

Jetties and Moorings Policy

(For the Frankton Arm and other environs of Lake Wakatipu)

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In considering any proposal regarding jetties or moorings the Queenstown Lakes District Council refers to its Jetties and Moorings Policy. The geographical scope of this policy extends from the foreshore of the northern part Queenstown Gardens Recreation Reserve in Queenstown Bay to the south western extent of the Kelvin Heights Golf Course on the Kelvin Peninsula and includes the Frankton Arm of Lake Wakatipu. For simplicity this area will be referred to as the Frankton Arm and other environs.

Queenstown Lakes District Council Policy regarding jetties, moorings and boatsheds in the Frankton Arm and other environs of Lake Wakatipu:

A. General Principles:

- The policy seeks to protect the natural character and amenity of the Frankton Arm and environs while facilitating access to and use of the lake by the community.
- This policy will apply to all Council owned or administered land, for example road reserve.
- Jetties and moorings involve the occupation of public space for private benefit. The Council permits this where the activity also benefits the community. To ensure public benefit is maintained the Council will grant licences for up to 12 months at a time and reserves the right not to renew licences where circumstances change.
- The Council considers the surface of Lake Wakatipu as important for the future transportation needs of the Wakatipu basin, therefore all structures and moorings on the lake must be compatible with meeting these future needs.
- At a future date, the Council may determine public structures are a more appropriate way to facilitate access to the lake by the wider community for transportation or recreational purposes while protecting the natural character and amenity of the Frankton Arm and environs. The creation of public structures of this nature will be exempt from the requirements of this policy, but the Council may act to resume existing licences in the vicinity if necessary to address cumulative effects.

B. Jetties:

Council has the discretion to approve or reject any application for a jetty. This includes both new jetties and the renewal of a licence for an existing jetty.

(i) Engineering & Amenity Issues

- Must not create adverse effects on foreshore character and amenity, including adverse cumulative effects when combined with existing jetties or moorings.
- Must be at least 200 metres apart and must be constructed and situated in natural bays not headlands.
- Must be wooden structures and must be bare or stained, not painted.
- Must be attached to the lake foreshore.

- Must be engineered to a standard that allows safe and easy use by a wide variety of vessels at all lake levels in order to be a practical and useful part of the transportation infrastructure of Lake Wakatipu.
- Piles must be internal, rather than external.
- Buffering must be provided by purpose-made buffers, not by tyres.
- All jetties are required to be in compliance with matters set out and detailed in the Waterways Bylaw which is known as the QLDC Waterways Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2003.
- Jetties must at all times be maintained in a safe and structurally sound condition and are subject to inspection at any time.
- Licences will not be renewed for jetties that fall into disuse or disrepair.
- The number of berths at any private jetty shall not exceed four, at least one of which must be available at all times for use by any member of the public who do not have an interest in the jetty.
- Must be rectangular and of no more than 20 metres in length, to be measured from the mean summer low water level, unless the Council considers that lake depth or weather conditions require an alternative design.

(ii) Ownership

- Holders of a jetty licence, shares in a jetty, a sublease in respect of a berth on a jetty, or any other interest in a jetty in the Frankton Arm and environs must be registered as an owner of a property part of which is within 200 metres of the jetty. Jetties should be shared by a number of adjacent landowners, wherever practical.

(iii) Management

- Must be available for the use of the general public.
- Must be able to be used for dropping off and picking up passengers and short term berthing.
- Permanent berthing at a jetty is permitted.
- Overnight berthing of a boat of up to 8 metres in length is permitted. Overnight occupation of a boat at a jetty is not allowed.
- Must be maintained in accordance with the conditions of all relevant licences and consents.
- Jetties or pick-up/drop-off points for public transport purposes are desirable at the area of the Kelvin Heights Golf Course, Bay View Road, Park Street, Kawarau Falls, Sugar Lane Marina and on the northern side of Frankton Arm approximately opposite Andrews Road.
- Notwithstanding the above 200 metre gap between all jetties, the following areas shall have no further jetties built in them (other than public structures): between Middleton Road and Sugar Lane; along the foreshore of the Frankton Recreation Reserve; the foreshore of the Rural General zoned land on the south side of the Frankton Arm; and to the west of the ski lane adjacent to Kelvin Grove. This exclusion reflects the landscape assessment of the area. A copy of the Amenity Issues Document is available from the Council.

C. Moorings:

- Must not create adverse effects on foreshore character and amenity, including adverse cumulative effects when combined with existing jetties or moorings.
- Must be a maximum of 60 metres from the lake edge.
- Must be at least 30 metres apart.
- Moorings must be simple swing moorings only.
- Must not be used to moor craft over 9 metres in length, unless in a designated area. The designated areas for large craft mooring are to be in the immediate south-west of the Sugar Lane Marina and the Park Street mooring area.
- Notwithstanding the above 30 metre gap between all moorings, the following areas should have no further moorings: between Middleton Road and Sugar Lane (except for the designated large boat mooring area); between Sugar Lane and Willow Place; the foreshore of the Rural General zoned land on the south side of the Frankton Arm; in the area of the Bay View Road beach; and within 50 metres of any ski lane.
- All moorings are required to be in compliance with matters set out and detailed in the Waterways Bylaw which is known as the QLDC Waterways Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2003.

D. Boat Sheds:

- No further boatsheds in the Frankton Arm and environs shall be constructed, except in the area from the western end of Park Street to Jubilee Park.
- Existing boatsheds must be maintained in accordance with the conditions of all relevant licences and consents. Licences will not be renewed if this is not the case.

JETTIES AND MOORINGS – PROPOSED ACTION PLAN

No.	Proposed Action	Explanation	Timetable
1	GPS Project	Improve information on exact locations of existing jetties by undertaking back capture of information using GPS.	2007
2	Redrafting of licence to attach	Redrafting of provisions of licence to attach to Council controlled property to reflect provisions of the Jetties and Moorings Policy	2007
3	Redraft Map accompanying policy	Redraft the map defining the extent of the current Jetties and Moorings Policy	2007
4	Guidelines	Redraft guidelines for applying for jetties and moorings in the Queenstown Lakes District to be consistent with provisions of the Jetties and Moorings Policy	2007
5	Develop template for reporting to the decision making committee	Develop a pro forma report for the Harbourmaster outlining relevant matters requiring consideration in terms of the Jetties and Moorings Policy	2007-2008
6	Mooring Management Areas Project	Initiate a project to investigate the establishment of mooring management areas in the Frankton Arm	2008
7	Foreshore Management Plan	Undertake a review the Queenstown Bay, Frankton, Kelvin Heights Foreshore Management Plan	2008
8	Road Stopping Project	Investigate the stopping of roads around the lake edge which no longer serve as through roads and the redesignation of these areas as foreshore reserve.	2008-9
9	Queenstown Lakes District Waterways Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2003	Review the Queenstown Lakes District Waterways Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2003	2008
10	Identification of possible locations for future public structures	Identification of possible future sites for the location of public jetties for recreation or transportation purposes	2008