

Attachment B: Submissions

Which tree removal requests would you like to provide feedback on?	Share your feedback on the Wanaka Golf Club tree removal request:	Please share any other comments you wish to make here:
Wanaka Golf Club	Opposed- to make reservoirs doesn't seem to be a reasonable reason for removing a large number of trees that are not a pest.	
Wanaka Golf Club	Yes you should remove the trees.	Yes you should remove the trees.
Wanaka Golf Club	Agree trees should be removed, natives should be planted as replacement	
Wanaka Golf Club	<p>I ask for the protection of the 70 mature and established trees at the corner of Ballantyne and Golf Course road, a beautiful group of trees.</p> <p>We need to stop cutting big trees, they absorb more carbon than just planted ones. They are host for bugs and birds. They are beautiful, provide shade and are good for people's wellbeing. They are columns of water and their roots retain water and the land. They are very valuable in our climate emergency.</p> <p>Removing groups of trees is even worse. This whole corner becoming bare, how sad.</p> <p>Is there not another place for the golf's water reservoirs? Really 70 trees? Can this be limited? "Many of these trees are wilding species", is this a justification? Maples, cedars, oaks, are not wilding and the larches are actually not wilding in our region either. They are all precious. Because they are.</p> <p>Please make everything you can to protect them. Put nature first.</p>	<p>168 trees for the chop on public Reserves in our region this month! Reserve means reserve. We are in a climate emergency. Only for security reasons should they ever be removed. It is stated in Qldc new Tree policy. Please decline all the tree killing requests.</p>
Wanaka Golf Club	I strongly oppose cutting down the trees on the Wanaka Golf Course. We need to stop cutting big trees, they absorb more carbon than newly planted ones. They are host for bugs and birds. They are beautiful, provide shade and are good for people's wellbeing. They are columns of water and their roots retain water and the land. They are very valuable in our climate emergency.	
Wanaka Golf Club	There is an application for the removal of the trees. However there doesn't seem to be any plan for replanting of new non wilding trees. Why is this?	I thought there was a policy that new trees be planted for those removed?
Wanaka Golf Club	Why is there no plan to replant new trees to replace the ones being removed? It is irresponsible to remove so many trees and not make any plans to replace them. In the event the golf club does not have room to replant it should be funding a new plantation of trees in the Wanaka area.	
Wanaka Golf Club	Please don't cut down any trees. There must be other options for a reservoir. Mature trees assist with carbon reduction and are home to numerous birds.	
Wanaka Golf Club	There must be a better way than cutting down trees and destroying the habitat of lots of native birds.	
Wanaka Golf Club	Cutting trees is generally harmful to the environment. I object in cutting the trees in wanaka as it has been the homes of our birds and bees in our town. It would be very selfish to cut these trees down just because we want to build something in it. Maybe there's still another ways that both trees and the water reservoir can co-exist in the same area.	
Wanaka Golf Club	<p>Over half of the trees proposed to be felled are not wilding species, and although they are not native species which would be vastly superior they are established mature trees that still provide some limited additional biodiversity in a golf course. Although the club states it is planting many replacement trees, it will be decades before these offer anywhere near the environmental benefits that these plants do (Gihen-Baker., et al. 2022)</p> <p>Golf courses are well established to be relative deserts of biodiversity and so these trees are crucial to the I therefore strongly oppose the felling of these trees.</p> <p>Gihen-Baker, M., Roviello, V., Beresford-Kroeger, D. et al. Old growth forests and large old trees as critical organisms connecting ecosystems and human health. A review. Environ Chem Lett 20, 1529–1538 (2022). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10311-021-01372-y</p>	

Wanaka Golf Club	Please don't remove more trees from Wanaka! We are loosing them left right and center. Please, please, keep them.	Please don't cut down the trees.
Wanaka Golf Club	Good Good	Great Mahi, get rid of the exotics
Wanaka Golf Club	QLDC's actions across the district are shameful! Removing trees that don't self-seed, and those that do, are too low in the chain to reseed. Today, I went up Ben Lomond, and there are hundreds of wildings growing into native beech trees. Why aren't these being removed? It's unacceptable that only in Central Otago, destroying nature is deemed acceptable.	This is a disgrace to the area, just more QLDC money grabbing from the government!
Wanaka Golf Club	Please remove the invasive species. As much as possible! Native planting replants are ideal and need to be given the chance to establish a foothold.	Remove as many Wilding pines as possible!
Wanaka Golf Club	Removing some many trees at once will cause erosion, wildlife habitat and shade loss. Poisoning does affect native wildlife. Mature trees have taken a lifetime to grown and replacement by saplings is not the same. My suggestion is to remove slowly, allowing the native trees to grown. From a visual perspective bare earth is not the answer for tourism so this should be done graually.	Please reconsider removal at such a pace and allow growth of saplings first. From a tourism perspective, visitors enjoy the visual beauty, shade protection, and historical attractions of old trees, and there is a way to remove these trees gradually causing less wildlife damage. The climate is also changing and mass removal is not a solution as it increases bare earth damage.
Wanaka Golf Club	I have been sent a link to make comment, although I am not sure it is appropriate given I work for the tree removal request organisation. But I will share what I know about this request. The trees in question are within an internal area of the golf course on the back side, not seen by the public unless the public are playing golf or walking through the middle of the reserve. The trees are in an area between holes 12 and 17, not near any boundary. The reason for the application for a water reserve is to be a more environmentally friendly and sustainable golf club. Catching our own water for irrigation will only assist in the ORC's goal to reduce water take and improve water usage. The 2 for 1 tree replacement policy will mean the re-planting of 140 trees which will offset the carbon emissions goal plus keep the parkland feel of the golf course if these 70 trees are removed. If these trees were on a BOUNDARY of the golf course, it would be a different issue. Boundary planting on golf courses is essential in order to keep stray golf balls within the golf course. No-one wants to see large nets and fences structures replacing beautiful trees, but in this case it will be a pond with native planting around it. The Golf course is a recreation reserve, but it is also zoned for Golf, so the rules for recreation reserves also need to take into consideration the zoning for golf activity. The land is not like a public park, it is a golf course with a lease in perpetuity, so will always be a golf course. So I hope that QLDC will approve the internal tree removal request.	
Wanaka Golf Club	I believe it is a good idea, removing wilding species and replacing them with natives is good	I believe it is a good idea, removing wilding species and replacing them with natives is good
Wanaka Golf Club	I am in favour of this proposal as it will remove a large number of Douglas Fir trees which are subject to wilding spread & I understand they will be replaced with natives. Which will have a much longer life span. The course has seen recent native plantings & this will give it a significant boost.	It will add significant visual improvements to the course although in an area not usually seen by the public & futureproof the water supply.
Wanaka Golf Club	I am a Wanaka resident and a member of the Wanaka Golf Club. I support the felling of the trees to enable long term irrigation water protection for the the course. Climate change makes this a prudent option for the whole community as it will reduce water demand from external sources.	
Wanaka Golf Club	Supportive of the plan for tree removal, as will have a number of benefits for water storage and better use of water resource, more diverse habitat, they will be replaced by a larger number of trees (70 removed, replaced with 140) and remove some species which are considered wilding species.	Believe some of the information from the QLDC seen in the public domain wasn't quite correct/ balanced/tell the full story (refer Facebook Upper Clutha Community Notices), ie didn't say that they were going to be replaced with twice the number etc, replacements are all natives, many removed classified as wilding, the golf has planted over 350 trees already, nor the benefits on the water storage. It also makes it sound like it is the corner of Ballantyne and Golf Course Roads - where it is in the middle of the back nine, roughly 250-300m away.
Wanaka Golf Club	I have lived in Wanaka for 33 years and during this time have served on various community organizations. These include past President of Wanaka Residents Association, Friends of Bullock Creek, and various committee positions at the Wanaka Golf Club. The Residents Association was originally the Wanaka Improvement Society and significant tree planting was undertaken by this organization along the highway entrance to Wanaka. I hold a strong conservation views and have carefully looked at the Wanaka Golf Club tree removal request. I make the following observations: # The trees being removed are predominantly self seeded wilding species # The trees being removed hold no significant beautification or scenic values. # The proposed reservoir being created offers significant opportunities for the planting of new species, particularly native trees. # The availability of water around the new reservoir offers the opportunity to create a new valuable bio diverse ecosystem. On the balance of conservation values and future beautification and enhancement opportunities, I strongly support the removal of the trees in question	

Wanaka Golf Club	The request should be agreed to as this allows for the construction of critical infrastructure that will allow the Club to better utilise its water allocation which will in turn allow for the better management of both existing trees and the replacements that the Club will plant in the future.	The Club are excellent custodians of the land and the removal of these trees , which are internal to the course will only have a short term effect
Wanaka Golf Club	This is an excellent opportunity to increase the native plantings on Wanaka Golf Course and to reduce the number of wilding trees	This is also part of a process to increase the water efficiency of Wanaka Golf course.
Wanaka Golf Club	very good idea, removing the wilding species will help further spread and replacing them with natives is a positive step	The golf club is doing a good job of planting native species
Wanaka Golf Club	I have no problem with the removal of the mentioned trees to be removed to make way for water reservoirs. Having lived in Wanaka from 1998 to present I have seen the amount of trees, especially native varieties that the Wanaka golf club have planted (hundreds if not thousands). Having been in the hospitality for a number of years I have come across many travelers that have come to Wanaka especially to play the golf course. The Lakes District has become a destinations for golfers from New Zealand and overseas and will continue to grow with the development of the Glendu Bay Golf Course now underway.	
Wanaka Golf Club	These comments apply to all proposed tree removals. Given the climate crisis, what's happening with North island recent floods and the rampant clearing of private land for subdivision, we can no longer afford to remove mature trees of any genre. It is wonderful that replanting is proposed but that in no way makes up for the carbon sequestered of mature trees, that will take another 50 to 70 years. A juvenile tree is not a substitute for a matured tree in that respect. In fact it is only in the latter life of a tree that the sequestring comes into full effect. If qldc is sincere in its commitment to attend to a global and local climate crises, as it has declared, then convenience to locate water tanks in lieu of the space occupied by mature trees is folly. Global warming is an accepted reality so please look again at where these water tanks can be installed.	
Wanaka Golf Club	I support the Wanaka Golf clubs application for the removal the trees on the golf course	I believe the planting of replacement native trees around the irrigation pond will be beneficial to the visual landscape
Wanaka Golf Club	We need to remove 70 trees from one part of the Golf Course to utilise the area for water storage which plays a major role in the overall upkeep of the Golf Club. In accordance with council policies we will plant 140 trees across the Course.	The ponds will actually enhance the Golf Course as a water feature does.
Wanaka Golf Club	I'm in favour of the removal of the trees at Wanaka Golf Club. I feel it's necessary for future planning of the club course and developing this top facility we have in the town.	
Wanaka Golf Club	I support the application. I was, but am no longer, a member. It will enable better management of the course and enable better management of water demand for what is a very valuable local and tourist amenity. While these reservoirs are not for swimming and will not be in area readily accessible to young children consideration will need to be given to safety aspects.	
Wanaka Golf Club	I believe the removal of the trees in question will improve the golf course and the reserve, as the replacement proposed is a large pond which will have substantial planting around the immediate surrounds and in other places about the reserve at the ration of 2 for 1 removed. Surely that in itself is a sound basis for an approval having that many new species & natives replacing the existing semi noxious varieties. The reserve is a Crown Reserve leased in perpetuity to the Wanaka Golf Club but is also accessed & available to the community. Such an addition will enhance and provide a wonderful environment for the golfers and public alike. The Club now has over 1300 members, of which approx 90% are rate payers in the Wanaka community. The Wanaka Golf Club speaks on behalf of all those people and has not had one adverse comment from any member. It should also be noted the lease provides an exception for the Golf Club regarding the cutting down of trees for the purpose of laying out such golf course as has been authorised by the Lessor (in this case the QLDC as agent for The Crown). This request surely complies with that provision and should not require public consultation. Since inception the Golf Club has proved time and time again to be a very good custodian of the reserve. It has contributed to the ambience and outstanding natural beauty on the reserve which is an exceptional backdrop and asset to the town.	
Wanaka Golf Club	Sorry for late submission I have only just received this notice. I'm concerned with the constant removal of trees on reserve land. These trees should be allowed to stay. If the council decides to remove them they should be replaced with similar species of English Heritage Trees not just the constant pattern of planting Native Species, flaxes and grasses which grow so rapidly then become a problem	If you need to remove trees on reserve land. Take down the huge trees that are on the Cardrona Road end of the Cardrona Rd Stone St Park. Each time we get a big wind more vegetation is dumped on Cardrona Road, Some trees have blown down others will. With the Helicopter landing pad directly opposite that is a danger. Replant that area once the old troublesome trees are removed. Thank you for your consideration.