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Dear Council,

Please find below my public forum submission for this weeks Council Meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Can you please confirm receipt of this email.

Many thanks

Darryll Rogers :o)

Good afternoon Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Darryll Rogers and I will be addressing the Covid-19 response.

With the current lockdown being peeled back, many see this as an example of what we can do in a crisis. They seek to use this tragedy to justify their unrelated ideological views and urge government to exercise their control on the population and rebuild a new system for the perceived greater good.

Our free market system is indeed fragile when you remove its key component - freedom.

Any system that does not have this quality at its core will be destructive to our way of life.

It is imperative to note that the Climate Action Plan being part of the Covid-19 response, is totally devoid of this concept, with freedom absent from the UN's development goals.

With the country having joined my own family home-schooling, it demonstrates how more freedom and flexibility serves community and environmental goals.

Schooling in its current form is a relic of a pre-industrial age where class time required physical presence to transfer information – this is no longer the case.

Home-schoolers receive a fraction of the funding that goes to the government system, that on average provides \$7,600 per year per student.

Let us imagine a world in which parents had that same funding to provide an education to their children. One parent would not be forced to work a second household job and could instead spend these short precious years with their children.

Having more parents at home with children builds stronger communities that have been eroded by the social push over the last few decades to encourage all adult family members into the workforce, with documented consequences of time poor families and ever increasing home prices due to greater household incomes.

What does this mean for Queenstown Lakes?

Imagine a destination that is not held hostage by the artificial inflexibility that is created by school holidays.

Tourist numbers can be spread more evenly throughout the year as families have the flexibility to choose times that are quieter and cheaper.

Roading infrastructure is given a reprieve from the school time rush and peaks and troughs of seasonal infrastructure demands are smoothed.

I urge Council to rather than increase layers of control, instead think laterally and peel back those controls and government structures that often are the root cause of the problems we are trying to solve.

I thank you