

QLDC Council  
30 January 2020

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take : 3

Department: Chief Executive's Office

Title | Taitara: Chief Executive's Report

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO**

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The purpose of this report is to report on items of general interest.

**RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA**

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That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Note** and adopt the amended 2020 meeting schedule;
3. **Confirm** the appointment of Councillor Smith as the Council's representative on the Otago Regional Transport Committee, with Councillor Lewers as alternate;
4. **Adopt** the amended Terms of Reference for the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee;
5. **Support** the Otago Mayoral Forum's proposal to support healthy and energy efficient homes in Otago by reinvesting any compliance penalties handed down to Aurora Energy in current proceedings under the Commerce Act;
6. **Agrees** to express concern over the practice of commercial water bottling from both a local and national perspective;
7. **Agrees** to request the Chief Executive to engage with the Otago Regional Council to explore any options to mitigate the impact of commercial water bottling based on the potential social and environmental impacts and concerns in relation to bottling operations;
8. **Requests** Mayor Boulton write to the Honourable David Parker to express support for the position promoted by Upper Hutt City and endorse its call for a national moratorium on commercial water bottling.

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## CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

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### Update to Meeting Schedule

1. At the Council meeting on 12 December 2019 the Council adopted a schedule of full Council, committee and Wānaka Community Board meetings.
2. Since that time, meetings of the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee have been arranged as well as additional meetings of the Appeals Subcommittee.
3. The Local Government Act 2002 notes that:  
*If a local authority adopts a schedule of meetings,—*  
*(a) the schedule—*  
*(i) may cover any future period that the local authority considers appropriate; and*  
*(ii) may be amended; and*  
*(b) notification of the schedule or of any amendment to that schedule constitutes a notification of every meeting on the schedule or amendment.*
4. Council staff arrange the publication of monthly meeting schedules and also publicly notify when the meeting schedule is amended. Accordingly, the Council is asked to note and adopt the amended meeting schedule for 2020.

### Representation on Regional Transport Committee (Otago)

5. Regional Transport committees prepare regional land transport programmes and provide advice as requested by the regional council. The committee members must include:
  - two representatives of the Otago Regional Council
  - one representative of each local council in the region
  - one representative of the Transport Agency
6. QLDC needs to appoint a representative and it is traditional for the role to be filled by the chair of the Infrastructure Committee. Councillor Smith is happy to take on this duty and because of his particular skill set, it is recommended that Councillor Lewers be appointed as alternate.
7. The next meeting of the Otago Regional Transport Committee is scheduled to take place in Balclutha on 4 February 2020.

### Amendment to Terms of Reference for Traffic and Parking Subcommittee

8. During 2019 an inconsistency between the delegations of the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee and the Wānaka Community Board was identified. The Traffic and Parking Subcommittee is empowered to exercise Council's delegations in establishing traffic and parking requirements, restrictions and conditions across the district pursuant to the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018. The Wānaka Community Board is also empowered to make decisions on traffic and parking arrangements in the Wānaka Ward.
9. It is my preference to retain the status quo but in order to address this clear inconsistency, a minor amendment is needed to make this exception for issues in the Wānaka Ward

clear. Accordingly, the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Terms of Reference has been amended to include the following statement:

*Power to Act*

- *The Traffic & Parking Subcommittee will approve all restrictions relating to vehicles and road use under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018; and*
- *The Traffic & Parking Subcommittee will approve all restrictions, requirements and conditions relating to parking under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018.*
- ***Where the above matters relate to a site in the Wānaka Ward area, they shall instead be presented for consideration by the Wānaka Community Board.***

10. Amended Terms of Reference for the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee are appended for adoption.

### Initiative of Otago Mayoral Forum

11. In December 2019, Mayor Tim Cadogan (Chair of the Otago Mayoral Forum) wrote to the Minister of Energy and Resources seeking support for a proposal to reinvest any Aurora Energy non-compliance penalties imposed under current proceedings into energy efficiency initiatives in the area. A copy of this letter is attached.

12. The Otago Mayoral Forum has asked all the constituent Councils to consider whether they support this proposal, and if so, to resolve accordingly.

13. If supportive of the proposal, it is suggested that Treasury engage with the Chief Executives of each constituent Council to progress the initiative, working with funding and public health agencies in Otago.

14. It is noted that the members of the Otago Mayoral Forum are fully supportive of the proposal.

### Queenstown Lakes District Council national Bottling Moratorium Request

15. The Queenstown Lakes District Council has received a formal request from Wayne Guppy, Mayor of Upper Hutt City Council, to support its [bid](#) to the Government to place a moratorium on bottled water consents. Specifically the request would place a hold on any current and future consents for the extraction of water from groundwater systems for the purpose of retail and wholesale, where the end product is bottled water. The letter from Mayor Guppy seeks [that](#) the Queenstown Lakes District Council (amongst others) writes to the Honourable David Parker, Minister for the Environment, in support of Upper Hutt City's request.

16. Upper Hutt City acted after the Greater Wellington Regional Council granted a consent on a non-notified basis to a company to take and use groundwater for bottling and retail, a move it considers has caused widespread community concern in relation to the impact on the aquifer and the impact on community well-beings.

17. The granting of water consents likewise sits in our region with the Otago Regional Council (ORC). ORC is required to allocate water takes in accordance with the provisions of the Resource Management Act (RMA) and the Regional Plan. Bottling is treated as a consumptive use of water, on the same basis as farm irrigation or other commercial water

takes. The 'Otago Regional Plan: Water' therefore does not address the effects of water bottling specifically and does not differentiate between the differing commercial uses of water.

18. ORC has issued three current permits as of January 2020. Only one of these permits, Koha Water (Dart River, north of Glenorchy), has been issued in the Queenstown Lakes District. Council understands this consent is not currently active.
19. The question of water bottling is both treated and assessed as a resource allocation issue. These, and many other consents, are not evaluated on the consequential or related ethical, sovereignty, or wider environmental impacts (beyond the immediate effects of the extraction process). To do so effectively would require both a change to the Regional Plan and possibly a change to the legislation. Some of these issues are currently being challenged in Court in the case taken by Aotearoa Water Action (AWA) in respect of a water extraction consent granted by Environment Canterbury.
20. The Upper Hutt resolution promotes one way to cut across these processes. This would be in the form of an interim Government moratorium that would enable a temporary hold on the issuing of consents and the cancellation and/or suspension of any current consents. It would also enable Government to undertake a broader policy review of the wider communities' appetite for this type of activity.

## ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA

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- A Amended 2020 Meeting Schedule
- B Amended Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Terms of Reference
- C Letter to Minister of Energy and Resources from Chair of Otago Mayoral Forum

## Attachment A

## Queenstown Lakes District Council 2020 Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Date	Time
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thursday 30 January 2020</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Planning & Strategy Committee	Wednesday 5 February 2020	10.00am
Infrastructure Committee	Thursday 13 February 2020	10.00am
Wānaka Community Board	Thursday 20 February 2020	10.00am
Community & Services Committee	Thursday 27 February 2020	10.00am
Appeals Subcommittee	Thursday 27 February 2020	1.00pm
Audit, Finance & Risk Committee	Thursday 5 March 2020	10.00am
Traffic & Parking Subcommittee	Monday 9 March 2020	9.00am
<b>Council (Adopt AP for Consultation)</b>	<b>Thursday 12 March 2020</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Planning & Strategy Committee	Thursday 19 March 2020	10.00am
Wānaka Community Board	Thursday 2 April 2020	10.00am
Community & Services Committee	Thursday 9 April 2020	10.00am
Appeals Subcommittee	Thursday 9 April 2020	1.00pm
<b>Council (to be held in Wānaka)</b>	<b>Thursday 23 April 2020</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Planning & Strategy Committee	Thursday 30 April 2020	10.00am
Infrastructure Committee	Thursday 7 May 2020	10.00am
Wānaka Community Board	Thursday 14 May 2020	10.00am
Community & Services Committee	Thursday 21 May 2020	10.00am
Appeals Subcommittee	Thursday 21 May 2020	1.00pm
Traffic & Parking Subcommittee	Tuesday 2 June 2020	9.00am
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thursday 4 June 2020</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Planning & Strategy Committee	Thursday 11 June 2020	10.00am
Wānaka Community Board	Thursday 18 June 2020	10.00am
<b>Council (Adopt AP)</b>	<b>Thursday 25 June 2020</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Audit, Finance & Risk Committee	Thursday 2 July 2020	10.00am
Community & Services Committee	Thursday 16 July 2020	10.00am
Appeals Subcommittee	Thursday 16 July 2020	1.00pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thursday 23 July 2020</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Planning & Strategy Committee	Thursday 30 July 2020	10.00am
Wānaka Community Board	Thursday 6 August 2020	10.00am
Infrastructure Committee	Thursday 13 August 2020	10.00am
Community & Services Committee	Thursday 20 August 2020	10.00am
Appeals Subcommittee	Thursday 20 August 2020	1.00pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thursday 3 September 2020</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Traffic & Parking Subcommittee	Monday 7 September 2020	9.00am
Planning & Strategy Committee	Thursday 10 September 2020	10.00am
Wānaka Community Board	Thursday 17 September 2020	10.00am

## Queenstown Lakes District Council 2020 Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Date	Time
Community & Services Committee	Thursday 24 September 2020	10.00am
Appeals Subcommittee	Thursday 24 September 2020	1.00pm
<b>Council (to be held in Wānaka)</b>	<b>Thursday 8 October 2020</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Planning & Strategy Committee	Thursday 15 October 2020	10.00am
Audit, Finance & Risk Committee	Thursday 22 October 2020	10.00am
<b>Council (Adopt Annual Report)</b>	<b>Thursday 29 October 2020</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
Wānaka Community Board	Thursday 5 November 2020	10.00am
Community & Services Committee	Thursday 12 November 2020	10.00am
Infrastructure Committee	Thursday 12 November 2020	1.00pm
Appeals Subcommittee	Thursday 12 November 2020	3.00pm
Planning & Strategy Committee	Thursday 26 November 2020	10.00am
Wānaka Community Board	Thursday 3 December 2020	10.00am
Traffic & Parking Subcommittee	Monday 7 December 2020	9.00am
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thursday 10 December 2020</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>

# Traffic & Parking Subcommittee

## Terms of Reference

### Membership

The Traffic & Parking Subcommittee will have four appointed members: The Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, the Chair of the Community & Services Committee, the General Manager Planning & Development and the General Manager Finance, Legal & Regulatory.

### Quorum

The quorum for every meeting shall be three members.

### Chair

The Chair of the Infrastructure Committee will be the Chair.

### Frequency of Meetings

The Traffic & Parking Subcommittee will meet as required.

### Parent Body

The Traffic & Parking Subcommittee reports to the Infrastructure Committee.

### Objectives of the Committee

To exercise Council's delegations in establishing traffic and parking requirements, restrictions and conditions across the district pursuant to the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018 made under the Land Transport Act 1998 and Local Government Act 2002.

In fulfilling their role on the Traffic & Parking Subcommittee, members shall be impartial and independent at all times.

### Terms of Reference:

#### Activity Areas

- > Traffic and parking.

## Delegated Authority

The Traffic and Parking Subcommittee will have delegated authority to carry out activities within its terms of reference and the activity areas listed above (excluding all powers reserved to the Council by law, or by resolution of the Council).

## Power to Act

- > The Traffic & Parking Subcommittee will approve all restrictions relating to vehicles and road use under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018; and
- > The Traffic & Parking Subcommittee will approve all restrictions, requirements and conditions relating to parking under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018.
- > Where the above matters relate to a site in the Wānaka Ward, they shall instead be presented for consideration by the Wānaka Community Board.

## Delegation Limitations

The Traffic & Parking Subcommittee may not delegate any of its responsibilities, duties or powers and its powers exclude powers that cannot be delegated to committees under the Local Government Act 2002.

## Procedure

The Chairperson will report back to the Infrastructure Committee at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting following each Traffic & Parking Subcommittee meeting.



12 December 2019

Hon Dr Megan Woods, Minister of Energy and Resources  
Parliament Buildings  
Wellington

Dear Minister,

At its November meeting, the Otago Mayoral Forum resolved to seek your support for healthy and energy efficient homes in Otago, by reinvesting any non-compliance penalties handed down to Aurora Energy in current proceedings under the Commerce Act. The Forum enables Otago's Mayors and the Chair of the Otago Regional Council to work together for the benefit of Otago's communities and natural environment. Its membership includes Mayors from across Aurora's network area.

Many residents of Otago are in need of warm, dry and healthy homes. Those in the Aurora network area are also likely to face increased energy costs from significant network upgrades in the years to come. Reinvesting any penalties incurred by Aurora into energy efficiency initiatives in the area will help to mitigate these impacts, without disrupting the court proceedings currently underway.

If you are supportive of this proposal, I suggest that Treasury engage with the Chief Executives of Dunedin City Council, Queenstown Lakes District Council and Central Otago District Council to explore options to progress the initiative within their respective organisations, working with funding and public health agencies in Otago. The Forum secretariat is available to facilitate this process.

The Dunedin City Council resolved to support this request at its meeting on 10 December, and a similar resolution will be sought from Central Otago District and Queenstown Lakes District Councils at the next opportunity. The Members of the Otago Mayoral Forum are fully supportive of the proposal, and look forward to your positive consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Cadogan  
Mayor, Central Otago District  
Chair, Otago Mayoral Forum

cc. Hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance  
Hon Kris Faafoi, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs