

7 November 2025

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Sent via email to ██████████

LG25-0309 - Wānaka Airport Manager and Management Contract

Dear ████████,

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – PARTIAL RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 22 October 2025 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- 1. What changes are proposed or have been put in place for the management contract?**
- 2. Is the contract able to be viewed by the public?**
- 3. What is the term of the contract?**
- 4. Is Council agreed that the contract with QAC [Queenstown Airport Corporation] should be no more than very short term until future planning, the future review, and a new Council strategy for Wānaka Airport is decided.**
- 5. Has there been any consideration or CBA [Collective Bargaining Agreement] for competitive tendering of the contract for management of Wānaka Airport?**

QLDC RESPONSE

Partial release of information

In response to your request, we consulted with the QLDC Property Team.

- 4. Is Council agreed that the contract with QAC [Queenstown Airport Corporation] should be no more than very short term until future planning, the future review, and a new Council strategy for Wānaka Airport is decided.**

Council acknowledges the importance of the current Management Services Agreement with Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) in ensuring Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) compliance at Wānaka Airport. The expertise, knowledge and experience that QAC provides as reputable airport operators is critical to this process. Any further assessment of the operational and management parameters of Wānaka Airport will be undertaken once future planning is known.

5. Has there been any consideration or CBA [Collective Bargaining Agreement] for competitive tendering of the contract for management of Wānaka Airport?

No, a Collective Bargaining Agreement for competitive tendering of the Wānaka Airport management contract has not been considered at this stage.

Decision to refuse information

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

- Section 17(d) – that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Section 17(d) of the LGOIMA clarifies that a local authority is not required to release information if it is already available to the public or will shortly be made publicly accessible. This ensures that resources are used efficiently and that requests do not duplicate information that is already accessible through other channels, such as published reports or proactive releases.

QLDC proactively publishes LGOIMA responses that may be of interest to the wider public. In July and August 2025, Council received similar requests regarding Wānaka Airport. You can view Council's response here:

- [QLDC - Proactive releases to LGOIMA/2025/July/Wānaka Airport.](#)
- [QLDC - Proactive releases to LGOIMA/2025/August/QAC-QLDC arrangement for management of Wānaka Airport.](#)

As a local authority, QLDC is committed to providing access to the information it holds. In this instance, the information you have requested is already publicly available, consistent with section 17(d) of the LGOIMA

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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