

Minutes of a hearing of submissions on the QLDC draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2025 held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown on Friday 26 September 2025 commencing at 9.30am

Present:

Councillor Lisa Guy (Chairperson), Councillor Barry Bruce and Councillor Matt Wong

In attendance:

Mr Campbell Guy (Policy Advisor), Ms Carrie Williams (Policy Manager), Ms Carrie Edgerton (Regulatory Support, Parking and Animal Control Manager), Ms Kacie English (Parking Coordinator), Ms Jane Robertson (Senior Democracy Services Advisor); no members of the media and members of the public as detailed below.

Election of Chair

It was moved (Councillor Bruce, Councillor Wong):

That the Hearing Panel appoint Councillor Guy to chair the hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Wong noted that he was the Council appointed trustee to Film Otago Southland; Film Otago Southland had made a submission.

Councillor Guy noted that she and Councillor Wong had undertaken a site visit together to review the parking arrangements in central Queenstown the previous day.

Confirmation of Agenda

It was moved (Councillor Bruce, Councillor Wong):

That the Hearing Panel confirm the agenda without addition or alteration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Officer report

Mr Guy introduced his report noting that the purpose of the bylaw was to provide a regulatory framework around which rules could be made and parking management plans developed.

Several submissions had made suggestions not directly connected with the draft bylaw about parking management and these would be passed onto the relevant teams for inclusion in their planning processes.

Hearing of Submissions

1. Catkin Bartlett (online)

Footpaths needed to be reserved for people and pedestrians should not have to walk on the roadway to avoid obstacles like vehicles, road works, vegetation and wheelie bins. She had put in numerous requests for service (RFS) asking for these issues to be addressed but obstacles blocking footpaths were still a major problem.

She suggested that clause 24(2)(a) be amended to add wheelie bins to the items which could not unreasonably obstruct the road or footpath and that 24(3)(a) be amended to add road reserve into the sentence and wheelie bins to the list of items.

2. Marian Krogh, Protect Our Winters (online)

Ms Krogh encouraged reducing climate pollution by enabling cycling and she encouraged the Council to put a climate lens over the development of every new policy and bylaw.

She supported most of the proposed changes in the bylaw but had concerns about the use of bicycles in shared zones as Class 3 e-bikes could travel as quickly as 45km/h. These areas should not have any other obstructions and should not be used for a loading zone or as an area for rubbish collection.

She noted that Class 3 e-bikes were more like motorcycles and a speed limit should be applied for e-vehicles.

3. Alastair Clifford, Skyline Enterprises Ltd

Mr Clifford stated that parking enforcement needed to be appropriate and pragmatic but QLDC parking officers seemed to be enforcing the parking rules over-zealously. The current and proposed bylaws provided no interpretation of how the rules should be enforced and he submitted that the new bylaw needed a statement of purpose to provide guidance on the bylaw's intent.

The practice of issuing infringements to people stopping at the kerbside for less than a minute and issuing parking infringements based on CCTV footage was hurting the district and he asked what the intent of this enforcement was because the community had not asked for this approach.

He believed that the low number of submissions on the draft bylaw was indicative of low community engagement and people would stop making submissions if they did not believe that their input was being considered. He warned against consultation becoming just a tick-box exercise.

The meeting adjourned at 10.00am and reconvened at 10.10am.

Deliberations

Purpose Statement

Councillor Wong suggested text for a purpose statement in the bylaw in line with Mr Clifford's submission. Ms Williams had some concerns about the proposed text, suggesting that it would be more appropriate wording for planning documents that sit above a bylaw, but agreed to work with the draft to see if a suitable statement could be developed from it.

Parking Plans and Strategies

The panel noted that the direction taken by many submitters seemed to indicate confusion about the purpose of the bylaw and the hierarchy of parking plans and strategies.

Officers noted that the bylaw was deliberately high level and had been drafted as a framework to make decisions rather than specifying operational plans and providing detailed parking information. The panel noted that as a consequence, much of the content of submissions was out of scope. Officers acknowledged this and advised that suggestions made in submissions would be shared with relevant departments for possible inclusion in parking management plans.

The panel considered the proposed additional clause 5.2 which referred to 'Council's parking strategy and other parking related plans and guidelines' and whether it needed expansion but agreed that the phrase as drafted was satisfactory.

Micromobility

Officers were directed to check alignment of the definition of micromobility to that already determined by NZTA.

Speed Limits on Cycle Paths and Hierarchy of Users

It was noted that maximum speeds on cycle paths did not need to be specified in the bylaw as they were already covered elsewhere. Similarly, work was already underway within speed management plans about the hierarchy of users in shared zones.

Road Reserve Definition

There was discussion about defining 'road reserve', with officers noting that this was generally deemed to be the area between the kerb or edge of seal and the property boundary. It was suggested that instead 'road margin' may suffice.

Parking Off a Roadway

The panel discussed the provisions for 'parking off a roadway' (clause 23) and whether the definition needed the addition of 'berms'. Ms Edgerton advised that the current definition was adequate for enforcement and in the past, the addition of the word 'berms' had caused issues with enforcement. The panel suggested that officers could investigate the addition of the words 'kerb edge'.

Obstructions on Footpaths

The panel considered what changes could be made to 24(3)(a) in response to the concerns raised by Mrs Bartlett. There was further discussion about inclusion of council-authorised or private kerbside collections. Officers expressed concern about making changes that had not been consulted on but agreed to obtain legal advice on appropriate and workable wording that would serve to prohibit rubbish being placed on the roadside.

It was moved (Councillor Wong, Councillor Guy):

That the Hearing Panel resolve to:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Receive** all written submissions to the draft 2025 Traffic and Parking Bylaw | Kā Waeture Huarahi kā Tūka Waka; and
3. **Recommend** to Council the final form of the draft 2025 Traffic and Parking Bylaw | Kā Waeture Huarahi kā Tūka Waka to be adopted, following consideration of public feedback from the submissions and subject to the hearing panel reaching agreement on the advice received from officers following deliberations.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 12.17pm.