



SUBMISSION ON QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL Community Facility Strategy

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Shaping Our Future wishes to be heard.

This is a submission on the Queenstown Lakes District Council ("the Council") Community Facilities Strategy (CFS).

Shaping Our Future is an independent, apolitical, non-profit organisation created in 2011 to give the people of our community an opportunity to shape their future. We work with the community to create a long-term vision and roadmap for the future as our district continues to go through rapid change, even with the recent disruption of Covid-19. Shaping Our Future is governed by a volunteer Board.

The following submission is based on information gathered from community engagement over the past three years in the form of public forums and surveys, most notably through developing a response to the Frankton Masterplan (2019) and the Wellbeing Forum (2021). By compiling information gathered before and after the disruption of the global pandemic, Shaping our Future feels confident that the information contained in this submission is truly relevant to the current circumstances and economic recovery underway.

These two forums offer a local and regional perspective, and the general findings from this community engagement answers the two basic questions the strategy aims to address: How do we identify what community facilities are needed now and into the future and how do we prioritise Council investment?

The consensus that community facilities are key to creating community wellbeing can be summed up in the following group-generated comment, "A defined central heart for the community with indoor / outdoor gathering spaces to provide an opportunity for the community to connect."

We wholly support the seven key findings of the executive summary and offer our views to the specific feedback sought below:

Question 1:

Do you think the Community Facilities Strategy provides good recommendations to guide Council now and into the future? See pages 49-51.

Overall, we support the recommendations. The community has voiced the priority need of a community hub, so the Facility Provision should have equal or higher priority to other core infrastructure activities. We also support that the facility should be strategically placed, such as Frankton flats or along Ladies Miles, to

create equitable access and should be incorporated within the transportation policy. Our engagement with the community also supports the CFS principles hierarchy and prioritization of ten-minute urban neighbourhood hubs, which has been identified as key to creating community wellbeing. To that end, we support appropriate resources being invested to QLDC Parks and Reserves, seeking partnerships with neighbouring councils and adding Visitor Usage to budget apportionment. We also advise that public-private partnerships be considered as a means of delivering the CFS.

Question 2:

What do you think of the provision measures outlined on pages 32-41 of the strategy?

We strongly support the Provision Objective Facility Hierarchy of Neighbourhood, Local, Destination and Regional-level facilities. This will ensure that areas outside of the CBDs, such as Glenorchy and Hawea, will benefit from facilities that foster community cohesiveness and wellbeing as much as areas closer in.

We do note that the strategy includes the cost of car parks into the cost of land. We believe QLDC should not place as much emphasis on this cost for two reasons; Modal Shift is underway and providing adequate public transportation access should be paramount, as well as it may not be enforceable for new developments to include parking requirements, particularly if the land is acquired through any private partnership.

Question 3:

Do you think about the proposed prioritisation and investment outlined on pages 42-48 of the strategy?

We generally support the investment outlined and are willing to offer our organisation's services to engage with the wider community, including partnering with other community organisations to reach a wider and more diverse segment. We appreciate the robust plan outlined, including Stage 3 of additional investigation; however, we also advise creating a viable timeline to give the community confidence that these projects will be delivered in a timely manner, and meet the needs of the current community.

Question 4:

Do you have any further comments on the strategy?

Creating community spaces that address a local need that ties a neighbourhood together as well as a larger community hub that gives each region a central place for artistic, multicultural and athletic outlets should be an overarching QLDC priority. We applaud the CFS for prioritising this need.

We wish to point out that the community often identify the need to offer opportunities to embrace Maori culture and heritage. In a survey with 100 respondents, of whom only 8% identified themselves as Maori, 24% responded that the number one issue for cultural wellbeing is to "increase awareness of Maori history and the role of iwi locally." More community organisations are adopting the original spelling of Whakatipu, another reflection of how the greater community wants to embrace this heritage.