

QLDC Council
24 October 2019

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take: 10

Department: Corporate Services

Title | Taitara Appointment of proxy for QAC AGM

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

The purpose of this report is to appoint a proxy to exercise the voting rights of the Council as a shareholder for the Queenstown Airport Corporation Annual General Meeting on 25 October 2019.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Agree** to appoint a proxy for QLDC as a Shareholder of the Queenstown Airport Corporation in accordance with clause 14.3 of the Constitution for the duration of the current Council term;
3. **Appoint** the office of the Mayor as proxy;
4. **Delegate** to the Chief Executive the authority to sign the Instrument Appointing a Proxy.

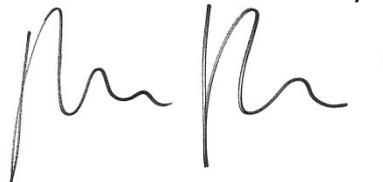
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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

- 1 The Queenstown Airport Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Friday 25 October 2019. The meeting requires a quorum of a majority of the Shareholders or their proxies. Therefore QLDC must attend the AGM in order for a quorum to be reached (as it is the 75.1% shareholder).
- 2 For reasons of practicality and efficiency, QLDC appoints a proxy to attend Shareholder meetings/ AGMs and exercise its voting rights in accordance with the QAC Constitution.

ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU

- 3 It is a requirement under the Companies Act for the Board of a company to hold an Annual Meeting of its shareholders. Matters generally included on the agenda for an AGM are limited to:
 - a. Confirmation of the minutes from the last AGM;
 - b. Matters arising from the last AGM minutes if any;
 - c. Receiving the audited annual report;
 - d. Appointing an auditor for the following year;
 - e. Other business.
- 4 For completeness, the AGM is not an opportunity to make decisions about growth at the Queenstown or Wānaka Airports.
- 5 The QAC Constitution provides the following in respect of Shareholder Meetings:
 - 14.3.1 *A Shareholder may exercise the right to vote either by being present or by proxy.*
 - 14.3.2 *A proxy for a Shareholder is entitled to attend and be heard and vote at a meeting of Shareholders as if the proxy were the Shareholder.*
 - 14.3.3 *A proxy must be appointed by notice in writing signed by the Shareholder and the notice must state whether the appointment is for a particular meeting or a specified term.*
 - 14.3.4 *No proxy is effective in relation to a meeting unless a copy of the notice of appointment is produced before the start of the meeting.*
 - 14.3.5 *A body corporate which is a Shareholder may appoint a representative to attend a meeting of Shareholder on its behalf in the same manner as that in which it could appoint a proxy.*
 - 14.3.6 *A proxy form shall be sent with each notice calling a meeting of the Company.*

- 15 The Constitution also prescribes the form for the notice of appointment. A copy of the completed form is attached as **Attachment A** to this report.
- 16 Appointment of a proxy for QLDC requires a resolution of Council.
- 17 Given the inefficiencies associated with the whole Council attending the AGM to exercise one vote as a shareholder, the only reasonably practicable option available is to appoint a proxy to exercise this voting right.
- 18 This is the recommended course of action for Council and will ensure that the AGM can be conducted in a practical and efficient manner and can proceed on Friday 25 October 2019 with a quorum.
- 19 It is recommended that the appointed proxy be the Office of the Mayor as it has been historically for the duration of the current term of Council. It is also noted that the current Mayor is very familiar with these processes. As Mayor he represents the view of the whole Council to the extent that is required for the purpose of the meeting.
- 20 All Councillors have been invited to attend the AGM.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:

> SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA

- 21 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because while the issue of growth at the airport company is important to the community, the annual meeting of shareholders and the matters dealt with at these meetings are of little community interest. There is no opportunity to make decisions that would impact on the policy direction of the Council in respect of the Airport.

RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

- 22 This matter relates to the Strategic/Political/Reputation Risk. It is associated with 00037 within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate inherent risk rating. This risk relates to strategic alignment with key relationships.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGĀ RITENGA Ā-PŪTEA

- 23 There are no financial implications.

COUNCIL EFFECTS AND VIEWS | NGĀ WHAKAAWEAWE ME NGĀ TIROHANGA A TE KAUNIHERA

- 24 No policies have been considered and this matter is not included in the Ten Year Plan/Annual Plan as it is not required to be.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 PURPOSE PROVISIONS | TE WHAKATURETURE 2002 O TE KĀWANATAKA Ā-KĀIKA

25 The recommended option:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses by ensuring efficient and effective involvement in Shareholder meetings for the Queenstown Airport Corporation;
- Can be implemented through current funding under the Ten Year Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA

A Notice of Appointment