

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday 10 February in the
Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre, commencing at 10.00am

A recording of this workshop can be found on the QLDC website.

Present:	Mayor John Glover (Chair)	Councillor Nicola King
	Councillor Gavin Bartlett	Councillor Jon Mitchell
	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk	Councillor Quentin Smith
	Councillor Stephen Brent	Councillor Cody Tucker
	Councillor Matt Wong	Councillor Melissa White
	Councillor Niki Gladding	Councillor Matt Wong
	Councillor Nicola King	Ms Kathy Dedo (for Item 3)
	Mr Simon Telfer (for Item 3)	Mr Chris Hadfield (for Item 3)
Apologies:	Mr John Wellington	Councillor Heath Copland
In attendance:	Mike Theelen	Meaghan Miller
	Katherine Harbrow	Michelle Morss
	Carrie Williams	Caitlin Pemberton
	Isabelle Logez	Anthony Hall
	Mary Davenport	Paul Speedy
	Kerr Forbes (Egis)	Geoff Anderson (Egis)
	Niels Van Toor (Egis)	Roger Davidson
	Christina Hitchcock	Ryan Parker
	Petra Larsen	Craig Fahey
	Jon Winterbottom	Georgia Pringle
Media	Two members of media	
Public	Twenty members of public	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Queenstown Lakes District Advocacy</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to complete the exercise that was started at the Council workshop on 29 January 2026, for Councillors to assess advocacy priorities for the triennium ahead.</p>	

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	<p>Caitlin Pemberton (Policy Advisor), Carrie Williams (Policy Manager) and Michelle Morss (General Manager, Strategy & Policy) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A). Discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Pemberton handed out a list of priorities and asked Councillors to further prioritise the list of sub-topics. These are being reviewed by the Policy Team following the workshop. • Councillors noted that visitor levies should be in a separate category from economic diversity. • The Policy Team advised there will be several forums for Councillors to iterate the priorities as the triennium progresses, noting that the goal of this workshop was to refine priorities to enable the Policy Team to make changes to improve the quality and impact of QLDC advocacy. • One Councillor discussed creating stories in submissions alongside the facts to help provide the unique context of the district. • There was discussion of the use of AI in central government consultation processes and how Council could try catering submissions to be better interpreted by AI. • There was discussion of Councillors working in their respective portfolios to influence decision making prior to the submission stage to get more proactive outcomes. • One Councillor noted the key message in submissions always needs to be funding and infrastructure for the district. <p><u>Attachments</u> <i>Attachment A: QLDC Advocacy - Part Two</i></p>	
2.	<p><u>Queenstown Lakefront Trading</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to provide a high-level overview and key background information on the Queenstown Lakefront Trading matter and the associated prohibition. It was intended to</p>	

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	<p>support consideration of matters arising ahead of the expiry of the Council resolution prohibiting pop-up stalls from the lakefront for a one-year period that commenced on 17 April 2025. Officers will be returning to Full Council on 19 March 2026.</p> <p>Isabelle Logez (Monitoring, Enforcement & Environment Manager), Katherine Harbrow (General Manager, Assurance, Finance & Risk), Anto Hall (Regulatory Manager) and Mary Davenport (Associate Counsel, RMA & Regulatory) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regulatory Team clarified the difference between registration and permits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registration: Any person who wants to operate a trading activity (including a pop-up stall) in a public place has to register to do so and comply with the rules of the bylaw (specifically Clause 12.1). ○ Permits: If a person wants to trade outside of Clause 12.1 (such as trading outside of a permitted area or longer than one hour), they need to apply for a permit, which Council assesses and uses their discretion to approve or decline. • Council Officers raised concerns about ongoing non-compliance by traders, noting that seizures or prosecutions may ultimately be required. Officers will be returning to Full Council seeking a decision on the prohibition which can assist in enforcement. • It was noted that more work is required around how to best manage trading under the bylaw after the prohibition is considered. The focus of this fixture is on the monitoring and enforcement of the bylaw (Activities in Public Places Bylaw 2023). Further long-term consideration of the management of trading under the bylaw outside of the prohibition in question will be considered by the appropriate Council staff. <p><u>Attachments</u> <i>Attachment A: Queenstown Lakefront Trading Presentation</i> <i>Attachment B: Previous Council Report - 17 April 2025 - Queenstown Lakefront Traders</i></p>	

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3.	<p><u>Wānaka Airport Future Review Community Engagement (joint workshop item with the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board)</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was for Egis (independent consulting team) to present a summary of the community engagement findings on potential development scenarios, along with recommendations for the future planning and management of Wānaka Airport.</p> <p>Megahan Miller (General Manager, Corporate Services), Paul Speedy (Strategic Projects Manager), Geoff Anderson (Egis Advisory Lead) and Kerr Forbes (Egis, Executive Consultant) presented the report and discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenario Three (Wānaka Airport to be a general aviation airport with domestic routes to Christchurch and/or Wellington) was the most preferred option among the community. • There was discussion of electric aircrafts being trialled at Wānaka Airport. • Elected Members requested more detail on scenarios two and three to help make their decision on the final scenario. Egis advised the full summary report being brought to Council in March would provide insight into their recommendations, including ballpark figures of the cost of each scenario. • There was brief discussion around why Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) was recommended as the organisation to manage Wānaka Airport. • There was discussion around how Wānaka Airport could incentivise airlines to start operating in Wānaka. • Full Council to consider the final Egis report on 19 March. <p><u>Attachments</u> <i>Attachment A: Egis Wānaka Future Airport Study: Community Engagement Results & Conclusions</i></p>	

The workshop concluded at 1.22pm.

