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JOINT POSITION STATEMENT BETWEEN QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL AND QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT CORPORATION

The Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC or Council) and Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) are mindful that the 2020-2022 Statement of Intent (referred to from here on as the 2019 SOI) remains unresolved between them, despite efforts by both parties to agree a satisfactory document that reflects the Council's (as majority stakeholder) expectation regarding the clarity of elements of QAC's strategic direction. Both parties are mindful of the need and desirability of agreeing an operative SOI and doing this without further delay to ensure that QLDC remains legally compliant.

QLDC and QAC are also mindful that the combined and collaborative focus needs to be on developing an aligned and strategic 2021-2023 Statement of Intent (referred to from here on as the 2020 SOI) that will provide QAC with a clear direction from Council regarding its intention for the company. Both have agreed to the establishment of a joint steering group of councillors, directors and executive management to facilitate that effort. This work will commence immediately and be the primary focus of the dialogue between the two parties over the coming months.

The new 2020 SOI process will enable Council and QAC to address the concerns aired through the 2018 consultation on proposed changes to Queenstown Airport's noise boundaries and receive inputs from the work being undertaken by Council through the District Long Term Spatial Plan, as well as the information and outputs derived from the independent Economic Impact Assessment and Social Impact Assessment currently underway. The latter three processes all provide for public and stakeholder engagement. The 2020 SOI will also be able to be informed by the recently amended provisions to the Local Government Act, which will enable the SOI to incorporate those expectations.

Both QLDC and QAC have agreed that while it would be possible to invest more time in further finessing the 2019 SOI, that this will be of limited benefit by the time it can be completed, be unproductive, and delay the ability of both parties to commit skills, time and resources to the 2020 SOI. The Council has therefore agreed to approve the 2019 SOI (August version) to enable work on the 2020 SOI to commence in earnest. QAC accepts both the nature of the approval given and the commitment by both parties to commit to this future-focussed process.

On 26 August 2019 the Council made a public commitment to undertake independent assessments of the economic and social impacts of future airport development on the district. Mayor Boulton, on behalf of the Council, stated that until such time as the Economic Impact Assessment and the Social Impact Assessment had been undertaken, the Council would not consider or accept any change to Queenstown Airport's noise boundaries or the introduction

of scheduled commercial services at Wanaka Airport. This position has been supported by QAC and is referenced in the Forward Planning section of the 2019 SOI (August version).

QAC reiterates through this joint position statement that, as reflected in the 2019 SOI (August version), until such time as the 2020 SOI for QAC is agreed by QLDC, QAC will not undertake any of the following activities without the express approval of its shareholders:

- 1) Expansion of the noise boundaries at Queenstown Airport**
- 2) Introduction of scheduled passenger flights at Wanaka Airport**
- 3) Significant acquisitions or disposals of assets associated with any of the above**
- 4) Applications under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Reserves Act 1977 or the Public Works Act 1981 associated with any of the above**
- 5) Construction activities associated with any of the of the above**
- 6) Issue any shares in QAC**

Note: These undertakings are not intended to limit the ability of QAC to conclude the acquisition of Lot 6.

Both QLDC and QAC note that the above undertakings have been previously (in part) offered and received but that this joint position statement acknowledges the commitment by both parties to act in accordance with the above in a positive, forward looking spirit that facilitates the conclusion of the 2019 SOI, and paves the way for the development and completion of the 2020 SOI.

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