

QLDC Council
12 March 2020

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take : 10

Department: Corporate Services

Title | Taitara Submission on ORC Lake Wakatipu Water Ferry Amendment

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

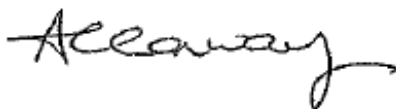
The purpose of this report is to present the submission on the Otago Regional Council's Lake Wakatipu Water Ferry Amendment, and seek Council's feedback and retrospective approval of its content. The submission was made to the Otago Regional Council on 12 February 2020.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report; and
2. **Approve** retrospectively the content of the attached submission

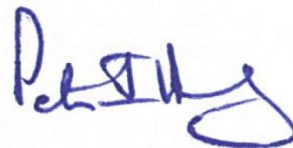
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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

- 1 On 29 January 2020 the Otago Regional Council (ORC) signalled their support for a publically-funded water ferry service in the Frankton Arm of Lake Wakatipu, deeming this to be integral to the public transport aspirations in the Wakatipu Basin. In order for a ferry service to be supported in both the short and long term a ferry service will need to be specified within the ORC's Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP).
- 2 As Way to Go partners with ORC and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA), QLDC will provide infrastructure for the long-term public transport ferry. The proposed amendment is a significant step to progressing the water ferry business case which is one of a number in progress addressing safe, connected travel solutions for the Wakatipu.
- 3 The proposed amendment to the RPTP will specify that: *A Frankton Arm to Queenstown Bay water ferry service is integral to the network*. Submissions on the amendment were due to ORC by 12 February 2020.
- 4 As the consultation period for this amendment was only two weeks there was insufficient time to seek Councillor feedback prior to the submission due date. This submission was approved and submitted by the Chief Executive.

ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU

- 5 QLDC supports the intent of this amendment to provide a water ferry service in the Frankton Arm of Lake Wakatipu. The key points main in the submission are:
 - **Support for a trial water ferry service in the Frankton Arm of Lake Wakatipu:** Both ORC and QLDC will be able to collect data supporting clear consideration of the implementation and operation of a permanent ferry service.
 - **Subsidising the existing ferry service:** ORC's intention to subsidise the existing ferry service will support the ongoing goal for alternative transport solutions to be available to the community.
 - **Transport and environmental ambitions:** The trial will ensure that in the short term, commuters relying on this service on a daily basis will not be forced back into private vehicle usage, increasing congestion and emissions along the Frankton Road. In the long term, there is the potential for a high quality public transport alternative working in conjunction with the Orbus service.
- 6 Option 1: to agree the contents of the attached submission retrospectively.

Advantages

7 The submission will remain in the ORC review process and QLDC will have partaken in the submissions process.

Disadvantages

8 There are no clear disadvantages to this option.

Option 2: to request withdrawal of the attached submission from the ORC process.

Advantages:

9 The submission will be withdrawn from the ORC process and any inaccurate representations of QLDC's position will not be considered.

Disadvantages:

- 10 QLDC will need to seek other opportunities to participate in the ORC process.
- 11 This report recommends Option 1 if the submission is reflective of QLDC's position. If there are additional points to be made, it's recommended that these points are collated and imparted at the soonest opportunity to ORC under separate correspondence.
- 12 Option 2 is only recommended in the event that the direction taken by the submission is incorrect and fails to capture the position of the council.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:

> SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA

- 13 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because the proposed amendment is not within the direct control of QLDC. However, this proposed amendment deals with a matter of interest to a range of individuals, organisations, groups and sectors in the community.
- 14 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes district community.
- 15 The Council has not undertaken any public consultation on the content of the submission.

> MĀORI CONSULTATION | IWI RŪNANGA

- 16 Iwi has not been consulted during the drafting of the attached submission.

RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

- 17 This matter relates to the Strategic/Political/Reputation risk category. It is associated with RISK00038 within the QLDC Risk Register: Lack of Alignment - Strategies and policies. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate inherent risk rating.
- 18 The approval of the recommended option will support the Council by allowing us to implement additional controls for this risk. This shall be achieved by supporting the initial stages of a long-term public transport solution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGĀ RITENGA Ā-PŪTEA

- 19 There are no financial implications from the proposed options.

COUNCIL EFFECTS AND VIEWS | NGĀ WHAKAAWEAWE ME NGĀ TIROHANGA A TE KAUNIHERA

20 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- The outcomes and principles of the Vision Beyond 2050, in particular - Thriving people and Opportunities for all.
- Disability Policy
- Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Proposed District Plan
- 2018-2028 Ten Year Plan
- 2019-2020 Annual Plan
- Master Plans
- Asset Management Plan
- 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 PURPOSE PROVISIONS | TE WHAKATURETURE 2002 O TE KĀWANATAKA Ā-KĀIKA

21 The recommended option:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses by supporting the consideration of different public transport options;
- Can be implemented through current funding under the Ten Year Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA

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