

Q3 Share any extra thoughts on our elected representatives.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We need a fresh new perspective for mayor. Not a mayor entangled in private enterprise behind the scenes	8/10/2021 11:41 AM
2	Absolutely atrocious	8/9/2021 1:41 PM
3	Jim needs to go	8/9/2021 11:05 AM
4	We need counsellors who listen to and represent the people who they serve. Next election we need to start afresh and create a council that acts in the interest of the people and not in their own interests	8/9/2021 8:56 AM
5	The mayor is doing a great job in difficult circumstances. There are too many residents that like to squish tall poppies in this town which is disappointing.	8/9/2021 8:44 AM
6	Zero trust that Boulton has general community interests at heart. Focus on personal gain. Arrogance towards general community.	8/9/2021 8:20 AM
7	Shoot both horses	8/9/2021 6:15 AM
8	There is nothing about this council which is "for" the people.	8/8/2021 11:06 PM
9	They need to make the climate a priority	8/8/2021 6:54 PM
10	Not sure how much power they have in decision making	8/8/2021 6:36 PM
11	There is a shocking disregard for what the people of this district want! It's all about lining certain peoples pockets...	8/8/2021 4:26 PM
12	Been sidelined by executive/mayoral control. Little oversight of the executive eg Consultant payment sign off.	8/8/2021 2:08 PM
13	They clearly squander our hard-earned resources. If this was a public enterprise, many would be made redundant - (removed) Many don't have clear positions & this lack of communication can only suggest that something underhanded is going on.	8/8/2021 12:56 PM
14	Not capable of running a progressive area. They don't have the business experience and are mostly just pushing a personal agenda	8/8/2021 12:06 PM
15	Terrible, with exception of Neimah and Quentin who appear to be engaged with their community.	8/8/2021 12:01 PM
16	Not enough transparency and the mayor is not to be trusted	8/8/2021 11:55 AM
17	They are will letting socialism into our region	8/8/2021 10:39 AM
18	Disappointed on Niamh's comments on the Wanaka Community Hub	8/7/2021 7:53 PM
19	Trust Esther Whitehead a lot	8/7/2021 1:18 PM
20	Useless	8/7/2021 11:00 AM
21	Massively skewed to decisions being made for Wanaka in a Queenstown majority...	8/7/2021 10:45 AM
22	Boulton and MacLeod aren't honest	8/6/2021 11:07 PM
23	Boulton is a disgrace to himself and to those of us who voted for him. He is not interested in the will of his community; it feels more like his interests are allied with those of his business mates.	8/6/2021 10:21 PM
24	So impressed by our representatives whom are willing to speak up	8/6/2021 10:02 PM
25	The mayor's multiple conflicts of interest, ongoing support to unsustainable mass over-tourism, and overly emotive, irrational performances during the pandemic response and recovery should have seen him resign months ago. The mayor and CEO's handling of the Lake View development fiasco verge on criminal negligence at best.	8/6/2021 9:55 PM
26	Useless	8/6/2021 9:31 PM

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27	Loved it when Calum accused Quentin of electioneering when he challenged the spending on the 10 year plan. Calum only likes to electioneer for a few months every 3 years. He likes to spend the rest of the time boring us to death with really long winded answers that make you forget the question. They should always be acting to try and get my vote!	8/6/2021 9:18 PM
28	Too many have their own agenda and are not representing what the local population wants. We are sick of the "tourism" blah, blah, blah You are ruining Queenstown for the sake of a buck and your greed!	8/6/2021 9:01 PM
29	Unable to judge councillors as we hear so little from them. Word is that they are not allowed to speak out in public against the QLDC. However, I would rate the Senoir staff and particularly the CEO as incompetent.	8/6/2021 8:53 PM
30	Need a much better focus on climate change, less on tourism and greed/\$ focus, have governance training, and don't bad mouth Hawea residents as heard in the QLDC toilets	8/6/2021 8:08 PM
31	Most of the people who throw shade at these people have very little appreciation for the complexity of the job at hand. I applaud them all for taking on the mantle.	8/6/2021 7:53 PM
32	A terrible mayor	8/6/2021 7:29 PM
33	I recently saw/heard Glyn shouting at someone outside an event. Quentin has demonstrated expertise at policy analysis, and is able to think in terms of the long-term well being of our district. Calum, Quentin, Niamh, Esther, and Glyn are the only ones I have met outside of Council hearings because they came to community events.	8/6/2021 7:26 PM
34	Bolt needs to go	8/6/2021 6:49 PM
35	they suck	8/6/2021 4:58 PM
36	They seem OK, that's if you were judging them against a roof tile.	8/6/2021 4:54 PM
37	A significant number are corrupt who operate with only have self interest in mind.	8/6/2021 3:42 PM
38	They are ruining our town	8/6/2021 2:59 PM
39	I am disgusted by this Council.	8/6/2021 2:57 PM
40	Been a very poor 12months with many major mistakes made and very poor collaboration with stakeholders	8/6/2021 2:23 PM
41	Shockingly bad.	8/6/2021 1:50 PM
42	They are too interested in their own agenda Don't give a toss about the community only interested in lining there own pockets as well as their mates Too many "back door" deals going on without publics knowledge	8/6/2021 1:19 PM
43	Mayor Jim Boulton is sacrificing a great deal to do his best for the district. He deserves public support	8/6/2021 1:15 PM
44	Support 4 councillors in Wanaka	8/6/2021 12:54 PM
45	QT runs Wanaka, we do not choose Mayor as QT has more voting power than Wanaka. Sick and tired of Wanaka being the poor cousin. We need more representation	8/6/2021 12:23 PM
46	Lack of trust in Mayor and CEO. They don't listen to the people.	8/6/2021 11:57 AM
47	Val Miller sleeps through Council Meetings. Jim Boulton has an agenda to get a building with his name on it - lets stop Project Manawa so he doesnt get it!	8/5/2021 7:57 PM
48	Jim Boulton - Officer of Wayfare Group Board - yet he doesn't seem to want to shout about that!? No conflict of interest there. Represents Queenstown like Oliver Twist, just puts his hands out to Central government asking for more. Every second week there is a story about, inappropriate funding or procurement, or legal process. Some of the team need to change - starting with Jim Boulton.	8/5/2021 7:53 PM
49	Mostly bullied by the Mayor. Not capable of independent action.	8/5/2021 7:50 PM
50	Wanaka councillors are useless in advocating for their community. Quentin Smith seems to have an agenda to be the next deputy mayor & therefore won't go against anything Boulton & Theelan say/do. Councillor MacLeod is absent in his engagement with the community & Niamh Shaw is all 'fluff'	8/5/2021 5:58 PM
51	Most of them need to learn about integrity, how to question predominant narrative effectively, how to represent the community	8/5/2021 5:28 PM
52	Completely clean out the lot of them. Absolutely zero trust in our hideous elected officials.	8/5/2021 3:39 PM

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53	I have no trust that Jim Boulton and Callum McLeod are representing the people of the QLD correctly or well. Change is needed.	8/5/2021 1:01 PM
54	Callum McLeod sits on the fence on too many issues Quentin Smith constantly campaigning on social media, has his own agenda gagging to be deputy mayor Niamh Shaw, again has her own agenda is she a one hit wonder Wanaka can do way better than these Turkeys	8/5/2021 9:17 AM
55	Many don't seem to represent the views of the community that elected them. Surely that is their very purpose?	8/4/2021 11:13 PM
56	Mainly not listening to constituents and bulldozed by mayor and bureaucrats. The behaviour is reckless and almost criminal. Lakeview. Ladies Mike. The airport. They are destroying Queenstown and the district and the worst council in the history of this district I can remember Ed and I am almost 70 and was born here.	8/4/2021 10:09 PM
57	Councillors need to wake up and act as elected representatives on behalf of rate payers. They need to take a stronger stand on issues of growth that impact our region instead of sitting on the sidelines. They need to feedback ratepayer concerns to the council executives and not allow the executive to make decisions such as selling off Lakeview spending rate payer funds to put in infrastructure and make no profit in the transaction.	8/4/2021 10:05 PM
58	Unresponsive. Unaware of their role.	8/4/2021 9:52 PM
59	Just not doing so many things right!	8/4/2021 8:24 PM
60	Pretty much all a waste of time. Jim Boulton and Callum McLeod care only for their own agendas and not what their constituents want. Idiotic decisions such as 40km speed limit in Wanaka. Bunch of muppets.	8/4/2021 7:43 PM
61	Where would we be without Mayor Jim Boulton. Get off his back and celebrate how fortunate we are to have him	8/4/2021 6:29 PM
62	I do not trust QLDC council and its executive staff to act in the best interests of my community.	8/4/2021 2:55 PM
63	Niamh. Populist. Says right things. Loves the limelight. History of ill informed comment & hypocrisy. Quentin. Was a lazy Lakes Environmental employee. Little talent. Gun-jumper. Lots of noise. Not much light. Callum. Entertaining. largely useless. Jim. Broke. As such, compromised (although, hot tip Crux, he is off the hook...) Val. Who? Oh - that's right - "there's not enough power coming through the lines". Ferg. A respectable rugby player in his day. Great voice for radio. Esther. High hopes. Penny. Gives me a migraine. Heath/Glyn. Aren't they actually the same person? Niki. Asks good questions.	8/4/2021 2:45 PM
64	I am sick of Boulton's whinging in the media. It is embarrassing.	8/4/2021 2:42 PM
65	Jim Boulton is obsolete	8/4/2021 1:49 PM
66	Lack of understanding of the local area. Council won't be happy until they completely ruin Queenstown and surrounding areas. It's clearly all about money and nothing about our environment or infrastructure.	8/4/2021 1:15 PM
67	As of late, the decision making has been a joke. People need a reality check	8/4/2021 10:31 AM
68	Not too aware of some of them esp. Wanaka ward and it's hard to tick the performance box as some can move and shake things to get done, but not necessarily my choice of jobs	8/4/2021 9:15 AM
69	I have no idea who half of them even are 😊	8/4/2021 9:11 AM
70	Our Mayor (removed). Not to be trusted one bit. Brought in by big corporate	8/4/2021 9:04 AM
71	The majority don't represent their community and don't listen! They don't ask how we feel because they don't want the answer	8/4/2021 8:25 AM
72	Slow and indecisive as a group. Don't appear to have portfolios or project responsibilities for their individual strengths. Mayor is omnipresent - suggest he backs off and lets others take more public roles and reduces his influence. He should lead not rule...	8/4/2021 8:01 AM
73	I can't understand how Jim Boulton can remain mayor with so many conflicts of interest. Also Wanaka feels very unrepresented with unwanted decisions and Developments impacting our quality of life. Wanaka needs more say in the decisions being made for this town.	8/4/2021 7:53 AM
74	Too many woke greens	8/4/2021 7:28 AM
75	They are doing a terrible job and are not open and accountable	8/4/2021 5:10 AM

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76	Hopeless bunch. Dysfunctional and corrupt	8/3/2021 11:18 PM
77	Esther Whitehead is only new, has good principals but seems to be joining an old boys club, so no influence yet. Will be good once fully settled in.	8/3/2021 10:50 PM
78	I can't believe the major still has his job. Unable to follow the law, even when called out they just brush over it. Conflict of interest.	8/3/2021 10:49 PM
79	Seems to be that our council isn't all that open about certain expenditures and former councilors being paid some nice consultancy fees. I hope we will find out the details. Don't even get me started about the decision to employ a security company as our new harbourmaster. As a fairly long time boat owner I'm very worried about summer season ahead and where has all the knowledge about lake and rivers gone. Serious fail there!	8/3/2021 10:18 PM
80	not totally bad. the rot is mainly in the CEO and managers. They are lazy and overpaid in many cases.	8/3/2021 9:17 PM
81	Nikki Gladding and Niamh Shaw are awful, can't keep their eyes up and do Governance, always sweating the small stuff. Nikki Gladding is divisive and cannot trust anyone.	8/3/2021 9:11 PM
82	Apart from Mayor Boulton I've not heard or seen from any of the other elected councillors. Very disappointed with this team	8/3/2021 9:03 PM
83	The next 12 months can't go quick enough for the much needed shake up of our elected councilors	8/3/2021 8:55 PM
84	I can't rate QT and Arrowtown councillors as I'm unfamiliar with their performance over the hill.	8/3/2021 8:54 PM
85	Boulton and his henchmen other than Gladding, Shaw & Whitehead are dishonest deceptive manipulative & corrupt.	8/3/2021 8:47 PM
86	There is a real lack of quality leadership at QLDC. Half of our elected representatives are dead wood. A few of them are atrocious. Some of them work hard and try and do their best, but they are outnumbered by those who are just following the leadership of CEO Mike Theelen and Mayor Jim Boulton. Spineless.	8/3/2021 8:22 PM
87	Lack of transparency, lack of working for the people in the constituency that aren't developers or tourism operators, conflict of interests, lots of lies and poor priorities	8/3/2021 8:20 PM
88	It's a joke, so many conflicts of interest, so much secrecy and lies for personal and friends financial gain either now or for the future	8/3/2021 8:02 PM
89	Mayor should be politely thanked for his time as mayor but asked not to stand again We need to move on from myopic bulk international tourism focus	8/3/2021 7:57 PM
90	Way too Queenstown centric.	8/3/2021 7:57 PM
91	Get rid of them all bar niki and niamh, lack of transparency and zero trust	8/3/2021 7:57 PM
92	Dissatisfied	8/3/2021 7:53 PM
93	Hypocritical on key issues	8/3/2021 7:51 PM
94	Disappointing performance overall, poor use of public funds and appointments of people incapable of performing well for the food of the ql residents.	8/3/2021 7:49 PM
95	Some have no profile at all.	8/3/2021 7:41 PM
96	Jim Boulton has been vocal in the national media about how much a proportion of QT businesses have been suffering with the lack of international tourists and never misses an opportunity to claim that all of QT is suffering yet when he was asked to comment on the treatment by the council of a unique QT facility he had no comment to make. His council has rushed through the arterial project that removes people's current facilities to bike into QT despite this being the stated aim. The project has never been adequately consulted on and key user groups such as schools, family groups and those who will be using these facilities have been excluded. This is just one example of legacy building local government that is incapable of working in partnership with the people they serve.	8/3/2021 7:22 PM
97	Three maybe four only are thinking and acting outside the box or considering real issues that will take us forward.	8/3/2021 7:15 PM
98	They are mostly doing a great job	8/3/2021 7:11 PM
99	It's all well and good being elected, but I expect more than a 3 yearly blast of comms/promotion from the councilors then silence from the majority of them. Poor.	8/3/2021 7:01 PM

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100	Keep the Wānaka Community Board	8/3/2021 6:57 PM
101	All but three of the Councillors are just nodding heads or rubber stampers of the 5 QLDC bureaucratic Mandarins	8/3/2021 6:54 PM
102	Bullied into submission by council staff/ mayor and ceo	8/3/2021 6:51 PM
103	Too much commercial emphasis and Queenstown business centric approach from council	8/3/2021 6:42 PM
104	very few of them are prepared to articulate their policy positions	8/3/2021 6:36 PM
105	It's a pity I can't put Boulton lower than 11th!	8/3/2021 6:25 PM
106	I am totally dismayed by the almost daily announcements of QLDC 's lack of public consultation and use of tax payers money/rates in a corrupt manner.	8/3/2021 6:24 PM
107	The town is a total ruin, a total mess. An embarrassment for once was a prestige world class town. This has nothing to do with COVID but complete greed of companies who only want conveyor belt tourism without thinking about any citizens of this town.	8/3/2021 6:21 PM
108	Who are the councillors. All you hear is about Jim bolt and what he has done or not done. The council Moe are the ones that vote. I feel they are rubbish	8/3/2021 5:48 PM
109	We need representatives that represent to whole district, not just queenstown	8/3/2021 4:10 PM
110	We need diversity	8/3/2021 3:22 PM
111	Hard to judge some of the Queenstown councillors who we know little about.	8/3/2021 2:15 PM
112	Jim Boulton totally Qtn focused and pays lip service to the rest of the district.	8/3/2021 1:14 PM
113	Sorry pit would probably considered hate speech.	8/3/2021 12:59 PM
114	Removed	8/3/2021 12:56 PM
115	Val has done very little. Nikki is counterproductive. We are lucky to have someone like Jim at the helm.	8/3/2021 12:53 PM
116	Still feels very "mates rates" in Queenstown for Jim and his mates. Always too slow to do anything and feels everything is a reaction or a shady cover up. Needs to really start demonstrating a real sense of public service.	8/3/2021 12:49 PM
117	No trust in mayor, deputy or council execs. They seem to have their own high growth agenda and ignore the public. The disrespectful behaviour towards some female councillors and members of the public of the mayor in meetings is a disgrace	8/3/2021 12:42 PM
118	We need a more diverse council. Less big business.	8/3/2021 12:41 PM
119	Far too many secret agendas ranging from commercial conflicts of interest to egos (Quentin and opposition to the wanaka community board....I am looking at you here). Council senior managers range from simply inept to possibly corrupt. Time for a clean out. Time for change.	8/3/2021 12:24 PM
120	There has never been a more compromised council than this. The Mayor in particular is massively conflicted and has shown time and time again to favour commercial interests, often that he is involved with, in preference over the electorate. His executive regularly lie to the electorate and are obviously grossly incompetent. His heavy handed overbearing influence on his patsies on council allows him to manipulate votes. Further, the man seems to have a long history of dubious business dealings and outstanding court cases which shine a harsh light on his personal ethics and acumen. I wouldn't trust this man as far as i could spit a house brick.	8/3/2021 12:15 PM