

**Community & Services Committee**  
**18 August 2022****Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [1]****Department: Community Services****Title | Taitara: Tree Replacement Requests - Kelvin Peninsula Golf Course and Jardine Park.****PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO**

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- 1 The purpose of this report is to consider requests from three applicants to remove and replace trees at three locations on reserve land on the Kelvin Peninsular.

**RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA**

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That the Community &amp; Services Committee:

1. **Note** the contents of this report and in particular;
2. **Note** that the following requests were considered in accordance with the QLDC Tree Policy 2022, this includes replacing any removed tree with two trees.
3. **Approve** the request by the Queenstown Golf Club to remove and replace approximately 290 trees within their lease area on the Queenstown Golf Course Recreation Reserve, on the Kelvin Peninsular.
4. **Approve** the request by the Whakatipu Reforestation Trust, to remove and replace approximately 100 aging trees, near the Jean Malpas Nursery in the Jardine Park Recreation Reserve.
5. **Approve** the request by the Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group, to remove approximately 20 Wilding Douglas fir trees, near the Jean Malpas Nursery in the Jardine Park Recreation Reserve.

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## CONTEXT | HORPOAKI

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- 2 The Council has received the following three requests to replace a significant number of trees from recreation reserves on Kelvin Peninsula (note with the recent adoption of the 2022 Tree Policy these are the first applications where the new assessment criteria has been applied and the 'replace two trees for one' policy will apply).
  - a. The Queenstown Golf Club, request to replace approximately 290 (the majority being aging Douglas fir stock, the remainder being pine, eucalyptus, and poplar) trees within their lease area on the Kelvin Peninsula Recreation Reserve (**Attachment A**).
  - b. Whakatipu Reforestation Trust, request to remove and replace with approximately 200 trees, approximately 100 trees, near the Jean Malpas Nursery in the Jardine Park Recreation Reserve (**Attachment B**).
  - c. Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group, request to remove approximately 20 Wilding Douglas fir trees, near the Jean Malpas Nursery in the Jardine Park Recreation Reserve (**Attachment C**).
- 3 None of the applications include Protected Trees under QLDC's District Plan, trees listed for potential protection in the Proposed District Plan, or Notable Trees from the NZ Tree Register.

## ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU

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- 4 Council has recently updated the QLDC Tree Policy 2010 and presented the final version to the QLDC Community and Services Committee on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The Committee recommended to Council that the QLDC Tree Policy 2022 be adopted. Council adopted the policy at the 11th August 2022 Full Council meeting.
- 5 The following tree removal policy guidelines were considered when assessing the applications:
  - 4.1. Trees in a state of irreversible decline, dead and/or structurally unsound, as determined by a Council or technician arborist, may be removed as part of routine maintenance and renewal programmes, or sooner, if urgent action is required for public safety or to avoid damage to property.
  - 4.10. Healthy and structurally sound trees may be removed to manage or prevent the spread of pests and diseases. This includes the removal of pest trees where they are deemed a threat to indigenous flora and fauna and non-pest species.
  - 4.11. Wilding exotic noxious or pest trees may be strategically removed where they are determined to be a threat as a pest species or cause a nuisance in a particular location, to manage or prevent the spread of pests and diseases. This includes the

removal or poisoning of pest trees. Requirement for replacement planting will be determined by any amenity values the trees provided.

4.13. QLDC will not remove trees for the following reasons:

- To minimise obstruction of views
- To minimise obstruction of commercial or advertising signage
- To reduce leaf or fruit litter and other debris
- To reduce shading
- For contributing to allergenic or irritant responses
- When the risk posed by the tree meets the requirements of the Tree Risk Management.

#### **A. The Queenstown Golf Club (QGC)**

- 6 The Golf Course at Kelvin Heights was opened on 20th April 1975. The QGC has a lease with QLDC for the site. The current lease is for a tenure of 33 years till 2038, with one right of renewal to 2071. The land is vested in QLDC as Recreation Reserve.
- 7 The QGC has sought to remove approximately 290 aging trees (**Attachment A**), made up of 215 (74%) *Pseudotsuga Menziesii* (Douglas fir) and 75 exotic trees (predominantly pine, eucalyptus, and poplar) that either have been or will be replaced.
- 8 The restoration plan will involve planting two trees for every one removed. The club has planted many natives and deciduous trees over the past five years, such as Red Oaks, Liquidambar, Maple, and Elm trees. The restoration plan includes both natives and non-wilding exotic trees.
- 9 QGC would like to remove the aging tree stock dispersed throughout the site.
- 10 QGC aim to manage negative impacts on the golf course turf as the Douglas fir are shallow rooting and produce large lateral roots which affect green quality. This in itself, presents a safety risk.
- 11 The trees also produce a large amount of needle litter and affect water yield. More suitable species of exotics and natives will be planted which allow grass to grow to the base of the trees. The long-term vision is to have a mix of trees on this site and the course continued to be viewed as a parkland.

#### **B. Whakatipu Reforestation Trust (WRT)**

- 12 The WRT manage the Jean Malpas Nursery located at Jardine Park under a Community Agreement with QLDC. Their vision is to restore the native biodiversity of the Whakatipu Basin through revegetation projects, via collaboration, education and advocacy.

- 13 The WRT has requested removal of 100 trees near the nursery (**Attachment B**), this area consists of a mixture of Pinus nigra (Austrian pine), Pinus nigra maritime (Corsican pine), Pinus Silvestris (Scots Pine) or Resinosa (Red Pine).
- 14 The mature trees, which are predominantly wilding species, neighbour the WRT's native garden, which is utilised as an ecological education facility to engage the community providing learn environment focusing on New Zealand's native flora and fauna.
- 15 The removal of the mature wilding conifers and other exotic trees will create more space for native habitat. More than 200 native trees will be replanted in this location to replace the removed trees.

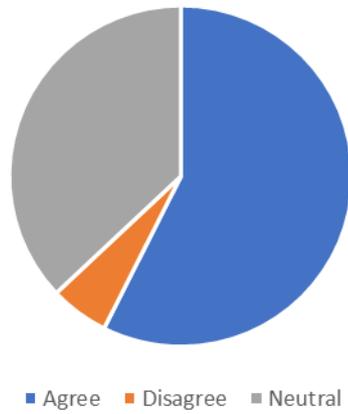
#### **B. Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group (WCG)**

- 16 The WCG is focused on protecting biodiversity and the remarkable landscape of the Whakatipu for the benefit of residents, users, tourists and particularly, future generations. The WCG's aim is to control wilding trees. Wilding conifers threaten and replace native beech forests and tussock.
- 17 The WCG has requested removal of 20 Douglas Fir trees from the southern side of the Jean Malpas Nursery in Jardine Park, in addition to the trees that the WRT are seeking to remove. The Douglas Fir trees are seeding into the nursery and the recently established Welcome Forest restoration site. The 'Welcome Forest' is being progressively planted with natives as a way to honour newcomers and migrant families in the Whakatipu Basin.
- 18 The WCG will collaborate with the WRT to replace the 20 Douglas Fir trees with native species.

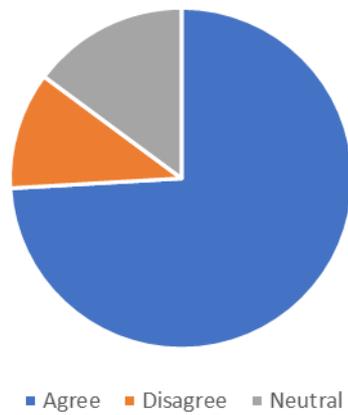
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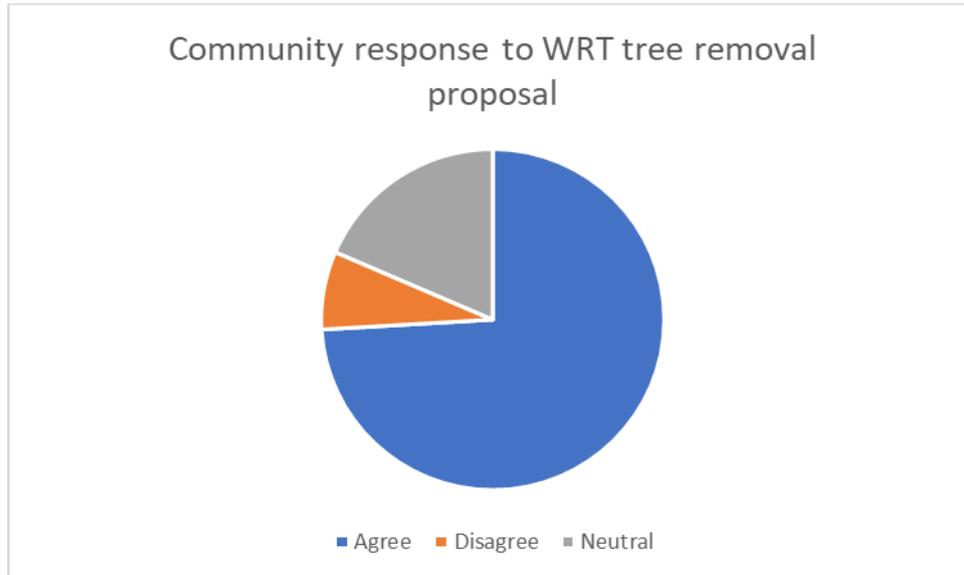
- 19 QLDC's Let's Talk page invited feedback from the public on the three tree removal requests from the 7 July to the 26 July 2022. The page was shared on QLDC social media and via the Kelvin Peninsula Community Association media avenues.
- 20 Council officers held a drop-in session at the nursery on the 21 July from 4.30pm till 6pm. 17 members of the public attended. One neighbour adjacent to the nursery was against proposed tree felling as the tree stand provides shelter to their property. All other attendees were supportive, and many were connected to the removals in some way.
- 21 Council received feedback from 27 people on the tree removals. The community were asked to comment on the removals and the responses are summarised as follows:

Community response to QGC tree removal proposal



Community response to WCG tree removal proposal





**In support:**

- 22 Wilding conifers are classified as a Pest in the Otago Regional Council Pest Management Plan 2019 and their removal is supported by the National Wilding Conifer Control Program administered by the Ministry for Primary Industries.
- 23 Support replacement of more suitable species such as natives. The expansion of the plant library or reference garden for the WRT is great for the community as this is an asset to the community.

**In opposition:**

- 24 The trees provide shelter to property and the surrounding the area. The new planting will take a while to provide the same shelter. Neighbouring properties will be negatively impacted by exposure to winds.
- 25 Concern about the remaining trees in Jardine Park, and how the removals will affect stand dynamics.
- 26 Would like to see more detail on the proposed landscape plan. No further tree removals should be carried out until the planting in the new welcome forest provide shelter to the surrounding area
- 27 The character of the surrounding area will change.

28 This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for assessing the matter as required by section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002:

29 Option 1 Approve the three requests to remove trees on the Kelvin Peninsular

Advantages:

30 The three community groups can progress the projects which incorporate mitigation and restoration programmes and provide community benefit.

31 The QGC will be able to provide a better-quality golf course through improved turf.

32 The WRT will be able to expand their educational area of the Nursery, this will benefit the wider community.

33 Wilding Conifers will be removed and replaced with more appropriate species, predominantly natives, removing an invasive pest and improving biodiversity.

34 The carbon removal will be mitigated with native and non-spreading exotic regeneration, supporting actions and goals in QLDC Climate action plan.

35 The aesthetic of the peninsular will be transformed to more of a park like setting for future generations,

Disadvantages:

36 Members of the public that do not support the removals will be unsatisfied as their properties will no longer be protected.

37 A loss of mature canopy cover across Jardine Park and the Kelvin Peninsular, until such time as mature trees can re-establish.

38 A loss of carbon reduction in the interim although longer term the carbon reduction will be doubled.

Option 2 Do not agree to the tree removal requests on the Kelvin Peninsular

Advantages:

39 Members of the public that do not support the removals will be satisfied that their properties are protected

40 No reduction of the existing canopy cover on Jardine Park and the Kelvin Peninsular.

41 No reduction in carbon from the removal of the trees.

Disadvantages:

42 The three community groups will be unable to progress their projects

43 Ecological restoration will not occur.

- 44 The trees will continue to negatively impact the QGC turf.
- 45 The WRT will not be able to expand their educational area of the Nursery.
- 46 Wilding Conifers will not be removed and will continue to spread and threaten biodiversity.
- 47 This report recommends Option 1 for addressing the matter.

#### **CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:**

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##### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA**

- 48 This matter is of medium significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because it involves a high level of community interest.
- 49 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District community, and visitors to, and users of, Jardine Park and the wider Kelvin Peninsular.

#### **RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA**

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- 50 This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK00009 within the [QLDC Risk Register](#). Current and future development needs of the community (including environmental protection), as documented in the Council's risk register. The risk is classed as moderate within the QLDC Risk Register.
- 51 The approval of the recommended option will support the Council by allowing us to retain the risk at its current level.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGĀ RITENGA Ā-PŪTEA**

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- 52 There will be no financial impact to the Annual or Long Term Plans. The removals, clean up and revegetation is to be funded by the QGC, WRT and WCG. Any saleable or commercial value in the wood is to offset against the cost removing the trees.

#### **COUNCIL EFFECTS AND VIEWS | NGĀ WHAKAAWEAWE ME NGĀ TIROHANGA A TE KAUNIHERA**

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- 53 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- QLDC Tree Policy 2010
- QLDC Tree Policy 2022
- Parks and Open Space Strategy 2021
- Proposed and Operative District Plan
- QLDC Climate & Biodiversity Action Plan 2022
- Otago Regional Council Pest Management Plan 2019

- 54 The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policies.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 PURPOSE PROVISIONS | TE WHAKATURETURE 2002 O TE KĀWANATAKA Ā-KĀIKA

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55 The recommended option:

56 Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. It will help meet the current and future needs of communities by supporting restoration programs which will benefit the biodiversity. As such, the recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the ambit of Section 10 of the Act

57 Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and

58 Would not significantly alter the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

### ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA

A	Queenstown Golf Club Tree, Removals Map
B	Whakatipu Reforestation Trust, Tree Removal Map
C	Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group, Tree Removal Map
D	Feedback from Let's Talk Community Feedback

# Kelvin Heights Golf Course Tree Works



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# WRT request to remove 100 Conifers Marked in Red



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# WCG request to remove 20 Douglas fir trees Marked in Red



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**ATTACHMENT D Submissions from Let's Talk community feedback**

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1 Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	Please remove all Douglas Fir and Pine trees from the Kelvin Hts peninsula	Please remove all Douglas Fir and Pine trees from the Kelvin Hts peninsula	Please replant with suitable native tree and I like the 2:1 ratio of new planting to removal of exotics	It would be a great vision to remove all Douglas Fir and Pine trees from the peninsula. No use removing a percentage - take the lot as this removes the supply of seed for wilding pines etc. I am a 25 year resident of KHts
2 Queenstown Golf Club	I agree with the arborists in removing all the marked trees but can the Lombardy poplars between 3rd & 4th holes not be replaced as I'm so used to seeing them there and will miss them. The Whakatipu area was planted in poplars 100 years ago and they are one of the glories in autumn of the district.			I think the work done so far in Jardine Park is very good and I liked the council's plans for it very much. Thank you.
3 Queenstown Golf Club	As the particular trees around the Queenstown Golf Club do not meet any of the Council's criteria for removal of trees, then obviously they should remain in their place. The Golf Course is not justified to remove the trees because they are simply an inconvenience. If the set criteria are not respected, then what is the point of setting them in the first place. See below in case the Council has forgotten what they are.  ..". Sometimes though, a tree might pose a risk to people or be damaged during extreme weather, be identified as dead following an arborist assessment, and in some cases, some types of trees are classified as weeds and can infest farmland, native ecosystems, and water catchments".			Maybe we should be discussing the removal of the Golf Course instead, as golf requires more land per player than any other sport. Development and ongoing maintenance destroy natural habitats, removing native species and contributing to soil erosion, sediment and pesticide runoff to nearby bodies of water.
4 Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park		I support removal of wilding conifers throughout Jardine Park. I am actively involved with volunteer activity within Jardine Park and have removed countless wilding conifers throughout the park. Given the high level of predator trapping around Kelvin Heights and Jardine Park, it would be fantastic to replace as many conifers with native trees and shrubs to provide food and habitat for our native birds and other fauna - thus supporting the restoration of our native biodiversity and return of the dawn chorus.	The Whakatipu Reforestation Trust reference gardens are flourishing and are a valuable asset for our local community to see a wide range of native trees and shrubs that can be grown locally. The gardens are also supporting many native birds. Additionally, this space is valuable for community education, and a fun place for children to play and learn. Replacing the conifers with natives will be a wonderful community legacy we leave behind for the next generation and more.	
5 Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park		I support the removal of the the Douglas fir which are an ongoing source of invasive seed and trees in Jardine Park and across the Kelvin Heights Peninsula	I support the removal of the the Douglas fir which are an ongoing source of invasive seed and trees in Jardine Park and across the Kelvin Heights Peninsula. The removal of the trees will allow for the expansion of the WRT Reference Garden to showcase suitable native trees for the Whakatipu Basin	
6 Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park		These trees need removal as they are seed sources for wilding pines that if allowed to cone will be detrimental to the fantastic Welcome Forest which the QLDC and community of Kelvin Heights and greater Queenstown. Also the removal of weed species is a goal within the QLDC 10yr biodiversity plan. As an aside the Welcome Forest is looking amazing and is a great safe asset for families to ride, walk and explore in.	My above comment re seed source and reference to the QLDCs 10 yr plan appeal here as well. Further to this, as a person who attends the nursery I find that on windy days the wilding pines unstable and more than a bit scary. There is also the issue of wilding seedlings dropping into the potted plants which then requires more work in weed removal as well as the risk of us planting wildings inadvertently. With regard to the JM nursery reference garden expansion this will provide a great resource for all and will be used by school groups, members of the public and potentially as an Eco Tourist site.	At the end of the day the removal of the wilding pines and replanting of exotics (golf course) and natives will enhance the natural unique beauty of the Queenstown/Whakatipu area. We are not losing trees just removing weed trees.
7 Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	Great idea	Great idea	Great idea	The proposed tree removal on ladies mile should be proposed tree replacement
8 Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	I fully support the removal of Douglas fir as per Queenstown Golf Club request.	I fully support the WWCCG request to remove the conifers. Douglas fir in particular are a massive source of wilding seed rain, and extensive efforts and money are being spent to control their spread. Their continued removal and replacement with more suitable trees will in the long run make a substantive difference to the Basin's biodiversity.	The Douglas fir surrounding the Whakatipu Reforestation Trust nursery need to be removed. As above they continue to spread seed out into the surrounding environment. Also, their shallow rooting system means that when we have high wind events, they will come down. The risk to the public is high. The plantings around the nursery have demonstrated the effectiveness and success of replanting with suitable native trees to replace the wilding conifers.	I fully support QLDC's continued efforts to removal wilding conifers from peri-urban and urban areas. It is critical in the long term to see these seed sources removed from our landscape.
9 Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park		Support the removal. The conifers in Jardine Park are wilding prolifically. Replacing conifers with natives supports QLDC's vision (10 YP) of biodiversity restoration and return of the dawn chorus	Support the removal. The conifers in Jardine Park are wilding prolifically. Replacing conifers with natives supports QLDC's vision (10 YP) of biodiversity restoration and return of the dawn chorus. Jean Malpas Nursery Reference Gardens is a fantastic resource for the entire QT community to see a broad range of natives that grow in our local area - extension of this will enable WRT to plant a broader range of natives, with signs for community education and enjoyment	Not great specimen trees - give them the chop!

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10	Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	Great idea! Carry on.	Also a great idea. Carry on.	Again, a great idea. Carry on.	
11	Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	Sounds like a great plan! Go for it. Better for the environment and golfers alike. Planting double the amount of trees, with more suitable varieties, will make it a much more pleasant place to enjoy and play golf. Make Kelvin Heights Pine free!	Great idea to get rid of the Wilding pine seed source.	The clearing of this pine and the expansion of the reforestation trusts native plant library can only be a good thing for the community and environment. I am for the removal of the pine.	
12	Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	Great - they've clearly come up with a fantastic plan to replace the current pest trees with natives. Let them get on with it.	Great - let them get on with it.	Great - they do a fantastic job restoring our natives throughout the basin and we should all be grateful for their contribution. Again, let them get the job done.	
13	Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	I support the removal of wilding and non-native trees and for the areas to be replanted in natives.	I support the removal of the trees to help minimise the spread of non-native seedlings	I support the removal of the non-native trees. The WRT do an incredible job re-generating our region in native plants, as well as educating school groups and local business on the importance of biodiversity and native reforestation. Their nursery is a wonderful asset for the community.	
14	Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	Conifers, no matter their age, are classified as invasive weeds by the ORC. Please exercise common sense and get rid of them.	Conifers, no matter their age, are classified as invasive weeds by the ORC. Please exercise common sense and get rid of them.	Conifers, no matter their age, are classified as invasive weeds by the ORC. Please exercise common sense and get rid of them.	
15	Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	Remove and replant natives	Remove and replant natives	Remove and replant natives	
16	Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	I would like to see the removal of the wilding pines and be replanted with native trees	I would like to see the removal of the wilding pines and be replanted with native trees	I would like to see the removal of the wilding pines and be replanted with native trees	it would be amazing if the area was returned to how it should be before Pines were introduced
17	Queenstown Golf Club, Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	All douglas fir trees should be removed to support the Wilding tree removal program run by the Wakatipu Wilding Control Group (WCG). Douglas firs are a serious wilding problem in the Wakatipu area. I also support the removal of other exotic if necessary and replacement with natives.	Douglas fir trees should be removed. They are a serious wilding problem and it is well documented that wilding trees are the major threat to our native biodiversity. Efforts to improve things with native reforestation and pest control will come to nothing if wilding trees are allowed to spread. The WCG with Council and Government financial support have a huge commitment to wilding tree control in the Wakatipu area. Removal of these trees will allow the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust (WRT) to continue their staged replanting of native trees around the plant nursery, to provide shelter in the future.	I support the removal of these trees. Many are generally in poor condition, some are unstable, and as can be seen by what has been planted around the nursery over the last nine years, the appearance is much improved by the new native plantings. These plantings provide examples of various native species, their growth rates and appearance and form part of the WRT's education role. My personal view would be for all the old trees behind the nursery and the eucalyptus next to the Croquet Club be removed in one go, but I accept that the proposal will still leave some exotic trees for shelter. Replacement native trees planned by the WRT will eventually provide shelter and the remaining exotics could be removed.	
18	Queenstown Golf Club	I support this request. I have reviewed the detailed plan and I agree that all of the trees earmarked for removal should be removed. The plan to replace every tree removed with two more suitable trees is environmentally responsible, will result in improvement to the look of the golf course and will make the course easier and cheaper to maintain. All of these things are good for the community and will result in the Queenstown Golf Club course being more attractive to visitors and tourists.			
19	Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park		The area needs clearing of fallen trees and debris but I am very much against the felling of all the trees. They serve as a shelter for croquet green and tennis courts and will change the character of the whole area where many people enjoy walking and exercising their dogs. Exposure to winds will compromise the pleasure one gets from walking where there are no cyclists. My husband and I had to give up walking along the lakeside track which is close to our home because of cyclists.		
20	Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park			I am in favour of the proposed removal of Pine and Douglas Fir trees around the Nursery. It will be good to have trees which are close to the netting fence removed as they could fall over the fence. The proposed planting of Beech Trees will ultimately blend in with the surrounding planting of these trees and provide a wind break.	

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Queenstown Golf Club	<p>Some suggestions that I would like to see in the final decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any tree that is removed in an area where a golf ball may pass / settle needs to be removed down to ground level....covered with dirt and grass seed.</li> <li>2. Replacement trees should be of appropriate type that are established. Not 1 feet in height....but 10 feet and already flowering.</li> <li>3. If the poplars on the 3rd hole are healthy then they should stay. They are unique to the course and give wind protection and are visually appealing and good for bird life and other animals. Possibly trim 30 feet off. I wonder why the reason to remove them is nursery ....there is spare land road side of poplars that could possibly be used for nursery. Or find somewhere else for nursery....what has been used for nursery up till now.???</li> <li>4. There are 4 healthy unique Gum trees long the 3rd fairway on the 4th hole side. These should be left. They give the hole character, they do not spread harmful seeds ....why just chop down a healthy tree that has taken 30 years to grow and has a lot more life left.??</li> <li>4. Conifers by tee on the 4th hole. The reason given to remove is because they are damaging the path. The path show only a few cracks from Roots....these can be severed before the path. Trees are healthy and give tee box character.</li> <li>5. The Cypress in the center of the 10th hole gives the hole character. It can always be trimmed down a little ...if people regard it as too much of an obstacle. Just to chop it down makes the hole a lot easier....and is a poor excuse to me.</li> </ol>			
21	<p>Conclusion.....I am wary of just chopping down trees for the sake of it....just the fact that the original intention was to chop down trees in golfing areas and leave the stumps exposed is poor. The reason of the seeds coming from an invasive plant is almost a convenient excuse....when all around are many of the same tree are still standing. How many of these seeds actually would germinate and grow is questionable to me.</p>			
Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park		<p>The removal of these trees will remove the current shelter they provide to our property from any southerly winds that occur. I feel that the current planting on the southern side of Jardine Park access road should be more established before considering the removal of said trees, so that these natives trees can then provide the much needed shelter to rates payers properties and residents. Some areas on the south side of the access road still has not been replanting after the removal of trees a few years ago. I suggest more thought should be considered about a tactical planting scheme that would provide shelter that was once in Jardine Park. I would like to hear what consideration has been taken into account to provide shelter</p>	<p>I don't believe there are 100 trees to cut down in the area shown on the map.... Many have been cut down already, but no replanting has taken place. If the nursery need more space they have plenty of room between east of the nursery where some natives have already been planted. They could move the establish natives and replant these in tactical positions to create more</p>	<p>Please consider your rate payers when making a decision on the removal of trees in Jardine Park. Please provide a detail landscape plan to all residence affected by these requests for QLDC solution to providing a wind break to near by houses if said trees are to be removed. The current native planting on the south side of the access road should be much more established before removing these trees and mentioned above</p>
Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park	<p>I would suggest that whatever you decide to approve actually improves the golf course. That you do not just give blanket approval and walk away. There seems to be a hurry to chop the trees down and fix it latter approach. You might consider allowing 3 holes at a time to go ahead....and that once all is done to your satisfaction...replacement trees planted.....all mess removed.....all stumps covered and landscaped that you will give permission to go to the next phase that you have approved. I sense a real problem with logging crew turning up....chopping down trees all over the course and left with a mess....with the shrug of the shoulders excuse of..." It is what is is"....this would be totally unacceptable. It is so easy just to chop down a healthy tree that has taken so long to grow...has plenty of life left and contributes to the scents and sights of nature which help make the Kelvin Heights Golf Course a wonderful Golf Course.</p>	<p>I support the removal of these trees, however I am concerned that there is no mention of planting replacement trees.</p>	<p>I support the removal of these trees and replanting.</p>	<p>I am concerned about the line of gum trees along the boundary of the croquet club as I feel that they are a safety hazard now and will become more so as they take the brunt of the wind when the other trees are removed. I would like to see these trees removed as well.</p>
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<p>Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group - Jardine Park, Whakatipu Reforestation Trust - Jean Malpas Nursery, Jardine Park</p>		<p>Although my residence will be negatively impacted by increased exposure to southerly winds I support the removal of these trees to allow planting of native species and the development of better forrest areas for future generations.</p>	<p>Having resided at my property (which backs onto the Jardine reserve close to the nursery and croquet club) since 2008 and for much of that time walking a dog twice a day through the forest and reserve I have become aware of a dangerous situation with the row of gum tress behind our house which border one side of the croquet club. In strong winds I have stood at the foot of these trees and felt the ground heaving up and down as the tops of the trees are impacted by the winds. This is especially noticable in the 3 trees nearest the houses. These trees are dangerous to public safety. I contacted the council in about them about 5 years ago. I believed that these trees will be blown down and could kill some of the many people frequenting the area. I stil; think this is a likely situation. The removal of the pines currently sheltering them will put a greater wind-loading on the trees and thus increase the risk of them coming down and killing someone. The trees may be tall enough to smash the nearest houses when they come down, but the warning I send is that they risk killing members of the public wherther in the houses or out walkingor playing croquet. It would make sense to remove the row of gums at the same time as the pines for a reduction in the disruption to residents and the damage to the park by trucks and the reinstatement of lawns etc but more than this, as soon as the pines are removed the risk of these trees being blown down and killing people obviously increases immediately.</p> <p>I support the removal of the pine forrest behind my home, and the planting of mixed species natives in its place, but only if the gums are removed at the same time</p>	
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