



## SUBMISSION ON OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL 10 YEAR PLAN 2018-2028

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This is a submission on the Otago Regional Council ("the Council") 10 Year Plan 2018-2028 and applies to the Queenstown Lakes District.

Shaping our Future Inc was founded in 2011 by a group of leading Queenstown Lakes residents. Our Board and Taskforce members are volunteers working towards achieving our 2011 created long term community vision of *"Spectacular environments, enterprising people, exceptional solutions"*

We aim to give every person in the community a voice in shaping the future of our district for future generations, not just our children, but grandchildren and beyond. We are independent and apolitical with a process not constrained by single interest groups. The Shaping our Future process includes public forums and online engagement, the formation of a volunteer taskforce to refine and establish a vision, goals and objectives within a strategic report that is then taken back to the public for ratification prior to being implemented.

Applications and Reference (engagement numbers in brackets):

1. **Water Monitoring and Urban Water Quality –**
  - a. Shaping our Future Water Forums Queenstown and Upper Clutha 2018 (200)
  - b. Shaping our Future Glenorchy Community Visioning (110)
  - c. Arrowtown Community Visioning 2017 (130)
  - d. Shaping our Future Upper Clutha Conservation Report 2015 (80)
  
2. **Clean Air –**
  - a. Shaping our Future Arrowtown Community Visioning 2017
  - b. Shaping our Future Glenorchy Community Visioning 2016
  - c. Shaping our Future Upper Clutha Conservation Report 2015
  
3. **Public Transport**
  - a. Shaping our Future Queenstown and Upper Clutha Transport Reports 2017 (200)
  - b. Shaping our Future Visitor and Tourism Industry Report 2014 (200)
  - c. Shaping our Future Glenorchy and Arrowtown Community Visioning Reports 2015

#### 4. **Biodiversity Strategy** – Shaping our Future Conservation Report (2015)

Note: Shaping our Future full reports are available at [www.shapingourfuture.org.nz](http://www.shapingourfuture.org.nz)

Shaping our Future welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission and would like to be heard.

### 1. **Water Monitoring and Urban Water Quality**

In April 2018 Shaping our Future consulted with over 200 residents and 800 primary and secondary school children on the current challenges, values, goals and objectives for freshwater in the Queenstown Lakes District. Consultation was through two public forums (Queenstown and Wanaka), online and direct with schools in the district.

Please note the information provided below is the raw data from our forum, volunteer taskforces will be working through the next six months to refine and define the information and recommendations. The following is a summary of the information:

### Shaping our Future Water Forum - Summary information

We have gathered information on your values, key issues and goals and objectives for the future. Four key themes emerged from the Water Forum.

#### 1. **Water Quality (including Ecology) and Water Quantity**

- The desire for accessible, affordable, clean, safe, drinkable and swimmable waterways
- Management of water quality and quantities in waterways and catchments
- 3 waters – drinking water, stormwater and wastewater quality and infrastructure
- Reduction and remediation of pollution e.g. run off

#### 2. **Strategic Management**

- The need for strong, collaborative, visionary leadership in management of all freshwater
- Collaboration and clarification of policies and procedures, accountability and enforcement of freshwater standards at local, regional and national level.

#### 3. **Community Culture – Education and Awareness**

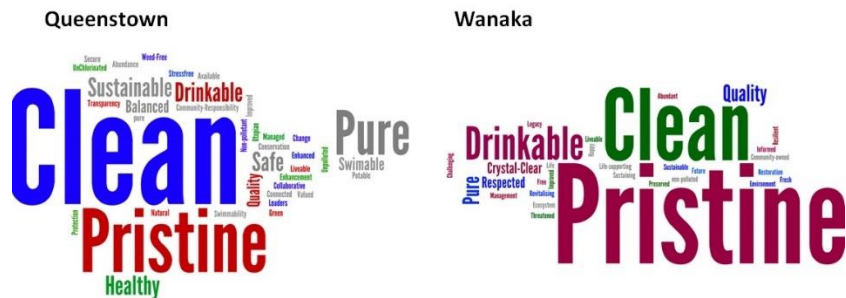
- Residents, visitors, commercial and industrial understanding, value and respect for our freshwater
- Education around pollution, stormwater, consumption and impacts of our actions on our waterways e.g. cleaning boats, no plastics

#### 4. **Research and Monitoring**

- Need for consistent, robust monitoring of our waterways
- Increased communication of results and establishment of accurate baseline information
- Monitoring followed by evidence-based action

Respondents were also asked to provide one word to describe their ideal future for freshwater in the Queenstown Lakes District – the results are below:

## Our Freshwater Future



Full forum raw data available for [Queenstown](#) and [Wanaka](#)

In addition, the Shaping our Future Arrowtown and Glenorchy Community Reports and Upper Clutha Conservation Report included recommendations for Otago Regional Council to continue working on water quality, research and monitoring for the district and to share this information with the community.

### Summary:

**Water Monitoring – Extended Programme** – Shaping our Future supports Option 3. The desire for quality, comprehensive, relevant information on our waterways has been expressed by over 450 Queenstown Lakes District Residents and 800 of our younger generation.

Shaping our Future also supports continued work on remediation plans for Lake Hayes.

### Relief:

- That monitoring is expanded to include the catchments of Lake Wakatipu, Wanaka and Lake Hayes to gain a true understanding of trends, impacts and the health of our waterways.
- That monitoring and buoy installment is extended to include Lake Hawea
- That all lake buoy monitoring is in place by 2019 to provide an overall district view on our Lakes.

**Urban Water Quality** - Shaping our Future reports support Option 1 and any efforts to increase urban stormwater quality and infrastructure within the Queenstown Lakes District.

## 2. Air Quality:

Shaping our Future supports continued efforts to improve the air quality of the region – in particular Arrowtown as supported by the Glenorchy and Arrowtown Community Reports and Upper Clutha Conservation Report.

### 3. Public Transport

The Arrowtown and Glenorchy Community Reports, Visitor and Tourism Report and Queenstown and Upper Clutha Transport Reports support the establishment of an effective local and regional public transport system.

Over 200 residents contributed to the Shaping our Future Queenstown and Upper Clutha Transport Reports (2017). The following suggestions are based on the views expressed by the community during the Shaping our Future process and supported by the Community and Visitor reports.

The key recommendation included in the Queenstown and Upper Clutha Transport reports was the for Otago Regional Council, Queenstown Lakes District Council and NZTA to work together for the benefit of the wider district and the development of an Integrated Strategic Plan (integrated land use and transport planning), for the wider Wakatipu Basin.

The Upper Clutha residents also expressed a need for better future planning and the investigation of public transport within Wanaka and connecting the district to the wider region.

Shaping our Future supports the following aspects of the 10-year plan:

- a. Supports priority public transport corridors for the CBD as part of a wider integrated transport to include Frankton Road and other main arterials, and future corridors, leading into the CBD.
- b. Supports the development of Wakatipu Ferry system integrated and connected to the wider public transport network including buses and active transport options.
- c. Supports the further development of the public transport system - public transport solutions need to be as/or more convenient, affordable, accessible and timely than private vehicles for residents and visitors to change behaviour.

**Relief:** Alternative funding sources are aggressively pursued, e.g. visitor levy, private/public partnership, central government funding.

### 4. Biodiversity Strategy

Shaping our Future supports continued work on a biodiversity strategy for the Queenstown Lakes District. A key recommendation of the Upper Clutha Conservation Report was for:

**Regional and District Biodiversity Strategies will be operative within 3 years.** The District Strategy will give effect to the regional strategy and the National Biodiversity Strategy but will have district-specific objectives. The district strategy will deliver objectives that are tangible and measurable on an annual plan basis

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