**Glenorchy Airstrip Consultative Governance Committee Notice of Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday 18th February 2025

**Time:** 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**Location:** Church Street Meeting Room/ MS Teams

**Attendees:**

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| **NAME** | | |  |  |
| **Priscila Da Silva (QLDC)** | **Jeannie Galavazi (QLDC**) | **Christina Hitchcock (QLDC)** | **Roger Davidson (QLDC)** | **Niki Gladding (Councillor)** |
| **Josh Greer (Wyuna Preserve Residents Association)** | **Tom Butler (Blanket Bay)** | **Juliet Breen (QAC)** | **Andrew Green (GCA)** | **Nick Nicholson (Operator – Action Helicopters)** |

**Apologies:** James Stokes (Operator)

**Meeting Minutes #16**

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| **Item** | **Topic** | **Meeting Minutes** |
| **1.** | **Welcome** |  |
| **2.** | **Previous Minutes**   * 2025 Concessions updates * GACGC to create a motion to support (or not) operator requested landings * Reserve Management Plan update * Airstrip Operational Update * Complaints * General Business | * Please note we have attached previous meeting minutes, so we can refer to the action points highlighted. * Previous meeting minutes moved by NG and TB. |
| **3.** | **QLDC update:**   * Concession holder agreements * GCA position to proposed number of landings 2025 | * The number of landings requested by the operators for the concession agreement 2025 have been presented to this committee, together with the position and feedback of the Glenorchy Community Association. * The GCA comments were in support of the presented numbers for 2025, however their position is that they will not support any future requests for an increase on landings until the draft RMP is completed. * **Decision:** This committee unanimously voted to approve the proposed landing number for 2025 concession operators and that the operators should be made aware of the committees view that there will be no increase in overall landings numbers granted for 2026. * **Action:** QLDC will engage with operators to finalise the concession agreements for 2025 and notify operators of the committees decision on overall landings for future concession agreements. |
| **5.** | **Reserve Management Plan Review Update**   * Presentation of consultation Summary engagement * Update following Community Services Workshop on GY Airstrip RMP | * The key objectives have been explained to the committee members advising the outcome of the workshop, and that more information will be shared once the draft is finalised, allowing the committee members to have a clear vision of the items presented and provide feedback on what was discussed. * The feedback provided by the committee was taken on board and it will be reflected more clearly in the completed draft. |
| **6.** | **Complaints (QAC/QLDC)**   1. We have received a complaint regarding the number of landings being recorded x the actual number of landings happening in the Airstrip 2. Complaint from Glenorchy Resident regarding a landing on the Glenorchy Foreshore | 1. The complaint regarding the number of landings has been taken to the flight recording providers, and AIMMS have advised they could investigate the radio recordings for the specific dates the complaint has been made, to identify any discrepancies, if any occurred.   **Action:** Jeannie will contact AIMM’s and provide the dates mentioned by the customer and provide feedback for the committee to on the next meeting.   1. The operator has been notified that the activity is not acceptable and that this will continuously monitor to ensure it does not happen again. |
| **7.** | **Airstrip Operations Update (QAC)** | * All monthly runways inspections were completed. * Quarterly inspections were completed in December 24 and the next one is due this month. * As mentioned in the last meeting, regarding rolling the strip, as a result of the ground conditions being rough, this has now been completed twice. The first time being after the rain which improved the condition slightly, however once the second rolling was completed there was no extra improvement achieved, so the rolling was ceased to ensure no extra costs were attributed to the maintenance of the airstrip. The contractors who are completing the grass maintenance of the airstrip is based locally, which assists with the completion of the monthly inspections and enables a greater connection with the local operators. * Regarding the wildlife management in the airstrip, it was noticed a reduction of rabbits currently. There have been however reports of deer within the airstrip. * In terms of operability there has been no closures or unserviceability during all daylight hours. * There are no issues with the fencing, also the access road to the car park is in good condition. * **Decision:** The two biggest considerations for the airstrip would be the wildlife control/management, there should be some consideration of installing a rabbit proofing fence around the airstrip perimeter, and there is the consideration around the deer fencing as this is a reasonably big hazard to aircrafts. * **Actions:** Jeannie will follow up with QLDC biodiversity officer to understand what the status of wildlife control for the Glenorchy Airstrip is, and pass the information to QAC, where further discussion will happen to understand the full scope of the problem and how to better overcome it. |
| **8.** | **Number of Landings**   * General (period Jan – Dec 2024)   Commercial & Recreational  Landings: **1331** | * No comments |
| **9.** | **General Business**   1. Parking at the airstrip overnight (film company) 2. Hanger Consent for Glenorchy Airstrip | 1. Jeannie was approached by a film company, who was enquiring about the possibility of parking an aircraft in the airstrip overnight for a couple of weeks in March. The committee did not oppose to the idea; and they will wait for more information to be provided in due course. 2. There has been a desire of one operator to construct a hangar to the airstrip, this is an early stage for the discussion as the process for the RMP is currently being drafted. The committee is interested in assisting and providing feedback once the operators have a more concrete idea/plan to be presented. During the meeting all considerations and expectations for such plans where highlighted, and it was mentioned that the operators would still need to complete all QLDC processes as usual (resource consent, building consent etc), as this committees feedback does not exclude the formal process. |