

QLDC Council
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Report for Agenda Item: 9

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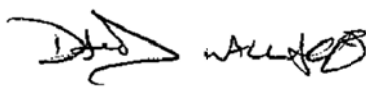

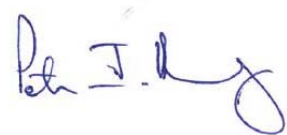
Draft Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve Management Plan

Purpose

- 1 To approve public notification of the draft Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve Management Plan.

Recommendation

- 1 *That Council*
 - a. **Approve** the Draft Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve Management Plan 2015 be publicly notified in accordance with section 41(6) of the Reserves Act 1977, calling upon persons or organisations interested to lodge with the administering body written objections to or suggestions on the draft plan before a specified date, being not less than 2 months after the date of publication of the notice.
 - b. **Appoint** a Hearings Panel consisting of three Councillors [names to be appended] to hear submissions and make a recommendation to Council.

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Background

- 2 On 14 November 2013 Council resolved to accept the transfer of the Glenorchy airstrip and associated land from the Department of Conservation.
- 3 The site has a total area of 19.7ha, being one parcel legally described as Section 11 SO 443869 and vested to the Council from the Crown. The site is gazetted under the Reserves Act 1977 as Reserve for Local (airport) purpose.

- 4 The Council resolved on the motion of Councillors Gazzard and Ferguson:
- i. **That the Council agree to receive the reserve and Airstrip by way of transfer from the Department of Conservation to allow the continued usage of the reserve and Airstrip at the current operational level;**
 - ii. **That the Council accept the terms proposed by the Queenstown Airport Corporation ['QAC'] for management of the Glenorchy Airstrip by QAC in its letter of 28 August 2013;**
 - iii. **That a Reserve Management Plan for the Glenorchy Airstrip and reserve be notified by December 2014; and**
 - iv. **That a representative selected by the Glenorchy Community Association and the Councillor designated to the Glenorchy Community Association be appointed to act as liaison between the community and the Queenstown Airport Corporation with regard to the Glenorchy Airstrip and reserve.**

Comment

- 5 The Reserves Act 1977 process for developing Reserve Management Plans requires that the Council declares its intention to prepare or review a management plan, and this must be notified and suggestions called for to inform the development of the plan.
- 6 The intention to prepare the Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve Management Plan was advertised in September 2014 and no suggestions were received during the notification period.
- 7 The vision for Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve is:
- To maintain and manage the airstrip to an appropriate standard for low intensity emergency, community and commercial tourism aviation activities.*
- 8 Supporting this vision are general objectives and policies covering the following areas:
- a. Purpose of the reserve
 - b. Funding and user charges
 - c. Governance
 - d. Aviation operations
 - e. Future development

Next steps

- 9 The draft plan will be notified for public submission for two months and hearings held. It is recommended the Council nominate up to four people, noting only three will be required for a hearings panel, to consider submissions and finalise the plan for endorsement by the Council.
- 10 Assuming notification in April, allowing for hearings and consideration, a final plan is likely to be reported to the Council in August 2015, seeking a resolution to adopt the plan.

Financial Implications

- 11 Developing the management plan is planned for within existing operating budgets.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

- 12 A Glenorchy Airstrip reserve management plan enables the area to be managed in a consistent manner and provides certainty of development and use for local residents. It is therefore consistent with s.10 of LGA (performance of regulatory functions).

Council Policies

- 13 The following Council Policies were considered:

Policy on Significance and Engagement –The notification of a management plan is a delegation of Council and is of low significance. It is a necessary step to commence public consultation.

Consultation

- 14 Notification will be undertaken in accordance with section 119 of the Reserves Act 1977, ensuring consultation of the Draft Reserve Management Plan.

Attachments

- A Draft Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve Management Plan