

QLDC Council
11 August 2022

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [7]

Department: Corporate Services

Title | Taitara Approval of Queenstown Lakes District Council Submission

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

- 1 The purpose of this report is to present the submission made to the Environment Select Committee on its consultation on the Emissions Budget and the Emissions Reduction Plan.
- 2 This report seeks Council's retrospective approval of the submissions content. The submission was made to the Environment Select Committee on 27 June 2022.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report; and
2. **Approve** retrospectively the contents of the Emissions Budget and the Emissions Reduction Plan submission.

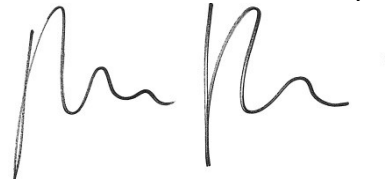
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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

- 3 The Environment Select Committee consulted on the Emissions Reduction Plan for New Zealand recently, with submissions closing on 27 June 2022.
- 4 The Emissions Reduction Plan:
 - Outlined the issues associated with climate change in New Zealand.
 - Explains how New Zealand needs to adapt and lower emissions to meet the net-zero target and how this might be achieved including working with Tiriti partners and making an equitable transition.
 - Outlines key actions to support emissions reduction.
- 5 The Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) sent a written submission to the select Committee (attached by link below).

ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU

- 6 QLDC is supportive of the development of an Emissions Reduction Plan to reduce carbon emissions in Aotearoa New Zealand, combat climate change and meet the country's net-zero emissions targets.
- 7 This submission outlines key changes that have been made in the plan since the consultation on the draft that are supported by QLDC and key points that QLDC would recommend for further consideration.
- 8 QLDC supports key changes in the Emissions Reduction Plan such as including the Climate Changes Commission's advice, the principle to empower Māori, the role of local government being clearly defined, and other changes to support an equitable and comprehensive plan to lower emissions in New Zealand.
- 9 There are further points QLDC would recommend for further consideration including, for example, reducing the emissions budget, supporting global emissions reduction, greater regulation and significant investment in behaviour change, responsibility put on those with the greatest emissions profile, and effective spatial planning.
- 10 The submission also represents views on tourism and the visitor economy which are particularly significant to the country and the Queenstown Lakes District.
- 11 Councillors have had opportunity to view and comment on the attached submission in draft form prior to it being lodged. As the submission deadline did not align with a Council meeting, the purpose of bringing this paper retrospectively is to ensure the submission is formally sanctioned by Full Council and to give transparency to our community.

12 Option 1: to retrospectively agree the contents of the attached submission.

Advantages:

13 The submission will remain in the Ministry for the Environment's process and QLDC will have participated effectively.

Disadvantages:

14 There are no clear disadvantages to this option.

15 Option 2: to request the withdrawal of the attached submission from the Ministry for the Environment's process.

Advantages:

16 The submission will be withdrawn from Ministry for the Environment's process and any inaccurate representations of QLDC's position will not be considered.

Disadvantages:

17 No aspect of QLDC's position will be represented in the process.

18 This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter (if representative of the council's position) to ensure that QLDC participates effectively in the consultation process.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:

> SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA

19 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. This advice deals with a matter of interest to a range of individuals, organisations, groups, and sectors in the community.

20 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are all residents and ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District communities.

> MĀORI CONSULTATION | IWI RŪNANGA

21 The submission on the National Adaptation Plan was drafted in partnership with the Climate Reference Group (which includes Kāi Tahu representatives) and feedback from the group members was incorporated.

RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

22 This matter relates to the Strategic/Political/Reputation. It is associated with RISK00038 within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a low inherent risk rating.

23 The approval of the recommended option will support the Council by allowing us to implement additional controls for this risk. This shall be achieved by monitoring future changes in legislation based on the advice to government, in particular addressing those issues that directly affect QLDC and the Queenstown Lakes District community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGĀ RITENGA Ā-PŪTEA

24 There are no financial implications.

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

25 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- The outcomes and principles of the Vision Beyond 2050
- The QLDC Spatial Plan
- The QLDC District Plan
- The QLDC Waste Minimisation and Management Plan 2018
- The QLDC Climate and Biodiversity Plan
- The QLDC Emissions Reduction Roadmap
- The QLDC Sequestration Study
- The QLDC Annual Plans

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

26. 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.

27. The recommended option:

- Can be implemented through current funding under the Ten Year Plan and Infrastructure Strategy;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not significantly alter the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council.

ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA

A	QLDC submission to the Environment Select Committee on the Emissions Budget and the Emissions Reduction Plan
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