.
4. To maintain affordable rates for our fit-for-purpose space, we now have several revenue streams, including membership, a retail shop, ticketing and fundraising in the community. These efforts to raise money in a time of several economic contraction times pose a serious challenge. **In light of this, we request continued support from QLDC to make available access as broadly as possible to creative activities for our community.**
5. We have noted in the Annual Plan **there is no mention of QLDC’s proposal to develop an arts, culture and heritage strategy.** Te Atamira was born from community and QLDC collaboration. We are directly supporting and enabling work to begin on this process, with the aim to deliver a draft strategy to QLDC by November 2023 for consideration in the 10-year plan.
6. Te Atamira provides an opportunity to identify relevant needs, specifications, and likely future requirements, and to better understand both the demand for, and the requirements for sustainability, which in turn will inform the design and function of future arts and culture infrastructure.

### Background of Te Atamira

In December 2018, the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) undertook a review of community facilities<sup>3</sup> which identified that fully half of the 189 groups would outgrow their facilities during the next five years.

In 2019, the Three Lakes Cultural Trust (TLCT) was incorporated to support and encourage arts and culture in the Queenstown Lakes District in ways that enrich the quality of life of residents and contribute to the cultural, social and economic vitality and resilience of the district. TLCT commissioned AEA Consulting, preeminent cultural strategists, to undertake 1) an audit of QLDC cultural provisioning and built infrastructure; 2) a public survey, and 3) the creation of a strategic cultural masterplan. Presented in February 2020, one of the key findings was the urgent need for fit-for-purpose built infrastructure for the community—a place to practice, rehearse and showcase creative activities<sup>4</sup>.

With the adoption of the Ten Year Plan on 30 June 2021, the QLDC committed to supporting the first 10 years of lease and OPEX payments for the 1370 m<sup>2</sup> space in Remarkables Park, Frankton. Te Atamira Whakatipu Community Trust (CC59284)

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was formally established as a facilities trust to fundraise nearly \$4 million to establish Queenstown's first fit-for-purpose facility.

Te Atamira, meaning platform or stage in Te Reo Māori, opened Monday 16 May 2022. Its mission is to be a platform for creativity to flourish for everyone, every day. It aims to solve a chronic community problem - the overwhelming need<sup>5</sup> for 'fit for purpose' space and stability for dozens of creative organisations who currently have inadequate or no space due to the size of the group, the cost of renting available space, or having repurposed space with limited amenities (i.e. no heating, cooling, WIFI or appropriate security.) To address this need, Te Atamira has provided an opportunity to collaborate and design a facility that will support and further stimulate greater community connection, equity, and creative dialogue. As a grassroots project, Te Atamira has already, and will continue to, address these issues and opportunities by adopting a collaborative approach and deploying the wisdom, expertise, and experience of all stakeholders.

**Te Atamira's primary objectives are to:**

- foster, promote and facilitate community interest and involvement in the arts, culture, and the creative industries for recreational, educational, social and cultural purposes;
- to provide facilities, and to support the creation and development of further arts and culture infrastructure within the Queenstown Lakes District Council territorial boundaries (Lakes District).
- to make the arts and culture equally accessible to both residents and visitors of the Lakes District.
- To promote community workshops, classes and school programmes in the arts and culture.
- To undertake other activities and provide other assistance, whether by way of financial assistance, support or otherwise, for the promotion and advancement of arts and culture in the Lakes District.

The facilities include 22 fit-for-purpose spaces, including:

- Two dance studios - one full and one half
- Two music/theatre spaces – one of which can hold 100 people.
- A recording studio (adjacent to the large music/theatre space)
- Six music itinerant spaces
- Six artist studios
- A pottery workshop
- A workshop classroom
- A flexible youth focused space
- A curated art gallery
- Project space for exhibitions, displays and activities

In summary, we want to thank the QLDC for working closely with us to provide our community with quality arts and cultural infrastructure – demand has more than exceeded our expectations, and we look forward to working with you to shape the arts, culture and heritage strategy and inform further infrastructure.

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<sup>5</sup> The Queenstown Lakes District Council, Our Community Spaces – A report on community facilities, groups and services, December 2018 identified that 50% of 189 groups and services identified needing a new facility in 5 years.



Yours sincerely,

**Olivia Egerton**  
**Director**



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**Respondent No:** 192

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**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 14:39:44 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 04:16:38 am

- Q1. **Full name** Cleve Cameron
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- Q4. **Location** **Other (please specify)**  
Auckland
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- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** Yes
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- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** [REDACTED]
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- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
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- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below**
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- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Neutral
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- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
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- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Neutral
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- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
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- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Neutral

Q16. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees

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Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees? Neutral

Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

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Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Neutral

Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

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Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Neutral

Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

Please see attached submission

Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

Please see attached submission

Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

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Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

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Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

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**Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050?** not answered

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**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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## **Submission to the Queenstown Lakes District Council on the draft Annual Plan 23/24**

### **On behalf of Big Street Bikers**

Big Street Bikers is an Aotearoa owned company based in Tāmaki Makarau. We are a social enterprise accredited by the Akina Foundation focused on removing the barriers to the rapid, widespread and equitable uptake of ebikes across Aotearoa. We aim to achieve this through physical infrastructure for secure bike parking and charging data insights as well as financial infrastructure that allows everyone in Aotearoa the opportunity to have access to or afford an ebike through both subsidised and commercial ebike subscription service.

Big Street Bikers has embarked on the nation-wide rollout of a network of free, secure bike parking and recharging stations known as Locky Docks with partnership funding from Waka Kotahi and Mercury sponsorship. Locky Docks are a public amenity that is both free to the council and free to the user and bring many benefits. Independent research\* shows that a network of 10 Locky Dock stations reduces vehicle kilometres travelled by 250,000 a year and contributes a net social benefit of \$32 million to the region over a 30 year period. This impact is from reduced air pollution, reduced carbon emissions and increased health benefits. \* (Locky Dock - a Cost Benefit Analysis, Sense Partners, commissioned by Big Street Bikers, February 2022).

Locky Dock sites with digital screens provide a medium for storytelling and sharing of Council communications and a climate positive media network to engage the public. They also provide bike path wayfinding for new bikers and allows Big Street Bikers to cover the capex and opex of the Locky Docks. Locky Docks enable more people to ride more often; people are more likely to use their bike when they have secure bike parking at their destination.

Big Street Bikers has had initial discussions with Queenstown Lakes District Council and other entities in Queenstown about the potential for Locky Docks to support the district achieve its transport objectives. Initial discussions have identified a number of benefits that Locky Docks would offer, both for residents in their everyday lives and for visitors to Queenstown and its cycling attractions. We would welcome the opportunity to continue these discussions and move towards a network planning exercise to identify the optimal sites and arrangements for Locky Docks in Queenstown.

We commend the council for the on-going and proposed infrastructure investment in providing more options to get around the Queenstown Lakes district and the work towards a more pedestrian friendly Queenstown town centre.

The opportunity to switch short expensive car trips to an easy bike ride is one of the most effective ways of reducing household transport costs. All residents benefit from a transport network that supports a lifestyle where short trips by bike or on foot are the norm. More trips by e-bike lead to cleaner, safer, more business friendly streets, and more resilient communities. Queenstown Lakes also has the opportunity for significant economic development as a result of investment in the expansion of the trails network for locals and visitors.

It is an investment that will pay long term dividends for the future with less pollution, emissions reductions, healthier and safer neighbourhoods and reduced costs on business and maintenance costs for wear and tear on local roads.

In providing feedback to the draft Annual Plan 23/24 process and looking ahead to the 10 year plan, Big Street Bikers requests Queenstown Lakes District Council support:

- roll out of Locky Docks in Queenstown to create a network of connected “villages” of secure e-bike parking and recharging stations at no cost to council
- continued investment in Active ways to get from A to B
- advocating to government for an e-bike subsidy scheme to put e-bikes into targeted groups and low income households to greatly expand the uptake of e-bikes as a viable form of transport especially for short trips

Big Street Bikers would welcome the opportunity to speak to this submission.



**Respondent No:** 193

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**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 14:45:47 pm

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- Q1. **Full name** John Marshall
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
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- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
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- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Neutral
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I would like to see the justification presented for the removal of lower prices for off peak / after hours room hires. It is not obvious to me that this would not be counterproductive for community use of these facilities.

Q17. **What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** Neutral

Q18. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees**

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I hope Council can include an allocation in the Plan to support the construction of desperately needed facilities at the Waiorau Recreation Reserve, including toilet facilities and associated infrastructure, dedicated carparking, a community facility to provide shelter, a lunch room, and a teaching educational facility at the Reserve. I support Pisa Alpine Charitable Trust's and Snow Farm NZ's efforts to maintain cross-country skiing facilities and related facilities on the Waiorau Recreation Reserve. I myself have enjoyed skiing there since the 1990s and feel that these facilities are an important asset to the Queenstown Lakes district, unique as they are within New Zealand. Hence in my opinion financial support from the draft annual plan would be appropriate, as the infrastructure to be built would be beneficial to QLDC residents and visitors in both the winter and summer seasons.

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Q25. **Please provide details about your group or organisation**

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**Respondent No:** 194

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**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 14:43:28 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 04:27:49 am

- Q1. **Full name** Kelvin John Carruthers
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Sport Central
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- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
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- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
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<b>Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation</b>	not answered
<b>Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023?</b>	not answered
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## Long Term Plan Submission

### Oxidation Ponds redevelopment

This submission is in support of the Ballantyne Road Open space and reaction area.

Firstly, we would like to congratulate Council on progressing the Old Mitre 10 project. We are sure that the benefits of this project will encourage Council to follow through and complete the Ballantyne Road at the original time frame.

Sport Central on behalf of Athletics, Football, Cricket and Rugby support the Ballantyne Road open space and reaction development. Other codes have also expressed their support for this project, like hockey.

All group understand that the Oxidation ponds redevelopment has been delayed within the ten-year plan. Our population continues to grow and with that club membership continues to grow. Football has 400 members; rugby has 20 junior teams. On top of this regional organisation like Otago Country rugby would like to come to Wanaka to run tournaments etc. At present the current grounds are under pressure, not just in terms of booking but also in terms of damage from overuse.

We all appreciate that the Council has experienced a financial squeeze over the last few years. At present the Council slogan talks about a place where everyone wants to live play and stay. To honour this, these projects need to continue.

During and since covid we often hear about wellbeing and what we need to do to achieve this. We find it is not rocket science, its what our mother used to tell us. Stay connected and exercise regularly. The Ballantyne Road development is a case in point where priority needs to be given to this, we need to understand and value how import projects like this are to overall community wellbeing.

The Upper Clutha community is unique and places a high priority on sport, active recreation, and play. The wider community would support this project and this group, including Sport Central and the local clubs of Athletics, Cricket, Football and Rugby strongly encourage the Council to proceed with this project within the original time frame. If this is not possible then Council should consider progressing within the original time frame on a staged basis.



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- Q4. **Location** **Other (please specify)**  
Whole of district
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- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** Yes
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- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** [REDACTED]
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26 April 2023  
Queenstown Lakes District Council  
10 Gorge Road  
Queenstown, 9300

### Submission on the 2023 - 2024 Annual Plan

This Submission is provided on behalf of the Otago Fish & Game Council (**Fish and Game**). For additional information please contact Nigel Paragreen using the details below.

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#### Introduction

1. Fish and Game is the statutory manager of sports fish and game bird resources within Otago. It holds functions and responsibilities set out in the Conservation Act 1987. The organisation's functions include managing, maintaining and enhancing the sports fish and game resources of Otago in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters; representing the interests and aspirations of anglers and hunters in the statutory planning process; and advocating the interests of the Council, including its interests in habitats. This submission has been developed in line with these functions.
2. Fish and Game's submission primarily deals with the deferral of the Stone Street stormwater upgrades until 2029/2030.
3. Fish and Game's supports the submission of the Friends of Bullock Creek and at times relies on the information provided within.

#### *Te Mana o te Wai – a paradigm shift and policy requirement*

4. In the foreword of the Annual Plan,<sup>1</sup> the Mayor and Chief Executive state that the

*“Council remains committed to Te Mana o te Wai (the health and wellbeing of water), the need for safe drinking water, environmental protection, efficient service provisions, Māori participation in decision-making and environmentally friendly storm and wastewater systems.”*

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<sup>1</sup> Annual Plan, page 6



5. This approach is strongly supported by Fish and Game. To truly understand the importance of these words, Fish and Game would like to take a short moment to explore the policy concept of Te Mana o te Wai.
6. As a policy concept in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (**NPS-FM**), Te Mana o te Wai has been present since 2014 but was not often utilised. In 2020, the NPS-FM provided a detailed explanation of the concept and made it relevant to all freshwater management. Doing so set the concept at the heart of freshwater management across the country.
7. In its guidance document on the National Objectives Framework, the Ministry for the Environment describes Te Mana o te Wai:

*“Te Mana o te Wai expresses the special connection all New Zealanders have with freshwater. The health and well-being of freshwater is at the centre of all management decisions, working towards restoring and protecting the mauri of freshwater.”*

8. A key way it achieves this is by creating a hierarchy of obligations, which is the single objective in the NPS-FM. It places into effect the consideration of water, water bodies and ecosystems as holistic entities. The first tier of the hierarchy of obligations prioritises:

*“... first, the health and well-being of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems”<sup>2</sup>*

9. This imbues both water bodies and freshwater ecosystems with the characteristics of being healthy and well or, conversely, unhealthy and un-well. Section 1.3 of the NPS-FM 2020 states the mauri of the wai should be protected and that all New Zealanders bear a responsibility to care for freshwater.<sup>3</sup>
10. The implications of what can be achieved by adopting this approach is perfectly expressed in *Aratiatia Livestock Limited vs Southland Regional Council* [2019] NZEnvC 208:

*“This plan redirects the usual RMA focus on the scale and significance of effects of resource use onto the mauri or lifeforce of water and the enquiry becomes how do users of resources protect the water's mauri and health. ... this plan requires all people to work on the causes of degradation.”<sup>4</sup>*

11. In the Plan Change 7 Decision<sup>5</sup> the Environment Court reiterated its observations from *Aratiatia*, stating that:

*(a) Te Mana o te Wai is not a Māori centric but a water centric approach;*

*(b) while expressed in te reo Māori, Te Mana o te Wai benefits all New Zealanders;*

*(c) Te Mana o te Wai is a concept that requires natural and physical resources be managed in a way that recognises that by protecting the health of freshwater, the health and well-being of the wider environment is also protected. This concept entails*

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<sup>2</sup> NPS-FM 2020 section 2.1(1)(a)

<sup>3</sup> NPS-FM 2020 section 1.3(1) & (4)(f)

<sup>4</sup> *Aratiatia Livestock Limited vs Southland Regional Council* [2019] NZEnvC 208

<sup>5</sup> Otago Regional Council Dec No. [2021] NZEnvC 164



*a fundamental shift in societal perspectives on sustainable management of fresh water.*

12. Taken together, Fish and Game submits that policy guidance and case law to date on Te Mana o te Wai means that it:
  - a. is a relevant to the Queenstown Lakes District Council's (QLDC) freshwater management (including projects in the annual plan;
  - b. requires that the health and well-being of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems is prioritised; and
  - c. represents a paradigm shift in the way we manage freshwater, including by placing a positive obligation on water users to protect the waters' mauri and health;
13. The concept is also relevant to the QLDC as a territorial authority, fulfilling its functions outlined in the Resource Management Act.

#### *Bullock Creek stormwater issues - context*

14. The Friends of Bullock Creek submission provides an excellent overview of the Alpha Series development underlying the environmental damage occurring to Bullock Creek and community action to date. Fish and Game adopts that description, for the purpose of this submission.
15. Fish and Game has been a part of this community action for many years. Aside from its interest in Bullock Creek as a freshwater ecosystem and salmonid spawning ground, the Council owns property on the banks of Bullock Creek immediately downstream of the Alpha Series subdivision site. Since earthworks on the site began, Fish and Game staff have documented increased flows in Bullock Creek, excessive discharges of sediment to Bullock Creek and flooding of the Fish and Game property. A prominent result of these discharges was a 'lug' of sediment which was deposited in the creek after rain events.
16. These discharges are causing damage to the Bullock Creek ecosystem by introducing contaminants which would previously not have been present, such as excessive deposited sediment and heavy metals, and changing the nature of the creek's flows.
17. A key concern that should be noted here is the technical work assessing the volume of water being discharged from the alpha series site in pre and post development stages. This study suggests that in a pre-development state runoff from the site would cause the flows of Bullock Creek to swell dramatically and flood Fish and Game land in heavy rainfall. However, this does not align with the lived experience of Fish and Game staff and Councillors, past and present, who have experience with the site going back to at least the 1980's. The experience of Fish and Game is that Bullock Creek is a spring fed stream which has historically been remarkably stable and clear, even during rainfall, and there is no memory of the Fish and Game land flooding prior to the Alpha Series development.

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18. Fish and Game has on record numerous photographs from recent discharge events following the Alpha Series development. The following photographs are from a series of discharge events in 2018 that caused a significant amount of sediment to be deposited on the stream bed.



Figure 1: Rain event of 1 February 2018, showing flooding on the Fish and Game property with heavily discoloured water.



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Figure 2: Silt laden stormwater (right) entering the clear spring water of Bullock Creek (in the channel) immediately downstream of the Alpha Series development site during a rain event 22 May 2018.

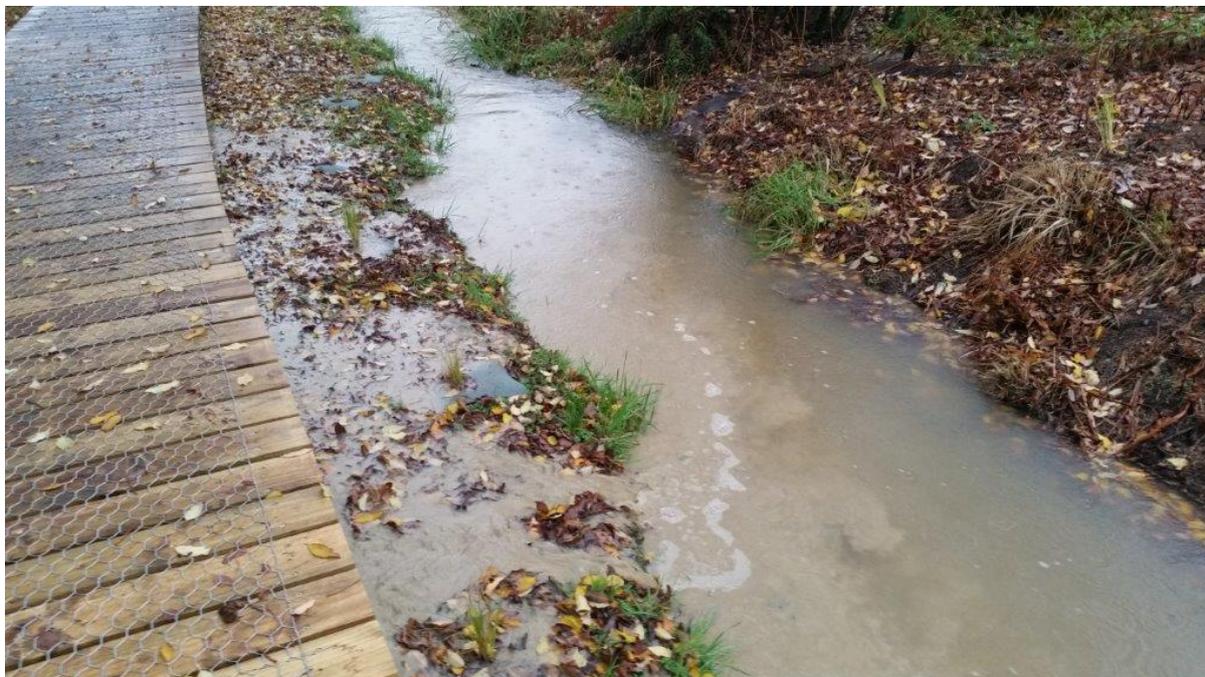


Figure 3: Silt laden stormwater (left) entering Bullock Creek on the Fish and Game property downstream of Figure 2, creating further discolouration during a rain event 22 May 2018



Figure 3: Fine silt covers Bullock Creek 150m downstream from the Alpha Series discharge point 3 days after the event on 22 May 2018.



Figure 4: Heavy silt trapped in the sediment forebay stormwater retention dam upstream of Bullock Creek Hatchery Springs 3 days after the event on 22 May 2018.

#### *Bullock Creek stormwater issues – a path forward*

19. After years of inaction of the discharges from the Alpha Series development. The Stone Street upgrade was agreed to by Fish and Game as a path forward. The proposal diverts stormwater from the Alpha Series development site, through Fish and Game land, and discharges it to a soakage wetland. When the soakage overflows, it will discharge to Middle Creek and into Lake Wanaka.
20. This project is not ideal and was supported by Fish and Game as a matter of pragmatism, in order to salvage some mitigation in the face of inaction. Issues with the project include:
  - a. the stormwater discharge issue is not resolved in heavy rain, with overflow from the soakage wetland being discharged to Middle Creek and then Lake Wanaka, rather than being retained on the sub-division site as initially proposed by the developer;
  - b. land for the soakage wetland needed to be sourced from the A&P Showgrounds, taking away from public amenities;
  - c. the diversion pipeline must travel through Fish and Game land, including land which was set aside by Fish and Game for public enjoyment and was recently planted using licence holder funding and volunteer time;



- d. additional work is required to garner community support, with questions from some groups currently sitting unanswered;<sup>6</sup>
  - e. further sub-division is planned in the area and it is not clear what the relationship or implications will be with the Stone Street project; and
  - f. ultimately, aside from some comparably insignificant fines compared to the cost of the works, the developer has not been held accountable and leaves the public to resolve the mess at substantial cost.
21. The latter is a clear failure of process on the part of the QLDC and the Otago Regional Council and reflects poorly on the part of the developer, who could have stepped in to resolve their mistake once it became known.
22. Despite the clear issues, and outside of the developer stepping in to make the situation right, the Stone Street upgrade seems the only realistic path forward. Fish and Game has invested significant time and resources working with the QLDC and others in the community to help get the project running, including by agreeing for its own land to be utilised in the process.
23. A single line item in the Annual Plan disrupts this momentum. It proposes that the Stone Street upgrade is to be deferred until 2029/2030.<sup>7</sup> There is no other analysis or discussion of this project in the plan, nor the costs of deferral to Wanaka residents and Bullock Creek. Rather, the Annual Plan states that capex has been reprioritised *“in order to keep the proposed rates increases as low as possible...”*.<sup>8</sup>
24. From the outside, it does not seem that the QLDC has considered the deferral against its Te Mana o te Wai requirements. Instead, financial cost is the only listed consideration. Fish and Game acknowledges that the financial imposition of inflation, increased costs of lending and settlement costs from building claims are significant and that this places the QLDC in a difficult position.
25. Still, the Alpha Series development and the issues it has imposed on Bullock Creek and nearby residents is a significant environmental issue in the district that should not be subject to another 7 years of inaction. Without remedy, Bullock Creek and its ecosystem will continue to be impacted and adjacent properties will continue to face the risk of flood due to increased stormwater. Furthermore, as Bullock Creek is prominently featured in the design of the town centre, the town and region will be tarred by the constant reminder that the QLDC has failed in its function.
26. Fish and Game submits that with a full consideration of the project and longstanding issues with Bullock Creek, including the QLDC’s requirement to manage freshwater in a way that gives effect to Te Mana o te Wai, there is little option but to continue funding the project in the immediate.

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<sup>6</sup> For more information, see the Friends of Bullock Creek submission on the Annual Plan

<sup>7</sup> Annual Plan, page 16

<sup>8</sup> Annual Plan, page 25



27. Furthermore, Fish and Game and the QLDC had agreements in place regarding the use of Fish and Game land, which Fish and Game entered into in good faith. Fish and Game has not been contacted by the QLDC about the proposed delay for the project, having to find out through third parties and this annual plan process. It appears to Fish and Game that the QLDC is not acting in good faith with its project partners.

#### *Conclusion and relief sought*

1. In the foreword to the Annual Plan, quoted above, strong promises are made about the QLDC's commitment to Te Mana o te Wai and environmental protection. Those should be more than just words on paper. It is a promise to the public of paradigm shift and genuine action. It should be honoured.
2. Fish and Game does not support the deferral of the Stone Street Upgrade. It seeks that the project is funded in this annual plan to the full extent required to resolve the stormwater issues in Bullock Creek.
3. Fish and Game does wish to speak to its submission at a hearing.
4. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Annual Plan.



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- Q1. **Full name** Julie Scott
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- Q3. **Email** Julie@qlcht.org.nz
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- Q4. **Location** Queenstown
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- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** Yes
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- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** [REDACTED]
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Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

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Submission on QLDCs Annual Plan 2023-2024

From the Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (QLCHT)

26 April 2023

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## **SUBMISSION ON QLDCs ANNUAL PLAN 2023-2024**

### **Background**

QLCHT wishes to lodge a submission on QLDC's Annual Plan regarding the Lynch Block site, which previously formed part of the larger Lakeview site.

In 2007, Council recognised an issue in the lack of affordable housing and acted upon it by initiating the formation of the QLCHT. Over the subsequent 16 years Council has provided ongoing support to QLCHT by way of an annual operating grant, in-kind support such as IT services, acting as a loan guarantor and the transfer of two pieces of land for the purpose of developing into affordable housing.

QLCHT is an independent, not-for-profit, registered community housing provider which receives capital funding through the inclusionary housing process (facilitated by QLDC), as well as from central Government. See Appendix 1 for summary of key QLCHT facts.

Our vision is to transform the lives of committed people in our district by providing them an opportunity to secure an affordable place to call home.

In 2012 we began discussions with QLDC over the potential development of the Lynch Block site. Over the past decade, the conversation has waxed and waned, often correlating to economic influences and political appetites.

However, we've remained consistently steadfast in our desire to develop this key site for long-term rental housing, and have engaged two different architectural firms, along with town planners, to provide indicative masterplans for the site (attached to this submission). We believe we could deliver up to 150 apartments on site.

Additionally, we've worked with Council officers in assessing and prioritising existing Lakeview tenants when QLDC has needed to reduce the number of Lakeview tenancies available.

The current rental housing crisis is at a level we have not seen before with an extraordinary number of workers and residents homeless or living in suboptimal conditions. With 870 households on our waiting list, now is the time to reengage in discussions on the development of the Lynch Block.

The redevelopment of this key site by QLCHT would have minimal impact on the Annual Plan 2023-2024 budget but would demonstrate Council's commitment to the community to find solutions to the housing crisis our District faces.

## Rationale for Lynch Block land transfer to QLCHT

1. In October 2017, Council adopted all recommendations from the [Mayoral Housing Affordability Taskforce report](#) (HAT) which was set up to investigate new ways of addressing housing availability and affordability in the district. The HAT report included the following recommendations which all provide rationale for QLDC allowing QLCHT to develop the Lynch Block:

- Recommendation 1: *Build a range of Community Affordable market offerings.*
- Recommendation 3: *Provide more land, intensification and inclusionary zoning.*
- Recommendation 4: *Invest in scaling up the QLCHT so that it is able to contribute strongly to the goal of delivering 1,000 Community Affordable homes with secure tenure by 2028.*
- Recommendation 6: *Build a strategy for long-term community support.*

Furthermore, the HAT report noted that “While Council has limited land available for residential development, the Taskforce supports the view that Council should deliver on the same basis as what it is asking other land owners to do. **In that regard, the Taskforce encouraged Council to review its landholdings and identify specific opportunities that can be used for Affordable Rental or the Secure Home Programme. There was also discussion of Council’s Lakeview site and that it be specifically included in the review.**”

2. In December 2021, QLDC adopted the [Queenstown Lakes Homes Strategy](#) which superseded the previous HOPE strategy as Council’s long-term housing plan. This strategy has four outcomes, designed to address the four key challenges of affordability, choice, quality and government assistance, with each outcome supported by a range of actions. A number of outcomes and actions could be incorporated into the Lynch Block redevelopment, with key ones as follows:

- Outcome 1: *Affordable housing options for the community are increased.*
  - **Action: Identify ways that Central Government and QLDC can contribute more land for perpetually affordable housing.**
- Outcome 2: *A range of housing choice exists for everyone.*
  - **Action: Explore and promote opportunities for innovative housing solutions for median income earners in the district.**
  - **Action: Work with QLCHT to consider best ways to support existing QLDC residential housing.**
- Outcome 4: *Partnerships accelerate housing outcomes in the district.*
  - **Action: Continue to support QLCHT in scaling up their service and ensuring it is meeting the diverse needs of the community as it grows.**

Submission:

QLCHT submits the following to QLDCs Annual Plan 2023-2024:

1. That QLDC formally engage with QLCHT on the redevelopment of the Lynch Block site.

Contact:

Julie Scott, Chief Executive

[Julie@qlcht.org.nz](mailto:Julie@qlcht.org.nz)

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## Appendix 1

### QLCHT's strategic leadership roles:

- Recognised leader and innovator in NZs community housing sector.
- Registered Community Housing Provider with the Community Housing Regulatory Authority.
- Active member of peak body, Community Housing Aotearoa.
- Key member of KiwiBuy – a campaign to promote alternative pathways to home ownership for New Zealanders.
- Partners with local social services agencies to provide wraparound services for clients.
- Contracted to the Ministry of Social Development to deliver Public Housing where appropriate.
- Recipient of Progressive Home Ownership (PHO) fund from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.

### QLCHT key facts:

- Net Assets: \$56m
- Total households assisted = 253
  - Secure Home Households = 54
  - Rent Saver Households = 13
  - Affordable Rental & Public Housing Households = 49
  - Senior Housing Households = 13
  - Shared Ownership Households = 124
- **Eligible households on QLCHT waiting list = 868**



indicative view only

YIELD / LEGEND / TYPOLOGY

- Circulation, rubbish collection
- 46 no.  2 bd Apartment (refer layout below)
- 48 no.  1 bd Apartment (refer layout below)
- parking / vehicular movement space
- Allocated outdoor space - each unit

REFER PLANS FOR EACH LEVEL A07-A10

Development Outline and Design Brief Notes

Commentary

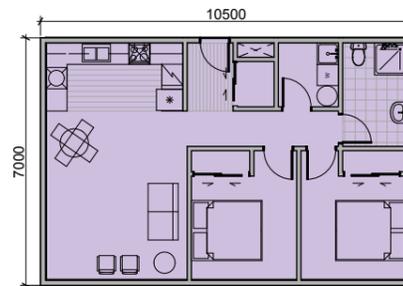
Yield / Unit Typologies

Unit Typologies Unit typologies are used that have the basic parameters of a single orientation unit - widths allow all bedrooms and living rooms to have an external wall with open space beyond.

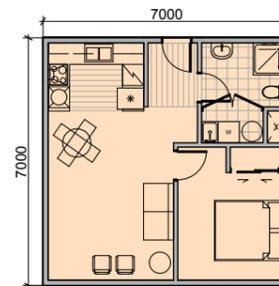
Number of 1 bedroom units	48	of which, all are standard unit types
Number of 2 bedroom units	46	of which, all are standard unit types
Number of car parks	94	of which, 50 are under cover (1 per unit)

Units / Parks by level:	1Bd	2Bd	Parks
1	3	0	14
2	1	7	0
3	1	8	46
4	12	11	17
5	14	8	0
6	6	5	0
7	9	5	13
8	2	2	4
	48	46	94

- Masterplan to provide for an equal mix of 1 and 2 bedroom units  Approximately
- 1 Bedroom Units to have a GFA of 45-50m2 GFA  One bedroom standard typology is 7m x 7m = 49m2.
- 2 Bedroom Units to have a GFA of 72-80m2 (single level or split level).  All units are single level, to ensure stairways are able to be shared between adjacent units. Two bedroom standard typology is 7m x 10.5m = 73.5m2.
- Each unit is to be self-contained with a kitchen/kitchenette and laundry facilities – this is not a worker accommodation facility.



2 BEDROOM UNIT, 73.5m2 GFA INDICATIVE UNIT LAYOUT



1 BEDROOM UNIT, 49m2 GFA INDICATIVE UNIT LAYOUT



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- Q1. **Full name** Roger Gardiner
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Member FOBC
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** Yes
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See Submission 2 which expresses considerable frustration with QLDC not responding to requests for information to assist with submissions.

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## Submission re QLDC Annual Plan

Submission 1 : I support the submission made by the FOBC President.

Submission 2 : In addition as a member of FOBC, I wish to make a personal submission as follows:

In preparing to submit to the Annual Plan, I requested an updated position regarding the Bullock Creek stormwater reticulation project. This has been ongoing QLDC project since 2019. ( Reference Media Announcement from QLDC Communications dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

It appears that this QLDC project is now to be postponed for 5 years. In order that a meaningful submission regarding this apparent postponement, I sought additional information/clarification from QLDC.

The email below was sent to Simon Mason on April 13<sup>th</sup> and cc to the QLDC CEO.

There was no response or acknowledgement of this email.

Given the lack of response from Simon Mason, I spoke by phone with Quentin Smith on 17<sup>th</sup> April. He said he would follow up. I sent a copy of the Mason email to him on April 19<sup>th</sup> and also copied Linda Joll and Simon Telfer.

It is now the deadline day for submissions and still no communication from QLDC.

This makes a mockery of the QLDC concept of "Lets Talk". It appears any "Talk" is one way only. It is not surprising that ratepayer trust and confidence in in QLDC staff and elected representatives is at an all time low. ( Recent survey)

Why is QLDC not responding to reasonable requests for information ???. Perhaps the Mayor can answer this question given that the CEO, elected representatives and Council staff continue to remain silent.

Yours

Roger Gardiner  
Member: Friends of Bullock Creek

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**From:** Gardiner Family  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:30 PM  
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**Cc:** Nancy Latham [REDACTED] >; [REDACTED] Mike Theelen  
<[mike.theelen@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:mike.theelen@qldc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** QLDC Annual Plan

Hi Simon

Not a lot appears to be happening regarding the proposed QLDC consenting applications regarding the Bullock Creek SW diversion project, or indeed any alternative options.

I have taken a look at the QLDC Annual Plan out for consultation.

It appears that the only line item I can find regarding this project is on page 16, where a \$6 mil of Stone Street SW upgrades is proposed to be deferred until 2029/30.

Can you urgently confirm the status of the Bullock Creek SW contamination/diversion project. Has it been abandoned in its entirety ??

Is there any funding in the coming year that will deal with the flood and SW contamination risk to the creek ??

Please can you advise the current status of this project as soon as possible

Many thanks

Roger





**Respondent No:** 198

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**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 16:25:39 pm

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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Wao
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
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resource/building consent fee increases sit at about 5%, which is a reasonable amount considering economic factors
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As the building industry exponentially increases so should waste service fees
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Sports and recreation are a major influence to both tourism and local residents in the region. In difficult time such as we are, we should not be forcing increased fees upon our visitors and residents for such things. Save increases for when the economy is flourishing.
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As we near a more environmentally friendly future, we need to continue to propose policy that will disincentivize driving and polluting

Q21. **What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme?** Support

Q22. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme**

not answered

Q23. **Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024**

We need to do more to address decarbonisation by 2030, a goal that was endorsed by the Council in February. We've seen major strides across the world in this regard, even throughout the pandemic period. Most car manufacturers around the world are focused on phasing out traditional combustion vehicles and looking toward electric vehicle manufacturing. New Zealand as a whole needs to address this and localities can do many things to help push this forward.

Q24. **Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant?** No

Q25. **Please provide details about your group or organisation**

not answered

Q26. **Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023?** not answered

Q27. **If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023?** not answered

Q28. **How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024?** not answered

Q29. **What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?**

not answered

Q30. **How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?**

not answered

Q31. **How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050?** not answered

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Q32. **What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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Q33. **Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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Q34. **I understand that all submissions and community grant applications will be treated as public information.** I understand

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**Respondent No:** 199

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 16:22:41 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 05:56:10 am

- Q1. **Full name** Joseph George Walshe
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Hāwea
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Neutral
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
not answered
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Neutral
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
not answered
- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Support
- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**

Sports are a big part of the QLDC, I am using the letstalk format to express an interest in getting a better outdoor sports field in Hawea that can be used with lights throughout the year by rugby, soccer and cricket teams. This is a necessity for our rapidly growing community to have as it brings people together, improves health and stops the over use of the recreational facilities in Wanaka, not to mention limits the amount of traffic in and out of the town. If considered something that is practicable by the council I would happily volunteer my time to help get something set up or public opinion gauged. With such a resource like the Hawea Domain I could imagine the installation of lights and decent turf to be of relatively small cost compared to other similar sports fields in the region. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested at all in what I have to say. Thankyou

Q15. What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees? Neutral

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Q16. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees

not answered

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Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees? Neutral

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Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

not answered

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Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Neutral

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Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

not answered

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Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Neutral

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Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

not answered

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Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

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Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

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Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

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Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

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Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

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Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

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Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

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Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

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Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050?

not answered

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Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?

not answered

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Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here

not answered

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**Respondent No:** 200

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 16:57:19 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 06:32:49 am

- Q1. **Full name** georgina thornton
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Neutral
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
not answered
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Neutral
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
not answered
- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Oppose

**Q14. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**

I am strongly opposed to the increase in swim lane pricing, i attend fitter swim squad and it is a community club, i do not see why the pricing should be increased for us when other community clubs are not. I am a member of the triathlon wanaka committee - and as a group of professionals on the committee who juggle full time work with putting on events (swim run events) to help drive childrens engagement in the sport, and beginners to just give it a go, we rely heavily on the other local groups that enable members of our community to train safely, when we cannot put this on ourselves due to time constrains. The swim group has been instrumental in my meeting freinds in wanaka as someone who was new to town, without children it has been really hard to meet others. therefore i do not see how it is different to a communituy club, it gets members of our community moving and The squad also gives so many people the confidence and ability to be safe in the open water - something which is crucial in the environment we pay in. as a home owner in wanaka i am happy to pay rates to support the local facilities, and for my entry - but there are days where there is not one other swimmer in the pool other than the fitter club, meaning the pool is not benefiting from other entries - but it is benefiting from the ones we pay for as community members. Increasing prices of lane space would mean that swim squad will likely become unaffordable for many and would be so detrimental to the triathlon/multisport/swimming and local community in wanaka.

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**Q15. What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Neutral

**Q16. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**

not answered

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**Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** Neutral

**Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees**

not answered

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**Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre?** Neutral

**Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre**

not answered

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**Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme?** Neutral

**Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme**

not answered

**Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024**

not answered

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**Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant?** No

**Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation**

not answered

Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

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Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

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Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

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Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver? not answered

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Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community? not answered

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Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

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Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation? not answered

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Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here not answered

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**Respondent No:** 201

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 17:48:18 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 06:37:46 am

- Q1. **Full name** Mark Kramer
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Kramer contracting LTD
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Arrowtown
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Support
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
not answered
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Oppose
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
not answered
- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Support
- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
not answered
- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Neutral
- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
not answered
- Q17. **What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** Support

Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

not answered

Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Support

Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

not answered

Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Support

Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

not answered

Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

Review and delete all non core expenditure. Review and stop excessive operational expenditure. Effect a cultural change, the QLDC should exist solely as a core service provider. Why am I being asked If i want a community grant, When we are getting slapped with a 13.7% rates increase. wake up.

Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here**

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**Respondent No:** 202

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 18:07:30 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 07:37:55 am

- Q1. **Full name** John Michael Burridge
- 
- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Pisa Alpine Charitable Trust
- 
- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** **Other (please specify)**  
Auckland 2010
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Neutral
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
not answered
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Neutral
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
not answered
- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Support
- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
not answered
- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Neutral
- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
not answered

Q17. **What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** Neutral

Q18. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees**

not answered

Q19. **What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre?** Support

Q20. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre**

not answered

Q21. **What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme?** Oppose

Q22. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme**

Concerned at the lack of facilities at the Waiorau recreation reserve now that the Lodge cannot be accessed for toileting or health and safety shelter and the unacceptable threats to a public car park that has previously been available to provide flexibility for all users. I am a Trustee of the Pisa Alpine Charitable Trust that operates the Snow Farm at the reserve and as an original negotiator for the purchase of the land from the Lees with the help and support of the late Eion Edgar I am horrified at the loss of facilities both for our community but also all the foreign teams that inspire our youngsters. Campbell Wright our newly minted Biathlon World Champion has to return to the Snow Farm and face containers and Portallos as the only facility. Surely QLDC can assist up erect something more fitting and recover the International reputation that the Lees passed to us. We are asking for QLDC help we have lost a facility under circumstances that do not reflect the undertakings made to the Lees that as owners they would support and work cooperatively with the cross-country skiing operation. The cross-country skiing community have been ill used and it will have a major impact this year on our Marathon ski race (the Merino Muster) which is part of a 20 race World series. I am angry and bitter that this special part of NZ sporting activity is being made to look shoddy and that is an insult to the Lee family and those of us that worked so hard to keep their legacy intact.

Q23. **Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024**

not answered

Q24. **Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant?** No

Q25. **Please provide details about your group or organisation**

not answered

Q26. **Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023?** not answered

Q27. **If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023?** not answered

Q28. **How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024?** not answered

**Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?**

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**Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?**

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**Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050?**

not answered

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**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here**

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**Respondent No:** 203

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 18:29:11 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 08:24:03 am

- Q1. **Full name** Matt Quirk
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Oppose
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
Planning and development services fees for first-time home builders should not increase.
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Support
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
Real costs of materials need to be included in our consumption patterns. I support all increases in waste services charges.
- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Support
- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
not answered
- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Neutral
- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
I support the increase of parking fees for users who wish to use their car - we need to encourage the transition to active travel or public transport options. Also: not-for-profits need to continue to have community support for venue hire of QLDC facilities.

Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees? Support

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Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

not answered

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Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Support

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Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

Discourage car usage. Environment macro and micro outlook. Better alternatives available, need to be incentivised to use.

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Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Neutral

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Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

not answered

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Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

not answered

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Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

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Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

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Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

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Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

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Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

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Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

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Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

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Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

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**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here**

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**Respondent No:** 204

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 18:32:34 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 08:28:55 am

- Q1. **Full name** James Helmore
- 
- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** n/a
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Neutral
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
not answered
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Neutral
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
not answered
- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Neutral
- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
not answered
- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Neutral
- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
not answered
- Q17. **What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** Neutral

**Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees**

not answered

**Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre?** Neutral

**Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre**

not answered

**Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme?** Oppose

**Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme**

I would like Council to include an allocation in the plan for the construction of desperately needed facilities at the Waiorau Recreation Reserve including toilet facilities and associated infrastructure, dedicated carparking, and a community facility to provide shelter, a lunch room and teaching educational facility at the Reserve. This is on QLDC land leased to the Pisa Alpine Charitable Trust which oversees the Snow Farm. The Snow Farm is the only Nordic Ski facility in NZ, one of three in the Southern Hemisphere, and the only non-profit ski area in the Lakes Region,. Over 30 local schools use the Snow Farm to learn about the winter backcountry, skiing, snowshoeing, snow-caving, et cetera. The Snow Farm is a National resource that provides for all ages and abilities year round. Please help the Snow Farm by providing critically needed infrastructure.

**Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024**

not answered

**Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant?** No

**Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation**

not answered

**Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023?** not answered

**Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023?** not answered

**Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024?** not answered

**Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?**

not answered

**Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?**

not answered

Q31. **How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050?** not answered

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Q32. **What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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Q33. **Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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**Respondent No:** 205

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 19:42:33 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 09:38:51 am

- Q1. **Full name** Alex and Christine Schafer
- 
- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Wānaka
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Neutral
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
not answered
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Neutral
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
not answered
- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Neutral
- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
not answered
- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Neutral
- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
not answered
- Q17. **What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** Neutral

Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

not answered

Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Neutral

Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

not answered

Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Oppose

Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

We want Council to include an allocation in the Plan to construct desperately needed facilities at the Waiorau Recreation Reserve, including toilet facilities and associated infrastructure, dedicated carparking, a community facility to provide shelter, a lunch room and a teaching educational facility at the Reserve.

Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

not answered

Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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**Respondent No:** 206

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 26, 2023 19:45:24 pm

**Last Seen:** Apr 23, 2023 00:06:56 am

Q1. <b>Full name</b>	Sharon Salmons
Q2. <b>Organisation (if any)</b>	Shotover Hayes Community Emergency Response group
Q3. <b>Email</b>	shotoverhayes.crg@gmail.com
Q4. <b>Location</b>	<b>Other (please specify)</b> Lake Hayes Estate and Shotover Country
Q5. <b>Do you wish to speak at a hearing?</b>	No
Q6. <b>If yes, please provide a contact number</b>	not answered
Q7. <b>Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?</b>	Skip to apply for a community grant only
Q8. <b>If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below</b>	not answered
Q9. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?</b>	not answered
Q10. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees</b>	not answered
Q11. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?</b>	not answered
Q12. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees</b>	not answered
Q13. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?</b>	not answered
Q14. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees</b>	not answered
Q15. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?</b>	not answered
Q16. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees</b>	not answered

Q17. **What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** not answered

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Q18. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees**

not answered

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Q19. **What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre?** not answered

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Q20. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre**

not answered

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Q21. **What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme?** not answered

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Q22. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme**

not answered

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Q23. **Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024**

not answered

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Q24. **Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant?** not answered

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Q25. **Please provide details about your group or organisation**

We are working with Civil Defence and QLDC to set up the community response team for our local community. We are a subcommittee of the Lake Hayes Community Association

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Q26. **Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023?** No

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Q27. **If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023?** not answered

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Q28. **How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024?** \$10,000

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Q29. **What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?**

To purchase items for any emergency in the community (Generator, blankets, wipeboards, water , emergency dried food, spades, and a container to store it all in)

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Q30. **How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?**

This is a VERY important part of getting the community prepared for potential emergencies

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Q31. **How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050?** Disaster-defying resilience

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Q32. **What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

None to date as still in the early stages of planning and getting emergency items

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Q33. **Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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Q34. **I understand that all submissions and community grant applications will be treated as public information.** I understand

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**Respondent No:** 207

**Login:** Admin

**Responded At:** Apr 27, 2023 07:15:24 am

**Last Seen:** Apr 27, 2023 01:17:29 am

Q1. <b>Full name</b>	Resident and Rate payer
Q2. <b>Organisation (if any)</b>	not answered
Q3. <b>Email</b>	letstalk@qldc.govt.nz
Q4. <b>Location</b>	Queenstown
Q5. <b>Do you wish to speak at a hearing?</b>	No
Q6. <b>If yes, please provide a contact number</b>	not answered
Q7. <b>Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?</b>	Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
Q8. <b>If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below</b>	not answered
Q9. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?</b>	Oppose
Q10. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees</b>	Building costs are already to expensive.
Q11. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?</b>	Oppose
Q12. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees</b>	Already to expensive.
Q13. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?</b>	Neutral
Q14. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees</b>	Who uses them should pay.
Q15. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?</b>	Neutral
Q16. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees</b>	Who uses them should pay.
Q17. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?</b>	Neutral

**Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees**

People who have dogs should pay for them.

**Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre?** Oppose

**Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre**

If you want visitors or locals to come into town there needs to be ample parking provided not just for council vehicles!! Queenstown is far to expensive to park!! locals should have parking tokens, it's a place where people live x work.

**Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme?** Oppose

**Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme**

Should do what needs to be done - not what would you like to do. No need for so called by pass to achieve what, at what cost? \$100m Concentrate on services - Water etc, drinking water, sewage, surface water!!

**Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024**

not answered

**Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant?** No

**Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation**

not answered

**Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023?** not answered

**Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023?** not answered

**Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024?** not answered

**Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?**

not answered

**Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?**

not answered

**Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050?** not answered

**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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**Respondent No:** 208

**Login:** Registered

**Responded At:** Apr 27, 2023 07:54:05 am

**Last Seen:** Apr 26, 2023 21:44:55 pm

- Q1. **Full name** Lars Wahlmann
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Frankton
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Oppose
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
Rates are out of control... increases of 20% pa over the COVID pandemic when ratepayers were struggling are out of order... the proposed 13+ % increase because of continued council overspending when there is already a cost of living crisis is outrageous. STOP overspending!
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Oppose
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
What has happened to the development contributions that should have paid for this???
- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Oppose
- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
Can't afford it
- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Oppose
- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
Can't afford it

Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees? Oppose

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Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

Can't afford it

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Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Neutral

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Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

I would oppose it but the other things are worse

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Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Oppose

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Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

Can't afford it

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Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

Stop the overspending!!!!

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Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

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Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

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Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

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Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

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Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

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Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

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Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

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Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

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**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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**Respondent No:** 209

**Login:** Admin

**Responded At:** Apr 27, 2023 07:58:32 am

**Last Seen:** Apr 27, 2023 01:17:29 am

- Q1. **Full name** Ross Hoskin
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** not answered
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- Q3. **Email** [REDACTED]
- Q4. **Location** Frankton
- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** No
- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** not answered
- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below** not answered
- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Neutral
- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
not answered
- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Neutral
- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
not answered
- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Oppose
- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
I think fees should remain the same for sports and recreation and not be increased.
- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Support
- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
I agree with these changes. But the council needs to sort out the ladies mile debacle.
- Q17. **What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?** Neutral

Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

not answered

Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Oppose

Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

I think the parking fees are at the correct level and should not be increased.

Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Support

Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

I think it is very important to defer some of this programme.

Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

I think it is very important to keep within budgets for the council projects. It is also very important to keep debt levels to a minimum and not borrow so much. I think the ladies mile residential property has ben a complete embarrassment and miss managed.

Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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**Respondent No:** 210

**Login:** Admin

**Responded At:** Apr 27, 2023 08:13:37 am

**Last Seen:** Apr 27, 2023 01:17:29 am

Q1. <b>Full name</b>	Sumin Yu and Peggy (Junqin) Zhu
Q2. <b>Organisation (if any)</b>	not answered
Q3. <b>Email</b>	letstalk@qldc.govt.nz
Q4. <b>Location</b>	Queenstown
Q5. <b>Do you wish to speak at a hearing?</b>	No
Q6. <b>If yes, please provide a contact number</b>	not answered
Q7. <b>Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?</b>	Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
Q8. <b>If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below</b>	not answered
Q9. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?</b>	Neutral
Q10. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees</b>	not answered
Q11. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?</b>	Oppose
Q12. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees</b>	not answered
Q13. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?</b>	Oppose
Q14. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees</b>	not answered
Q15. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?</b>	Oppose
Q16. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees</b>	not answered
Q17. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?</b>	Oppose

Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

not answered

Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Support

Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

not answered

Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Oppose

Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

not answered

Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

Inflation keeps rising at the moment and home loan is rising as well. I do not have extra money to spend on QLDC council rates. Why can't you just wait till the home loan rate drop down and the rise the council rates?

Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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**Respondent No:** 211

**Login:** Admin

**Responded At:** Apr 27, 2023 08:15:48 am

**Last Seen:** Apr 27, 2023 01:17:29 am

Q1. <b>Full name</b>	Marion Ruth Rivett-Cuthbert
Q2. <b>Organisation (if any)</b>	not answered
Q3. <b>Email</b>	[REDACTED]
Q4. <b>Location</b>	Glenorchy
Q5. <b>Do you wish to speak at a hearing?</b>	No
Q6. <b>If yes, please provide a contact number</b>	not answered
Q7. <b>Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?</b>	Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
Q8. <b>If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below</b>	not answered
Q9. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?</b>	Neutral
Q10. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees</b>	not answered
Q11. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?</b>	Neutral
Q12. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees</b>	not answered
Q13. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?</b>	Neutral
Q14. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees</b>	not answered
Q15. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?</b>	Neutral
Q16. <b>Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees</b>	not answered
Q17. <b>What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?</b>	Support

Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

not answered

Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Support

Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

not answered

Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Neutral

Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

not answered

Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

Water rates - Glenorchy. Kinloch does not have a water scheme of any sort (self help) so we should not be charged water rates.

Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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**Respondent No:** 212

**Login:** Admin

**Responded At:** Apr 27, 2023 08:54:38 am

**Last Seen:** Apr 27, 2023 01:17:29 am

- Q1. **Full name** Jamie Seymour
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- Q2. **Organisation (if any)** Health Promoter for Cancer Society of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Division
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- Q3. **Email** jamie.seymour@cansoc.org.nz; 1092 Frankton Rd., Frankton 9300
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- Q4. **Location** Frankton
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- Q5. **Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** Yes
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- Q6. **If yes, please provide a contact number** [REDACTED]
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- Q7. **Do you wish to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 or apply for a community grant?** Make an Annual Plan submission (also includes an option to apply for a community grant)
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- Q8. **If you have a pre-prepared submission, you can upload it below**
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- Q9. **What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?** Neutral
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- Q10. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees**  
not answered
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- Q11. **What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?** Neutral
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- Q12. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees**  
not answered
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- Q13. **What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?** Neutral
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- Q14. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees**  
not answered
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- Q15. **What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?** Neutral
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- Q16. **Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees**  
not answered

Q17. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees? Neutral

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Q18. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees

not answered

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Q19. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre? Neutral

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Q20. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre

not answered

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Q21. What is your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme? Neutral

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Q22. Please tell us more about your position on the proposed changes to the Capital Expenditure programme

not answered

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Q23. Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft Annual Plan 2023-2024

not answered

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Q24. Do you wish to also apply for a Community Grant? No

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Q25. Please provide details about your group or organisation

not answered

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Q26. Did you receive a community grant from QLDC in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023? not answered

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Q27. If yes, what was the purpose of the grant and the total amount of community grant funding you or your organisation received from QLDC in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023? not answered

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Q28. How much funding are you or your organisation requesting for 2023-2024? not answered

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Q29. What community projects or operational services will these funds be used to deliver?

not answered

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Q30. How will this investment in your project or organisation be of value to the wider community?

not answered

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Q31. How will this investment in your project or organisation support the outcomes of our community's Vision Beyond 2050? not answered

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**Q32. What other funding have you have applied for or confirmed for 2023-2024 to support this project or the operational services of your organisation?**

not answered

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**Q33. Please upload any supporting documentation for your application here** not answered

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## QLDC Draft Annual Plan 2023-2024 Submission Form

**Name:** Jamie Seymour

**Location:** Queenstown

**Organisation (if any):** Health Promoter for Cancer Society of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Division

**Contact email address or postal address:** [jamie.seymour@cansoc.org.nz](mailto:jamie.seymour@cansoc.org.nz); 1092 Frankton Rd., Frankton 9300

**Do you wish to speak at a hearing?** Yes

**If yes, please provide a contact number:** [REDACTED]

1. What is your position on the proposed changes to resource and building consent fees?  
SUPPORT, NEUTRAL, OPPOSE
  
2. What is your position on the proposed changes to waste services fees?  
SUPPORT, NEUTRAL, OPPOSE
  
3. What is your position on the proposed changes to sport and recreation fees?  
SUPPORT, NEUTRAL, OPPOSE
  
4. What is your position on the proposed changes to community facilities fees?  
SUPPORT, NEUTRAL, OPPOSE
  
5. What is your position on the proposed changes to animal control fees?  
SUPPORT, NEUTRAL, OPPOSE
  
6. What is your position on the proposed changes to parking fees in the Queenstown Town Centre?  
SUPPORT, NEUTRAL, OPPOSE
  
7. What is your position on the proposed changes to the capex programme?  
SUPPORT, NEUTRAL, OPPOSE

**Please use this space to comment on any aspect of the draft 2023-2024 Annual Plan you want to provide feedback on. Tip! Use headings to make it really clear what topic you're providing feedback on!**

I met with councillors Whitehead and Gladding at the Frankton library drop-in session on 4<sup>th</sup> April. They suggested that although the topic of Smokefree/Vapefree policy is not the focus of the 2023-2024 Annual Plan, that I should convey my concerns and ideas in a submission to the Annual Plan. Additionally, the Cancer Society will also be making a more detailed submission on the Activities in Public Spaces Bylaw regarding Smokefree and Vapefree policy for QLDC.

### **Council's role in Smokefree 2025**

With the adoption of the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 goal in 2011, over 90% of councils across New Zealand have contributed to the goal through their Long-Term Community Plans and Annual Plans by adopting Smokefree environmental policies<sup>1</sup>. These policies give their residents and ratepayers the opportunity to directly engage in the process of future proofing their own towns, cities, and regions from the harm caused by tobacco products.

Over 60% of local councils have now aligned their Smokefree policies to the Smokefree 2025 goal. Adopted policies are voluntary, with smoking discouraged rather than banned. Many councils such as Central Otago, Palmerston North, Hastings, Napier, Whanganui, Hutt City, Whangarei, Christchurch, Ashburton, and Invercargill have adopted what can be termed benchmark comprehensive policies making the following spaces smokefree: green space, surroundings of council owned buildings, transport hubs, civic spaces, and council leased outdoor dining spaces.

To achieve Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 will require leadership at all levels and across all sectors and organisations. Collectively councils can make a significant contribution to support the legislated measures in the 2025 goal; however, with 2025 right around the corner, it is imperative that QLDC acts now.

### **Why create Smokefree and Vapefree Policy?**

1. There is strong community support <sup>2-6</sup>
2. Protects children and non-smokers from the effects of second-hand smoke <sup>7, 8</sup>
3. De-normalises smoking and vaping and reduces uptake in children <sup>9-11</sup>
4. Supports individuals to quit smoking <sup>12-15</sup>
5. Protects the environment and reduces cleaning costs <sup>16-19</sup>
6. Supports economy and tourism <sup>20, 21</sup>
7. Supports the New Zealand Government's Smokefree 2025 goal <sup>22, 23</sup>

### **Key Recommendations**

The Cancer Society proposes creating a strategy to implement Smokefree and Vapefree policy for the district with a future goal of including the policy into bylaw. With 2025 quickly approaching, now is the time for QLDC to introduce Smokefree and Vapefree policy.

Cancer Society supports a Smokefree and Vapefree policy that seeks to discourage smoking within Smokefree areas, using education tools such as signage and promotion. Smokefree and Vapefree areas are a positive step in normalising Smokefree/Vapefree lifestyles and environments, and no punitive measures will need to be taken for those in breach of the policy. The purpose of the policy is to fulfil QLDC's commitment to promote positive health choices and outcomes for the district through the 10 Year Plan and Vision Beyond 2050.

## Proposed Strategy

A draft staged implementation plan for a Smokefree policy has previously been introduced to QLDC:

<b>ORDER OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION – TIMED AROUND POLICY REVIEW (EVERY 3 YEARS)</b>	<b>Key policy areas</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> POLICY REVIEW</b>	<p>Implementation of Smokefree and Vapefree beaches policy</p> <p>Officially endorse Smokefree Aotearoa 2025</p> <p>Include ‘QLDC officially support Smokefree Aotearoa 2025’ in policy and include a Smokefree page on the QLDC website</p> <p>Include Smokefree and Vapefree transport hubs and bus stops in policy</p>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> POLICY REVIEW</b>	<p>Include parks and reserves in the Smokefree and Vapefree policy</p> <p>Introduce voluntary Smokefree and Vapefree to Table and Chair policy covering outdoor dining</p>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> POLICY REVIEW</b>	<p>Introduce Smokefree and Vapefree outdoor dining policy or bylaw</p>

Councils can make a significant contribution to normalising smokefree environments and creating healthier, safer communities. Local authorities’ leadership plays a big role towards achieving the 2025 goal by creating comprehensive Smokefree and Vapefree outdoor spaces policies to further support the legislated measures.

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