

## Lake Islands – Fire Restrictions Policy

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- 1 Queenstown Lakes District Council shall annually publicise its total fire ban and that it is an offence to light fires on a Reserve.
- 2 Queenstown Lakes District Council shall ensure there is a Warden system in place for the islands daily from December 26 to mid February, Labour Weekend and Easter, and that this person shall be delegated the necessary powers.
- 3 Queenstown Lakes District Council will not issue fire permits for the Islands, nor construct fireplaces.
- 4 Effective signage is immediately put in place.
- 5 Chimneys in both huts shall have devices to act effectively as spark arresters, and that the chimneys and fireplaces of both be inspected by the building inspectors and brought up to standard.
- 6 Fire breaks around huts and camping areas be installed and maintained (shall mean a 3 metre mown strip around all camp sites.)
- 7 Council adopt a policy of prosecution namely that those responsible for setting the fire be prosecuted by Queenstown Lakes District Council as Reserves Administrator, and that Council urge the Rural Fire Authority to charge that person (s) with the full cost of an out of control fire; and
- 8 Council adopt a policy to support a revegetation strategy namely to limit the impact of noxious weeds in the regeneration process and ensure seed sources are available to the regeneration process by providing funding of up to \$12,000 to support a detailed revegetation strategy; and
- 9 Council declare that a Prohibited Fire Season is in place from 1 October each year to 30 September the following year for Pigeon Island and Pig Island, Lake Wakatipu, and Ruby Island, Lake Wanaka in accordance with Section 21(b) of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977.