

11 September 2025

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Sent via email to ██████████

LG25-0240 - Historic District Plans and Tree Policies

Dear ████████,

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 15 August 2025 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- 1. Copies of historic QLDC District Plans from 1 January 2000 up until 1 January 2011 and the time periods for which the District Plans were in force (including the dates of amendments).**
- 2. Copies of Tree Policies from 1 January 2000 up until 1 January 2011 and the time periods for which Tree Policies were in force (including the dates of amendments).**

QLDC RESPONSE

Release of information

In response to your request, we consulted with the QLDC Planning Policy Team, the QLDC Parks and Open Spaces Team and the QLDC Knowledge Management Team.

- 1. Copies of historic QLDC District Plans from 1 January 2000 up until 1 January 2011 and the time periods for which the District Plans were in force (including the dates of amendments).**

The first post-Resource Management Act District Plan, known as the current [Operative District Plan](#) (ODP), was notified in 1995. Decisions on the notified Plan were issued in 1998, with appeals on those decisions continuing through to approximately 2008.

A staged review of the ODP was notified in 2015 and remains ongoing.

During the period 2000–2011, a number of submissions were made on provisions relating to urban trees (including those in Hāwea) in the notified [1995 District Plan](#). To our knowledge, these provisions were not appealed and therefore remained operative throughout that timeframe.

Key documents include:

- [Issue 47 – Urban Trees \(1998\)](#): Decisions on urban tree provisions/amendments to the 1995 notified District Plan.
- Relevant amended sections of the 1995 District Plan: [Sections 4, 7, 13, and Appendix 5](#).

Please note that the enclosed links will expire on 10 October 2025, 12:28 PM (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

2. Copies of Tree Policies from 1 January 2000 up until 1 January 2011 and the time periods for which Tree Policies were in force (including the dates of amendments etc.).

Copies of QLDC's Tree Policies from 1 January 2000 to 1 January 2011 are available below. The QLDC Parks Team developed a Tree Policy in 2006 (reviewed every two–three years), which focused on advocating for the protection of trees through education, advice, and promotional activities. This policy did not create additional rules for trees already protected under the District Plan and rescinded all earlier Council Tree Policies.

- [QLDC Tree Policy \(2006\)](#)
- [QLDC Tree Policy \(2008\)](#)
- [QLDC Tree Policy \(2010\)](#)

Although the version adopted in 2010 refers to a QLDC Tree Policy adopted in 2009, we have consulted with the QLDC Parks and Open Spaces Team and searched our email archives for correspondence dated between 1 January and 31 December 2009. This search focused on emails containing the keyword or phrase “tree policy” and returned no results within the scope of your request. The Parks and Open Spaces Team also advised that they are not aware of, nor able to locate, a 2009 version of the policy, and it is therefore unclear why the 2010 version refers to one.

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We trust that the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,



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