



## Brothel Control Bylaw 2017

Queenstown Lakes District Council

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This Bylaw is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Prostitution Reform Act 2003 by resolution of the Queenstown Lakes District Council at a meeting of the Council on 14 December 2017.

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## Part 1 - Preliminary

### 1 Short title and commencement

- 1.1 This bylaw may be cited as “the Queenstown Lakes District Council Brothel Control Bylaw 2017”.
- 1.2 This bylaw comes into force on a date specified by Council resolution.
- 1.3 The Queenstown Lakes District Brothel Control Bylaw 2011 is revoked on the date this bylaw comes into force.

### 2 Interpretation

- 2.1 In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires–

**Brothel** means any premises kept or habitually used for the purposes of prostitution but does not include premises at which accommodation is normally provided on a commercial basis if the prostitution occurs under an arrangement initiated elsewhere.

**Commercial Sexual Services** means sexual services that:

- (a) involve physical participation by a person in sexual acts with, and for the gratification of another person; and
- (b) are provided for payment or other reward (irrespective of whether the reward is given to the person providing the services or another person).

**Council** means the Queenstown Lakes District Council.

**District** means the Queenstown Lakes District.

**Premises** includes a part of premises.

**Prostitution** means the provision of commercial sexual services.

**Public place** –

- (a) means any place that is open to, or being used by the public, whether admission is free or on payment of a charge and whether any owner or occupier of the place is lawfully entitled to exclude or eject a person from that place; and
- (b) includes any aircraft, hovercraft, ship, ferry, or other vessel, train, or vehicle carrying or available to carry passengers for reward.

## Part 2 – Brothel control

### 3 Locations of brothels

3.1 No person may establish, operate, or permit the operation of a brothel unless the brothel satisfies all of the following requirements:

- (a) the brothel is located in either:
  - (i) the area of permitted activity within the Queenstown Town Centre Zone identified on the map contained in Schedule 1; or
  - (ii) the area of permitted activity within the Wanaka Town Centre Zone identified on the map contained in Schedule 2;
- (b) the brothel is located in a building lawfully established under a building consent issued pursuant to the Building Act 2004 (or its predecessor);
- (c) the brothel is not located at ground level or beneath ground level of any building; and
- (d) the brothel is not located within 100 metres of any existing brothel.

### 4 Regulation of brothel advertising

4.1 No person may erect or display any sign that advertises the business of a brothel and is visible from a public place, unless it satisfies all of the following requirements:

- (a) the only information displayed on the sign is the registered name of the brothel or the name of the person who operates the brothel;
- (b) the sign does not exceed 0.3 square metres in size; and
- (c) must comply with all applicable requirements in the Queenstown Lakes District Council District Plan (or its successor), or be authorised by a resource consent.

4.2 No person may permit the erection or display of any sign that advertises the business of a brothel and is visible from a public place, unless it satisfies all of the requirements in clause 4.1 above.

## Part 3 – Enforcement


### 5 Powers to enforce bylaw


- 5.1 The Council may use its powers under the Local Government Act 2002 to enforce this bylaw.

### 6 Offences

- 6.1 Every person who breaches this Bylaw commits an offence.
- 6.2 Every person who commits an offence against this Bylaw is liable on conviction to the penalty set out in Section 242(4) of the Local Government Act 2002.

*The common seal of the Queenstown Lakes District Council is attached in the presence of:*

Mayor: 

Chief Executive: 



# Schedule 1 – Map of permitted areas within Queenstown Town Centre Zone





## Schedule 2 – Map of permitted areas within Wanaka Town Centre Zone

