

QLDC Council
3 June 2021

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take : 12

Department: Corporate Services

Title | Taitara Submission – Otago Regional Council Long Term Plan

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

- 1 The purpose of this report is to present the submission made to the Otago Regional Council (ORC), in respect to its Long Term Plan.
- 2 This report seeks Council’s retrospective approval of the submission’s content. The submission was made to the ORC on 14 May 2021.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report; and
2. **Approve** retrospectively the contents of the QLDC submission to the Otago Regional Council’s Ten Year Plan 2021-31 [Attachment A].

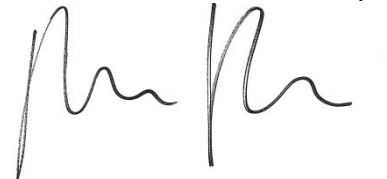
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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

- 3 The Otago Regional Council (ORC) consulted on its Ten Year Plan 2021-31 recently, with submissions closing on 16 May.
- 4 The ORC consulted on three key issues:
 - How to manage pests
 - How to balance the budget
 - Rehabilitation of Lake Hayes
- 5 Additionally, a number of key projects were also addressed in the consultation document, including environment, safety and resilience, transport and regional leadership.

ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU

- 6 QLDC does not support any of the preferred options proposed by the ORC in relation to the key issues. In summary:
 - QLDC supports a more immediate and significant increase in pest management initiatives than the preferred option proposes.
 - QLDC supports utilisation of the general reserve to balance the budget and smooth rates increases. As a district severely impacted by COVID 19 and Aurora price increases, the ORC needs to consider affordability carefully.
 - QLDC strongly supports the rehabilitation of Lake Hayes, but recommends that the cost is shared across the district.
 - 7 Additionally, the submission addressed a number of other projects, including air quality in Arrowtown, adaptation pathways in Glenorchy, emergency management, public transport and climate change. A common theme across all of these is the desire to continue to build a collaborative partnership with the ORC to achieve good outcomes for the district's communities.
 - 8 Option 1: to retrospectively agree the contents of the attached submission.
- Advantages:*
- 9 The submission will remain in the ORC's process and QLDC will have participated effectively.
- Disadvantages:*
- 10 There are no clear disadvantages to this option.
- 11 Option 2: to request the withdrawal of the attached submission from the ORC's process.

Advantages:

- 12 The submission will be withdrawn from the ORC's process and any inaccurate representations of QLDC's position will not be considered.

Disadvantages:

- 13 No aspect of QLDC's position will be represented in the process.
- 14 This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter because Councillors have had opportunity to view and comment on the attached submission prior to its inclusion in the process and therefore should be reflective of the Council's position.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:

> SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA

- 15 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. However, this advice deals with a matter of interest to a range of individuals, organisations, groups and sectors in the community.
- 16 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

- 17 No specific or distinct consultation has been undertaken with iwi in preparing this submission.

18 RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

- 19 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 moderate inherent risk rating.
- 20 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

- 21 There are no financial implications.

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

- 22 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
- The outcomes and principles of the Vision Beyond 2050, in particular - Thriving people and Deafening Dawn Chorus

- Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Proposed District Plan
- 2018-2028 Ten Year Plan
- 2019-2020 Annual Plan
- Master Plans
- Asset Management Plan
- 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy.
- Climate Action Plan

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

23 The recommended option:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses by contributing to the development of a more effective and robust plan.
- Can be implemented through current funding under the Ten Year Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA

A	QLDC Submission to the ORC Long Term Plan
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