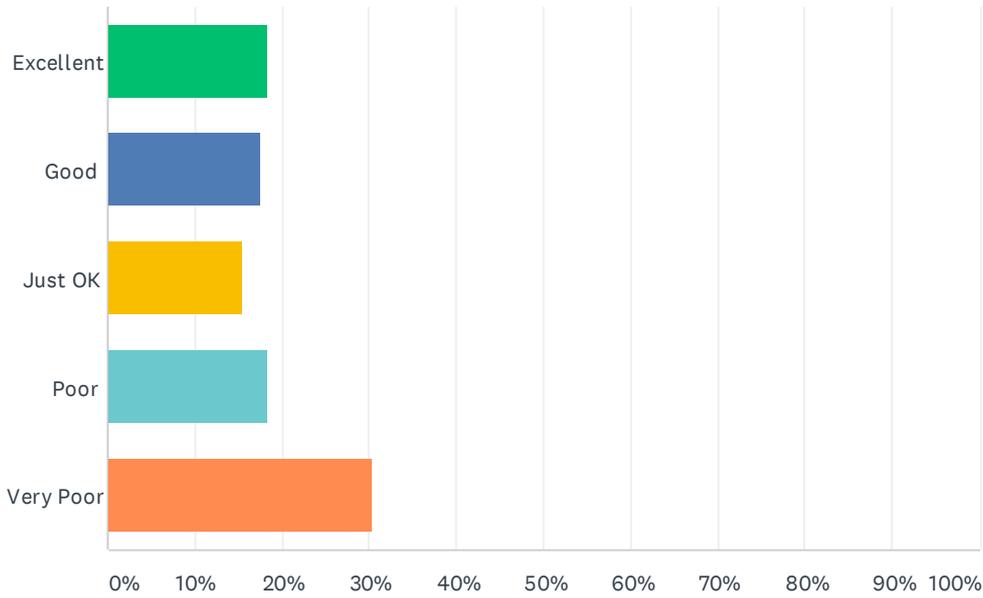


Q3 How would you rate your confidence in Mayor Jim Boulton in terms of effectiveness, communication and transparency?

Answered: 382 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	18.32%	70
Good	17.54%	67
Just OK	15.45%	59
Poor	18.32%	70
Very Poor	30.37%	116
TOTAL		382

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#	COMMENT	DATE
1	<p>Very little transparency. No commitment to democracy or community input. He came in saying he would run it like a CEO, and he is. But this Community is not his private company. He's good at the show pony stuff like bungee jump - which does have a PR purpose. But yet again, his proposed Covid recovery social and economic workgroups are subject to his lens only. Little diversity on the steering group he has shoulder tapped - of clever business people who are, we are told by Mr Boulton in adulatory tones, prepared to give their time to our community to help out. Of course they are, then they get to benefit. (Versus those tireless volunteers who have given their time to the grassroots support of our community, with no thought of personal benefit). We need far more than the "same old, same old" thinking that has got us where we are. No transparency of how they were chosen or how they will choose the working groups. No councillor input to membership or terms of reference. And no doubt, there will be no transparency, no minutes, no ability for our community to actually see or hear or participate in these working group deliberations that will help shape our future community and environment. Just like the airport growth impact assessment scenario. So suspicion grows that he is, as chair of the South Island's biggest tourism company, looking at our recovery and reset from the perspective of supporting big business. At least he has changed his initial push that we must hold on to all migrant workers because they will one day be needed by business - our community, economy and already overstretched social/health support system and voluntary network cannot support every kid who arrived here wanting to be a barista for a season. Our first support obligation is to citizens and permanent residents. His first response way back when we had our first Chinese cancellations was woe is me, business is going suffer. No expressions of empathy for the people in our community personally affected by covid. He changed tune and said all of a sudden we were going to go from the richest to the poorest region in NZ - does he know nothing about systemic poverty in other parts of New Zealand? Then he tells us we must hold on to all temporary Visa holders because business will one day need them again - like some community-funded Marxist pool of spare labour. Our social support, health, charitable and voluntary networks do not have the capacity to look after 30% of our population - And our first priority must be citizens and permanent residents, not the kids you come here for a season but quite like the idea of staying somewhere safe and fun rather than going home. Thankfully, he finally changed his tune on that one - but not till the EOC volunteers had spent some weeks giving the poor buggers needing emergency welfare relief what sounded like the option of staying. All this follows the pattern of leading from the front as a man who looks on life through the lens of big business, cutting out the majority of his councillors from doing their proper governance job. The airport SOI process and MartinJenkins assessments have been absolute case studies of opaque and improper process, largely led by Mr Boulton</p>	5/28/2020 9:16 AM
2	Sent in separately	5/28/2020 8:48 AM
3	Comes across as duplicitous. You never no his real intent. He says one thing and his body language says something different.	5/28/2020 8:17 AM
4	Still an obsession with increasing the numbers of low value tourists. Has failed to respond to the community desire to reset our economic sights	5/28/2020 8:17 AM
5	Effectiveness - unsure, we will have to see in the coming months if he can actually do anything worthwhile. Getting the airport back up & running is fine but in reality, AirNZ would do that work for him. Communication: Pretty poor - he only says what he wants, when he wants. Transparency: Unfortunately, corruption has been exposed more & more in every corner of our society - especially with elected officials - it is now a case of guilty until proven innocent. This is something Mayor Boulton should be aware of but seems to think it does not affect him - even though there is strong evidence from his time in private companies of this being the case.	5/28/2020 7:55 AM
6	Has done well during this Covid 19 crisis.	5/28/2020 7:26 AM
7	Average. But better than the previous mayor	5/28/2020 7:23 AM
8	So grateful to have his leadership at this difficult time	5/28/2020 6:20 AM
9	Untrustworthy and willing to put his own agenda ahead of the greater interests of the community.	5/28/2020 3:20 AM
10	Jim is doing a great job!	5/28/2020 2:39 AM
11	I want to hear from our mayor that he's 100% invested in using this lull to get ahead of the game, so that when Queenstown recovers we're in a better position to deal with the craziness. It must surely be hitting home how thoroughly locals have been displaced from the CBD! Bring the vibrancy back; do something with the eyesore of a gravel car park for a start - that thing was supposed to be temporary - 18 years ago!!	5/28/2020 1:11 AM

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12	Doesn't come across very well at all. Make inappropriate statements and is still bent on growth	5/27/2020 11:52 PM
13	Profits before people. He's made it very clear that's his motto	5/27/2020 10:47 PM
14	I feel I can't completely trust him. His job as mayor appears to involve some level of conflict of interest with his corporate management work. This seems to be an evident influence on his work and judgements as mayor and not always in a way that's in the broader interests of this region.	5/27/2020 10:32 PM
15	He seems to have obstacles to impartiality	5/27/2020 10:24 PM
16	Seems to want to run it his way which may or may not be the right way	5/27/2020 10:17 PM
17	He either needs to go or Upper Clutha leave the QLDC.	5/27/2020 10:14 PM
18	Puts in some effort, but too much focus on tourism	5/27/2020 10:12 PM
19	I think Mayor Boults vested interest in exponential growth (including airport expansion) is a conflict of interest to what the majority of the Wanaka community would like to see in the future. The continual lack of transparency and lack public consultation, while pushing his agenda through at all costs and usually under the table is appalling.	5/27/2020 9:59 PM
20	Very low airport transparency, high on conflict of interest. This is less important right now but the mayor didn't look honest in his dealings and communications.	5/27/2020 9:46 PM
21	Very disappointing. His behaviour and decisions are almost arrogant and insulting.	5/27/2020 9:44 PM
22	Mr Boults comes across as glib. I feel he is not trustworthy. He talks about a reset for tourism but appears to be wanting to get back to pre Covid-19 tourism as fast as he can.	5/27/2020 9:40 PM
23	Our mayor has done a very credible job during this COVID-19 period, trying to mitigate the fallout from zero tourists. However, he often operates as the CEO of his own company by not consulting those around him, by choosing to make all the decisions himself. Local government is not like that. Local government representatives the community and should pay attention to what the community wants.	5/27/2020 9:35 PM
24	Slippery Jim. For all his talk, he is essentially a failed businessman. Indebted to his eyeballs. Compromised accordingly. Would look the part in an orange jumpsuit. That day is coming I suspect.	5/27/2020 9:35 PM
25	Having attended a council meetings and submitted many submissions , I believe the Mayor is not acting for the benefit or wishes of most of the ratepayers	5/27/2020 9:21 PM
26	Devious man ... Duplicity is breath taking. he just doesnt get that the planet has finite resources and that Queenstown is living way beyond its means. His record on the airport issues is deplorable . The nepotism shown in his dealings and awarding of contracts is eye watering.	5/27/2020 9:19 PM
27	He is too focused on his own business interests (tourism) without any thought or care for the community at large and what locals want from the QLDC. He seems to be more focused on privatized profit than the long term health of our community and its people. It's very disappointing considering that a healthy community would be more successful long term than a 'corporate greed' focused council!	5/27/2020 8:59 PM
28	In most things Jim has been open and effective. On the airport agenda though he has been overly secretive and not representative of the majority community view that expansion of both Queenstown and Wanaka airport should be set an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable level.	5/27/2020 8:59 PM
29	He has his own agenda which is apposed to that of the community. I get frustrated that democracy is not being respected by the mayor.	5/27/2020 8:54 PM
30	Not listening and did not listen before Covid19	5/27/2020 8:43 PM
31	Jim Boults is a smug and secretive slug	5/27/2020 8:26 PM
32	I voted for Jim twice but there's some extremely questionable things happening that we need answers to.	5/27/2020 8:19 PM
33	It appears from evidence to date that the mayor is very much dictating the direction of Council on his own terms and to an agenda that isn't transparent. It is apparent that the Mayor has significant influence in for example the terms of reference for the Martin Jenkins report, Boffa Miskell Frankton Masterplan and Spatial Plan without allowing input into these from Councillors.	5/27/2020 7:57 PM

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34	Amazing - I wouldn't want anybody else in charge right now. He's someone that understands business and will do everything he can to get this town back in it's feet. 100% confidence	5/27/2020 7:01 PM
35	He was effective in handling the early support for a huge number of hospitality workers in dire straits, but beyond that he has too many vested interests and is too close to management rather than governance.	5/27/2020 6:56 PM
36	Fails to manage his business conflicts of interest. Ineffective in reigning in the Council's wasteful spending on contract consultancy	5/27/2020 6:55 PM
37	In cahoots with the top dogs in the business community. Less connected to the rest of us. At his best he says the right things, but in truth we are still waiting on the big issues - airport issues, refuse in this pristine environment still feels third-world with smelly landfill and trying to put sewage overflows into our precious lakes.	5/27/2020 6:54 PM
38	As above there appears to be many decisions made behind closed doors. He is their for the community and should be 100% transparent.	5/27/2020 6:41 PM
39	He has an obvious conflict of interest regarding the airport and should never have been allowed to run for mayor	5/27/2020 6:39 PM
40	Jim Boulton clearly has his own agenda, and the fact that that is substantially different from the desires of the community has not put him off pursuing his own personal goals. He does not seem to understand the difference between being a director of a private company and being the elected head of a council representing a community. Moreover, he appears to have undue influence over the majority of the councillors, and an unhealthy allegiance with QLDC management.	5/27/2020 6:00 PM
41	Blatant lack of transparency. Effective only in making sure that Wayfare Group and other big business interests are looked after at the expense of the rest of the community. Shows total disregard for the formal accommodation sector. Ineffective at controlling out of control, airbnb that have distorted the long term rental market and made housing unaffordable. Pretends to care about workers and the arts and cultural sector, at the same time as he kicks out low income renters from the holiday park and arts and community from community spaces. Shows total disregard for needs and concerns of Wanaka stakeholders, Glenorchy, Lake Hawea and Kingston residents. Shows no interest in open debate on issues of community concern. Tells mistruths and lies in public council documents about issues of community concern.	5/27/2020 5:46 PM
42	Hidden agendas, extreme favouritism and narrow rent seeking behaviour to benefit businesses and individuals close to him, media bullying of those with differing views, no clear public agenda, duplicitous and conniving. Surrounded by yes men.	5/27/2020 5:43 PM
43	Unfortunate not to have a strong opponent at the last election. Heard him speak publicly a few years ago and was very good. But would say little trust in him on the wanaka side of the hill - primarily around the airport.	5/27/2020 5:24 PM
44	As above, but sits on the fence too, quickly changed stance with the airport backlash, but Likely is Trojan horse	5/27/2020 5:22 PM
45	I think the Mayor tries hard & the job isn't easy but, again, too much faith placed in officials. Too little attention paid to Wanaka.	5/27/2020 4:51 PM
46	Too focussed on squeezing the life out of the region for commercial greed. represents large corporate rather than local ratepayer wishes. Not as transparent as claimed	5/27/2020 4:50 PM
47	Evasive, lacking in empathy, too devoted to business and secrecy.	5/27/2020 4:03 PM
48	Seems since he's got into power just a few have made a lot of money	5/27/2020 3:51 PM
49	He knows about tourism and airports - and is all for the big businesses of tourism and the airport and their demands for more more more. Doesn't seem he has so much time to listen to the little people and the people who live here. The ones of us that don't live in the multi-million dollar properties, that are just locals who have been here for 20 plus years, trying to live a normal life. Amongst the over-crowding, the over-tourism, the pooing freedom campers, the expensive housing, the reliance on tourism, the failing infrastructure, the huge population growth... Most of the 'old' locals would never choose to live here now if we didn't already have family and lives already here.	5/27/2020 3:30 PM
50	... and let's say that the vast majority of people provide ratings of Very Poor for all of these 3 categories ? What does it really mean (likely not very much on the basis of asking 3 questions without any context) ? What do you envisage it changes ?	5/27/2020 3:04 PM
51	As far as creating a vibrant district I believe he had done a great job. There has been alot of	5/27/2020 2:59 PM

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discussions around the airports etc but as a whole the work Jim has done for the district is great. We can see that now, without the tourist and growth our district cant self sustain which many are only seeing now. All the arguements to stop tourism in the district would lead to massive jobs losses as we are seeing with Covid. I have high confidence in what Jim is doing for the district and believe the ones that dont see Jim's direction as a good one just dont understand our districts reliance on tourism and migrants.

52	Would like to see Ngai Tahu lose their concessions for refusing to operate at all.	5/27/2020 2:59 PM
53	Very very concerned about the mayors involvement as chairman of wayfarer and his role as mayor. I don't believe anyone could possibly do both roles without conflict.	5/27/2020 2:25 PM
54	Mayor is advocating for former tourism workers, that's good, but not communicating clear vision of what lies beyond tourism for this region - let's face we won't be going back to tourism as we knew it (thank goodness). Suspicion remains that he is still in thrall to tourism/airport interests	5/27/2020 2:06 PM
55	I think Mayor Boulton rates highly in these areas but again, perhaps with an agenda that is neither good for or in keeping with a better future for the region. Seems like the agenda is well communicated but that doesn't make it a good agenda.	5/27/2020 1:48 PM
56	He gets some things right, but I'm concerned about his conduct on Airport stuff	5/27/2020 1:42 PM
57	Possibly self serving	5/27/2020 1:30 PM
58	Except on those sensitive issues like airport SOI	5/27/2020 1:28 PM
59	Absolutely appalling - how this guy can be our mayor is totally beyond me. There seems to be ample anecdotal conversation about his long-standing and repeated mismanagement of conflicts of interest (heavens sake he still has outstanding legal proceedings to deal with). His attitude to ratepayers, esp to anyone not from QT, and his level of obfuscation is frankly disgusting.	5/27/2020 1:23 PM
60	Corrupt, deceptive & dishonest.	5/27/2020 1:15 PM
61	Rich white man looking after rich white men	5/27/2020 1:11 PM
62	He knows what it is all about and is doing a great job	5/27/2020 1:11 PM
63	Good job and communication through the crisis. Focus now needs to change to those who live here long term and are feeling the pain. We need more assistance from central government and I question the mayor and our local MP in their role of advocating for this region at a national level.	5/27/2020 1:03 PM
64	Very deep concerns around honesty and transparency. He is so conflicted with his Wayfare Group role. He is far too focussed on the interests of big business and the old boys' club.	5/27/2020 1:03 PM
65	He has too many fingers in pies of commercial interests	5/27/2020 1:02 PM
66	Are you kidding?!	5/27/2020 1:02 PM
67	He needs to go	5/27/2020 12:47 PM
68	Always felt there is a conflict of interest with his external roles outside of his mayoral role. Feel that if he wants business as usual with regards to tourism numbers post Covid, hearing nothing about what the region could look like with a diverse economy not so reliant on tourism. Effectiveness ok got buses and some reading improvements but feel a huge lack of transparency regarding the airport	5/27/2020 12:44 PM
69	Don't trust him at all	5/27/2020 12:44 PM
70	Look, He's a good showman, there's not doubt that he understands the balance between community interests and business growth BUT he is a businessman through and through. We have seen more changes within the community that favour profit over people for the past two terms, Does he inspire business confidence? - Yes. Does he put local people before an opportunity for profit? - Absolutely No. You have to remain balanced and I'm afraid Jim is not impartial by any ways or means. (in my personal opinion)	5/27/2020 12:36 PM
71	How about a weekly round up video Jim? Some well presented clear leadership would be great. What has been achieved in town this week and provide some pointers of where we are heading etc etc.....	5/27/2020 12:34 PM
72	Over the top comments - " a huge humanitarian crisis " Only ever speaks about Queenstown never refers to Glenorchy Wanaka Arrowtown Wants to carry on with the more is better mantra. Tourism tourism tourism	5/27/2020 11:43 AM

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73	I would hope that with a business background, the mayor would have pushed for targeted relief for businesses.	5/27/2020 11:21 AM
74	See above.	5/27/2020 10:56 AM
75	He is autocratic. He is the mayor of Queenstown only. He doesn't see Wanaka as a community, he treats us as a service centre for Queenstown which we absolutely are not. He lost the election in Wanaka; he got half the number of votes of Nick Kiddle, and we hardly even know who Nick is! Boulton hasn't recognised that or shown any effort to understand us better.	5/27/2020 10:47 AM
76	He is a good communicator and answers the hard questions and does not shy away from fronting up	5/27/2020 10:39 AM
77	Mayor Jim Boulton is a creature of airports and tourism—he's a fish out of water in a world where air travel and tourism no longer feed the beast. We need people who are not beholden to and limited by those business to create a new future for Queenstown, which has been steadily eroded by the previous economy.	5/27/2020 10:30 AM
78	Not trustworthy and limited if any integrity demonstrated. Power and fiscal hungry for his own gain.	5/27/2020 10:28 AM
79	He knows and we know he is just a proxy for the big end of town.	5/27/2020 10:27 AM
80	Don't believe he/ or the QLDC have Wanaka's best interests at heart. Feel like the town isn't a priority to them.	5/27/2020 9:54 AM
81	I have no trust in god ability to look after the people and the community	5/27/2020 9:53 AM
82	Myopic world view, cannot or has not tried to diversify this economy in any meaningful way. Has serious conflict of interest issues which have never been addressed. Was late in acknowledging and managing the COVID crisis, and is not equipped to lead the community through the post COVID world, as focussed only on tourism, growth, and more of the same. Expresses great concern for the migrant labour force during this time, but is likely just interested in maintaining a cheap labour pool for his business friends. Has shown contempt for Wanaka throughout the airport debacle.	5/27/2020 9:47 AM
83	His communication has been strong and direct through the crisis however it comes across as 100% Queenstown focused.	5/27/2020 9:46 AM
84	conflict of interest with all his business	5/27/2020 9:44 AM
85	Effective, good communicator but concerns over transparency.	5/27/2020 9:38 AM
86	Was very impressed, very calming and positive posture during impossible times.	5/27/2020 9:30 AM
87	Won't help foreign workers	5/27/2020 9:29 AM
88	Dyed in the wool Tourism advocate. The Emperor has no clothes	5/27/2020 9:28 AM
89	The worst Mayor we could have elected. Compromised and conflicted by his business interests and associations with developers who's numbers he used to be part of.	5/27/2020 9:24 AM