

## The climate is changing. And so are we.

Queenstown Lakes District  
Climate Action Plan



Kia ora, tena kotu katoa & Meri Kirihimete

We're excited to share an update about what we've been working on to deliver our Climate Action Plan (CAP). We've made lots of progress this year with over half of the 73 actions included in the plan, in progress. Here's the latest:

### Major Progress

- An independent, multidisciplinary Climate Reference Group (CRG) was established in August to support the delivery of our CAP and has now met four times. This group consists of 12 highly experienced and influential community stakeholders who will support us with identifying key challenges, evaluating best practices, identifying funding and agreeing priority action areas at each annual review of the CAP.
- An updated District Greenhouse Gas Report is now available on our website.
- Sustainability principles and outcomes have been incorporated into the development of the draft Spatial Plan which will be released for consultation in early 2021.
- Detailed design for New Zealand's first passive build community facility - Luggate Memorial Centre - is complete. Practical completion is scheduled for Spring 2021.

### Climate Conscious Community

- To support our adaptation to climate change, a work programme to enhance community resilience and response readiness is being jointly driven by

Emergency Management Otago and QLDC. This includes deployment of a new Community Portal, "Gets Ready", which can help enable communities to share information and support one another during emergency events.

- The Torokiki Community ideas platform was launched earlier this year, with a climate action focus on local food initiatives. The ideas raised through this challenge are currently being investigated further to assess the best way to support the development of initiatives such as community gardens and organics composting projects.



## Emissions Reduction Roadmap

- An Emissions Reduction Roadmap and Carbon Sequestration Study are under development. These important investigations will provide insight into the pathway options that the district can take to achieve its 2050 goal of net zero carbon emissions and for aligning with the international science-based targets for limiting climate warming.
- The phased transition of the QLDC vehicle fleet is progressing well with 14 electric vehicles now in the council fleet.
- We have launched the CarbonEMS system for monitoring and evaluating QLDC's direct emissions.
- Emissions reduction changes are being promoted within QLDC, for example flexible working, Skype meetings and active transport. These are part of our effort to ensure we are a climate conscious organisation that leads by example.
- The Way to Go and QLDC transport improvement programmes are focussed on improving options and

facilities for public transport and walking and cycling. This includes public transport improvements on State Highway 6 and 6A and the Wakatipu Active Travel network, which will help enable a reduction in road transport emissions.

Thank you for taking an interest in our Climate Action work, which will help to guide local action as we all rise to and meet the challenge of the climate change emergency.

We'll continue to keep you informed as we progress local initiatives. In the meantime, we wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a relaxing time with family and friends.

Keep up to date with our climate action initiative on our [website](#) and the [QLDC Facebook page](#).



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