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Sent via email to [redacted]

LG25-0319 - Ratepayers and Rating Units

Dear [redacted],

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 11 November 2025 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

1. **The total number of ratepayers within the Queenstown Lakes District Council and the date that this is relevant for.**

2. **Additionally, a quick note on how your Council defines a "rating unit," just so I'm consistent across all councils.**

QLDC RESPONSE

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

Release of information

1. **The total number of ratepayers within the Queenstown Lakes District Council and the date that this is relevant for.**

The QLDC Annual Report 2024-2025 (refer page 163), records the follow rating unit numbers:

RATING BASE INFORMATION

Rating units within the district or region of the local authority at the end of the preceding financial year:

- Rating base information as at 30 June 2024
- The number of rating units 33,823
- The total land value of rating units 34,884,820,200
- The total capital value of rating units 59,450,140,200

2. **Additionally, a quick note on how your Council defines a "rating unit," just so I'm consistent across all councils.**

Where rates are calculated on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, the following definitions will apply:

- Any part of a rating unit that is used or occupied by any person, other than the ratepayer, having a right to use or inhabit that part by virtue of a tenancy, lease, licence, or other agreement.
- Any part or parts of a rating unit that is used or occupied by the ratepayer for more than one single use.

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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