

22 October 2025

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Sent via email to [REDACTED]

LG25-0297 - Traffic Speed Monitoring Data

Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – DECISION TO REFUSE INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 10 October 2025 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- **I am seeking access to any traffic speed monitoring data that QLDC may hold for roads within your authority which have been reduced to 30 kilometres per hour, from 40 kilometres per hour or 50 kilometres per hour, since January 2020 (including those which may have been reversed due to the Setting of Speed Limits 2024 Rule). In particular, I am interested in: Pre- and post-implementation speed monitoring data (e.g., mean speeds, 85th percentile speeds, compliance rates [that is percent of vehicles travelling at or below 36 kilometres per hour]). Data for a range of road types (residential, urban, semi-rural, rural where applicable) to compare compliance by location/context. Any accompanying contextual information (e.g., dates of data collection, locations of monitoring equipment, or relevant traffic counts). Please provide data as .xls or .xlsx if possible.**

QLDC RESPONSE

In response to your request, we consulted with the QLDC Strategic Asset Management Team.

Decision to refuse information

We have good reason under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA for refusing the information requested. We consider it is necessary to refuse the requested information on the basis of the following grounds:

- **Section 17(e) – that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.**

Section 17(e) of the LGOIMA clarifies that a local authority is not required to provide information that does not exist or cannot be found despite reasonable efforts. This ensures that the absence of information is not due to negligence but reflects its genuine non-existence.

We understand your interest in this documentation and have made reasonable efforts to locate the information requested. However, the information requested does not exist.

Council conducted a draft Speed Management Plan which was released for public consultation in mid-2023. However, following the change in central government in late 2023, a nationwide halt was placed on all speed management consultations.

In June 2024, the Ministry of Transport initiated consultation on a new draft **Setting of Speed Limits 2024 Rule**. Subsequently, in September 2024, central government announced the finalised rule. In October 2024, the **Setting of Speed Limits 2022 Rule** was formally revoked and replaced by the **Setting of Speed Limits 2024 Rule**, which came into force immediately upon revocation of the previous rule.

The new 2024 Rule marks a significant shift in approach. It moves away from network-wide speed management and safety-focused initiatives, instead prioritising efficiency and requiring reversals of previously implemented speed limits.

At this time, Council is unable to provide any traffic speed data as per your request, as no speed limits have changed since 1 January 2020.

Council is currently seeking approval from the newly elected QLDC representatives to proceed with public consultation under the new framework. This consultation is expected to take place in early 2026.

As a local authority, we are committed to fulfilling our obligation to provide access to information that we hold. However, pursuant to Section 17(e) of the LGOIMA, we are unable to release information that either does not exist or cannot be found despite our reasonable efforts.

Right to review the above decision

Note that you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact Naell.Crosby-Roe@qldc.govt.nz (Director Democracy Services).

We trust that the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,



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