

25 November 2024

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Sent via email to [REDACTED]

RE: LG24-0271 - Transfer of Power to Fire and Emergency New Zealand

Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 11 November 2024 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- **If there has been a Transfer of Power under section 33 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to Fire and Emergency New Zealand ('FENZ', formally New Zealand Fire Service or NZFS) over the last 10 years, and if so, the date when the transfer of power occurred, when it was ended (if at all), a copy of the agreement(s) between the Council and FENZ/NZFS regarding any Transfer of Power.**

On 15 November 2024, QLDC contacted you via email to seek clarification on whether your request pertains to emergency works or the formal transfer of powers to Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ).

On 20 November 2024, you responded, indicating that you were seeking information related to the formal transfer of powers to FENZ and enquiring about any approval role, or similar authority, that FENZ may have been granted under the Resource Management Act (RMA) for resource consent approvals under QLDC's District Plans.

QLDC RESPONSE

Release of information

To address your request, we consulted the QLDC Parks and Open Spaces Team.

The FENZ Act had two key impacts relevant to this request:

1. It disestablished Rural Fire Authorities (RFAs), such as QLDC, and transferred firefighting responsibilities to FENZ.
2. It merged the NZFS (urban fire) and rural fire services into one organization - FENZ.

QLDC is not aware of any transfer of powers, duties, or functions under section 33 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to FENZ, formerly the New Zealand Fire Service (NZFS), in the last 10 years, nor do we have any resolutions to suggest otherwise.

However, QLDC acknowledges the transfer of firefighting responsibilities to FENZ under the [Fire and Emergency NZ Act 2017](#).

We trust the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,

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