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Via email: Garry.Maloney@orc.govt.nz

Dear Sir / Madam,

SUBMISSION: LAKE WAKATIPU WATER FERRY AMENDMENT

Thank you for the opportunity to present our submission on the Lake Wakatipu Water Ferry Amendment to the Regional Public Transport Plan. Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) fully supports the Otago Regional Council's (ORC) intention to trial a water ferry service in the Frankton Arm of Lake Wakatipu.

QLDC's transport and environmental ambitions to provide high quality transport connections encouraging greater use of public transport will certainly be served by a properly trialled ferry service. This trial will allow ORC and QLDC to collect clear data to consider the implementation and operation of a permanent, high quality public transport solution which will work in conjunction with and in addition to the popular \$2 Orbus service.

QLDC is particularly supportive of ORC's intentions to subsidise the existing Queenstown Ferries service to allow for continuity of service. This will ensure that members of the community who rely on this service to commute to and from work are not forced back into their cars increasing the congestion and emissions along the Frankton Road and into Queenstown at peak times.

Thank you again for enabling QLDC to comment and should the opportunity arise, officers may wish to speak to this submission. Please let it be noted that this submission reflects the position of officers and has not been ratified by full council.

Yours faithfully,



Mike Theelen
Chief Executive