

24 July 2024
Property Director
Queenstown Lakes District Council
10 Gorge Road
Queenstown, 9300

Dear Quintin,

23/139/41 - Qualifying Aerodrome Certificate Determination – Wanaka Airport.

Thank you for the submission of the Wanaka Airport Aeronautical Study Version 2 (Part A), dated 6 March 2023, provided under Civil Aviation Rule (CAR) Part 139.21.

The Aeronautical Services Unit completed a safety review of Wanaka Airport (NZWF) and contacted Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) on 12 June 2024 proposing to determine that Wanaka Airport, operated by QLDC, is a qualifying aerodrome. The reasons for the proposed determination were contained in the letter.

On 22 July 2024, a productive video call was held between representatives of the CAA and QLDC. At the conclusion of the meeting, a no-later than date was agreed for the issuance of a Qualifying Aerodrome Certificate to QLDC as the operator of Wanaka Airport.

In accordance with CAR Part 139.25, this letter represents formal notification that the Director of Civil Aviation has determined that Wanaka Airport must be managed under the authority of a Part 139 Qualifying Aerodrome Operator Certificate. This determination will come into effect on 1 July 2027. The issuance of a certificate is dependent on QLDC demonstrating compliance with the requirements of CAR 139 Subparts G and H and the applicable guidance material in the published Advisory Circulars (ACs).

Yours faithfully

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