

Jonathan Holmes, Public Forum, Council meeting 23 April 2020

Received 20/04/2020 at 8.29am

As part of researching what would be required to de-carbonise our transport infrastructure to combat climate change, there appears to be a growing role for strategic assets such as airports.

Just as petrol stations of the current day will transition into energy stations for the future where passenger and freight carrying vehicles stop to recharge and shop, the role of the airport is likely to also change.

Submission

Electrification of transport (extract from a wider Future Fit Document)

Countries overseas are preparing airports for electric flight (e.g. Sweden) and anticipating the use of drones for the last leg of freight deliveries (e.g. Amazon). These developments may seem far away, but the first country to approve an electric plane passenger flight was New Zealand (company is called Whisk which is based in Canterbury), other companies are working rapidly to develop planes capable of carrying up to 180 passengers over distances of 1,000 miles.

Airports may also develop into transport and retail hubs consolidating aviation travel and other means of electrified transport such as drones, electric buses or electric trains.

As the country and our district in particular adapts to the lack of international tourism and deflated levels of domestic tourism, the district remains a location of outstanding natural beauty and as such we could promote the district as a place to relocate to and work remotely from given the mass work from home activity under COVID 19 and availability of 5G mobile network - 100% Pure NZ Lifestyle "come to the Queenstown Lakes District and bring your remote working job with you (from elsewhere in NZ, USA, UK, etc)".

Thus, the role of the airport and SOI needs to be updated to support the 100% Pure New Zealand Lifestyle strategy, 'Slow tourism' agenda and the likely future role as a hub of electrified domestic transport (and reduced international aviation) and drone freight distribution at both Queenstown and Wanaka.

Many thanks for taking the time to read my submission, if you have any further queries about the submission or my wider Future Fit Strategy please get in touch.

Reference document - extracts from Future Fit Strategy (on page following)

De-Carbonise Transport

Deepen and Expand the Public EV Charging

Infrastructure – to enable EV use across freight (trucks and vans) and passenger transport (buses and cars) more ‘ChargeNet’ style 50kW and greater charging units at current and additional locations. A more extensive network of public and destination charging will enable the faster and broader adoption of electric vehicles from taxis to buses and coaches to long haul trucks and local delivery vans.

Utilise existing street electrical infrastructure such as

Street Lighting to deploy EV Charging Stations – within our urban environment and town/city centres we need to provide electric vehicles the ability to top-up their charge.

This can be achieved by utilizing street lighting, carparking ticketing machines or other street furniture to provide upto 7.2kW charging at the roadside or other carparks. Any fees for carparking could include free charging for EVs compared with simply paying a fee for non-EV parking.

Make airports Electric ready for domestic flight – with the development of electric domestic aviation from small electric helicopters to medium sized planes, we should prepare by making our main domestic airports as electric flight ready.

Countries such as Sweden are doing this.

Make airport drone ready for local freight deliveries – as companies such as Amazon and fast food chains are looking to utilize drones for the ‘last leg’ of freight deliveries it would advantageous to co-ordinate the trips by utilizing existing airport to provide drone terminals with charging infrastructure.

Accelerate Change from Narrow Gauge to Standard

Gauge Rail to permit high speed train transport network – with rolling stock costing 4x the price for narrow compared with standard gauge track, New Zealand needs to swap out it’s narrow gauge track to enable a more economic adoption of high speed electric trains.

Electrify Local and Regional Bus and Coach Transport

– given the road network already exists and is being used by diesel trucks and coaches/buses, incentives via Road User Charges and Road Registration fees to drive the adoption of electric vehicles. This could be further developed to have purchase incentives for electric buses and trucks that are often used overseas to incentivize personal passenger cars and vehicles.



To: **The Mayor and Councillors**
Queenstown-Lakes District Council

Name of submitter: **Queenstown-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Incorporated**

Address: Level 2, Forge Building, 20 Athol Street,
Queenstown

Attention: Anna Mickell

Received on 21/04/2020 at 9.30am

Council meeting: April 23, 2020

Agenda Item: Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) Statement of Intent

I am submitting today on behalf of the board and the 710 members of the Queenstown Chamber of Commerce with respect to the adoption of the QAC statement of intent.

The Chamber of Commerce **supports the adoption of Option One** as presented in the Report for Agenda Item shared on the QLDC website.

QLDC acceptance of Queenstown Airport Corporation's Statement of Intent has recently caused strong divisions in our community.

The Queenstown economy and many of our people are in crisis. The Chamber asserts that the quality of decision making at this time is compromised due to the lack of reliable forecast data, the economic collapse of all tourism-related industries and the associated societal upheaval. As a consequence, all reasonable, legal, and pragmatic steps to delay significant, longer-term, decisions should be made.

The Chamber believes that QAC should put their efforts into sustaining their business and supporting their staff, tenants, and suppliers to get them through the immediate, short term future, just as most businesses are doing across the district.

The attention of QLDC staff and councillors should not be diverted from the social upheaval being felt as a result of the economic collapse. Resourcing and driving other key infrastructure projects that will improve the district's ability to protect its natural resources and undertake economic recovery should be the key focus for all sitting around the Council table.

It appears to the Chamber that QLDC and QAC are bound by a time-bound, legal process that must be adhered to. Option One is a pragmatic solution that allows the compliance requirement to be met and allow QLDC councillors and staff to continue to focus on the response phase of this emergency.

The Chamber looks forward to re-entering formal and meaningful engagement with QLDC and QAC, including completion of the MartinJenkins consultation, as well as working towards the development of a strong and supported QAC statement of intent that meets the need of our recovering community in due course.

The Chamber would also like to take this opportunity to thank our elected representatives, and the QLDC executive, for the outstanding work they are doing at this time representing our community.

Anna Mickell
Chief Executive Officer

Lyal Cocks, Public Forum, Council, 23 April 2020
Received on 21/04/2020 at 12.10pm

The recommendation to expand the 40kmh speed limit of Wanaka's Urban Traffic Area boundary is not supported by the engagement findings or evidence. I have been through all the submissions in detail and combining the results of the 2019 consultation and the 2020 community engagement, there were 152 opposed and 80 in support. It is therefore contrived and false to say the recommendation is consistent with the engagement findings when nearly twice as many oppose the reduction in speed limit than support it. Many who support the reduction, do so for safety reasons despite the fact that a 50km/hr limit is considered safe throughout the country. The report says the reductions are to reduce death and serious injury, but once again, no Wanaka road crash data has been provided as evidence that death or serious injury has occurred with a 50km/hr limit.

It is also hugely misleading to say these changes will reflect current national good practice as no other urban areas in NZ have a blanket 40km/hr limit.

The decision last year to reduce the limit to 40km/hr in the current Urban Traffic was contrary to overwhelming opposition in community submissions and was not supported by evidence. That decision should be repealed.

To now adopt the recommended Option 2 based on perception, theory and ideology rather than evidence would once again reflect your complete disdain for the consultation and decision making process. To achieve positive engagement with the community you need to be truthful and provide the evidence of death and serious injury to support the recommendation. This was not done for the consultation in 2019 or engagement in 2020 and therefore in the absence of evidence, and the large majority of opposition from community submissions, I strongly urge you to adopt Option 1.

Vicki Menzies, Public Forum, Council 23 April 2020
Received on 21/04/2020 at 2.24pm

To whom it may concern –

I oppose the change - Recommended permanent change 6: Wānaka Urban Traffic Area Boundary –

There is an old adage “ If it ain’t broke don’t fix it”

Where is the proof that traveling at 50 causes any deaths on the urban roads in Wanaka?

What do you hope to achieve by reducing the speed to 40?

Why has this Council decided to do this ? I cannot recall another town in NZ pushing for such speed limits.

As I have said before it is easy to slow traffic by putting in roundabouts and where necessary speed humps.

Having read the submissions it appears that the supporters are walkers and cyclists asking for safety. Why not concentrate on making the footpaths wider, I am a cyclist as well and know that even if a car is travelling at 20km an hour it will do me damage. Keep things flowing.

Regards
Vicki

Vicki Menzies, Wanaka

COUNCIL MEETING 23 APRIL 2020

KPCA submission on the QAC draft Statement of Intent

Received on 21/04/2020 at 4.52pm

Kelvin Peninsula Community Association agrees with the QLDC Report that the impacts of COVID-19 are profound - put simply, the District is in a state of shock.

It also agrees with Queenstown Airport Corporation's disclaimer in the Introduction to the draft Statement of Intent, that an amended SOI is required - the existing business plan and financial projections have been rendered *meaningless*.

In these circumstances, it is not appropriate for KPCA to embark on an analysis of the draft SOI at this juncture. KPCA nonetheless reserves the right to do so, depending on what the Council decides.

KPCA submits that, in light of the changed circumstances facing both Council and QAC, the entirely reasonable and rational response would be for:

1. The Council to modify its expectations of QAC, by way of an addendum to its February Statement of Expectations, asking QAC to reconsider its draft SOI in light of the changed circumstances and resubmit it as soon as practicable.
2. Both Council and QAC to acknowledge that the consequent timeframes will likely require adjustment taking them outside the timetable laid down by Schedule 8 to the Local Government Act 2002.
3. All interested parties to accept that no one could reasonably object to that course being followed.

Essentially, a reset of the process is required, in these extraordinary circumstances.

Council will be guided in this regard by the principles set out in section 14 of the LGA 2002, in particular, the principles embodying:

- open, transparent, and democratically accountable conduct;
- prudent stewardship; and
- sustainable development.

The administratively expedient course proposed in the Council Report - treating the draft SOI as the completed SOI; dispensing with the process of Council commenting on the draft; and

requiring Council formally to agree the SOI - is, with respect, both irrational and in default of the above principles:

- irrational to agree something with which the Council does not necessarily agree;
- neither transparent nor democratic to dispense with the comment process which has previously engaged both Councillors and communities; and
- imprudent to exercise no oversight of QAC's survival strategy for a period of 7 months (from 20/3/20 to 29/10/20).

KPCA urges the Council to embark on a reset as proposed above, stating an expectation that QAC will focus on the four key business priorities noted in QAC's disclaimer.

David Mayhew
Chair, KPCA

Chris Scoles: A submission to the public forum agenda for QLDC meeting 24 April 2020

Received 21/04/2020 at 6.21pm.

Mayor, elected councillors and QLDC senior leadership team.

From the perspective of a resident and ratepayer, I would like to highlight the poor community communications to date around the socioeconomic crisis we are faced with.

80 days have passed since the NZ government imposed travel restrictions on foreign nationals traveling here from mainland China. 35 days have passed since the NZ borders were closed to all foreign nationals. These restrictions inevitably mean that international tourism into NZ will cease until a Covid19 vaccine is developed and distributed world wide. Socioeconomically the Southern Lakes region will be the most severely affected region in the New Zealand and probably the Southern Hemisphere. Good quality communication with community stakeholders at this time of crisis is essential to limit the damage to our community and accelerate our recovery.

Throughout this period I am not aware of any address that has been targeted at our entire resident and ratepayer community by any of our local government leaders. Whilst there has been a series of announcements over a range of specific policies I believe the community as a whole requires better communication around the extraordinary situation we are facing from our local government leaders.

Will the Mayor and/or CEO hold a virtual 'Town Hall' meeting to update the community on the councils response to this crisis within the next 14 days?

Will the QLDC communications team be tasked to provide to the community with a weekly update of Covid19 related activities that QLDC are working through?

He waka eke noa (we are all in this together) is our reality, but the direction and progress of our waka is dependant on clear communication from our leaders to the crew.

Sincerely

Chris Scoles

Roy Smith: Queenstown Airport SOI

Received 21/04/2020 at 8.23pm

Dear Councillors,

As a local ratepayer, business owner and employer I urge you to step up and represent the interests of the local community. We have made it very clear that we have a deep interest in this issue, and we feel that we are not being listened to and indeed bypassed and excluded. To accept this SOI now implies "trust us, and we'll change it later". Sorry, but we don't. Almost every business in almost every country in the world has had to or is in the process of budgeting for the future post-covid. AIAL has done this already (within 2 weeks), and for QAC to insist it cannot do this in 2.5 months beggars belief. The SOI is redundant in its current form, it'll have to be changed anyway, so let's do it now and avoid allegations of a cover up and a done-deal.

Yours Sincerely

Roy Smith

Kind Regards,

Roy Smith



Robbie Caldwell: QAC Statement of Intent

Received 21/04/2020 at 9.48pm

Please do not try to force this vote through under cover of Covid-19.

Take time, let the public have a voice, do not be arrogant in sneaking this through. If you do, it will bite you in the bum

Robbie Caldwell

Miranda Spary: SOI Submission

Received 21/04/2020 at 9.49pm

This proposal is outrageous. It should not be rushed through while the community is in lockdown and it MUST be given to the community to consider properly. It was drafted when the world was a very different place, and even then it had almost no support from the community. The impact assessment survey must surely have shown what massive opposition there was to the proposal and there is simply no reason for this to be pushed through at this stage.

I totally reject QLDC's plan to ask councillors to agree to it and I want to be heard in person if there is an opportunity to do so.

Sarah Bogle: QAC SOI Submission

Received 21/04/2020 at 9.49pm

As a Frankton ratepayer I ask that you decline to accept the draft SOI from Queenstown Airport. Given the current situation we find ourselves in, it is even more imperative that any plans for the future of the airport consider realistic estimates of visitor numbers and the community impacts of increasing them.

If ever there was a time for innovative thinking about diversification of the region's economic basis, and not for sticking to outdated and outmoded ways of thinking that will lock the district into dead end investment and disruption to no overall gain, this is it.

The airport should be developing a low carbon model that supports low impact, local tourism and increased local production of high value goods and services. The current SOI is simply not fit for purpose.

Regards

Sarah Bogle

Thomas Bongers: Queenstown Airport Extension

Received 21/04/2020 at 9.53pm

I disagree with the projected airport extension of Queenstown Airport.

The economic outlook/projection for the next three years stemming from before the Covid-19 pandemic are completely irrelevant. In fact the QAC draft statement says so itself. This invalidates all and every further binding agreements to be signed by the council for this matter.

I disagreed with any of the extension plan before the pandemic finding them excessive and harmful to Queenstown and the wider the Wakatipu region. After the pandemic with tourism projected to be in recess for years, such plans for expansions are without relevant substance. They should not be validated by any council.

Best regards

Thomas Bongers

Di Fitzgerald: QAC's Draft Statement of intent

Received 21/04/2020 at 10.05pm

This is not the time to agree to the current "Draft Statement of Intent "

Both the Financial Forecasts and growth-oriented objectives are now irrelevant.

The Statement is also supposed to consider the social and economical impact assessments on the community.

The required content of the SOI is outlined in the Local Government Act and its intent is to reflect an

accurate view of the QAC board's global outlook and business expectations for the next three years

We expect our Councilors to follow the law and not agree to this current Draft Statement of Intent

JA&DM FITZGERALD

Ratepayers



Jeni Hughes: Council meeting on Thursday

Received 21/04/2020 at 10.11pm

We plead that councillors direct QAC to deliver its updated 3 year crisis recovery plan by the 30 June (or even July) deadline. QAC needs to make this SOI relevant in light of Covid-19 and a completely changed future.

We understand there is currently a plan to legally agree to QAC's pre-Covid draft Statement of Intent, rubber stamping it as final at this week's meeting. We ask you as our elected councillors to hear the community and show governance by not accepting this. This SOI is not taking into account the dramatic changes Covid-19 has made, such as to QAC's equity to asset ratios. Revenue has not just dropped but virtually stopped while there are nearly \$200 million debt liabilities. Therefore QAC objectives, scope of activities, equity to asset ratios etc need to be updated.

Please direct QAC to produce a survival and recovery SOI.

Lois Martin: Increasing Airport Noise Levels

Received 21/04/2020 at 10.41pm

Dear Councillors,

I have lived in the Wakatipu just over 10 years, and also lived here back in the 1980's. My home is here because I enjoy the outdoors, the environment.

I would like to strongly reiterate. I do not agree to any increase in airport traffic noise levels or expansion of the airport, now or in the future.

I have written several times, attended meetings. You know the public do not support this. I am tired of reiterating my view. Please listen.

I proposed, international airport at Invercargill, there is an airport there, expansion would give work to the people in the city. Visitors only have a 2 hour drive to Te Anau, they can go on to Milford. Then come on to Queenstown. If traffic got too busy on the devils staircase, then a ferry from Kingston to Queenstown would be superb to actually arrive in Queenstown on a ferry.

Keep Queenstown with a clean environment, so everyone can enjoy the scenery and clean air. Limited domestic airport is what I envisage.

Please do not agree to expand airport traffic, nor the increase of space for airport facilities. I for one will be leaving if you do so.

Sally Miller: Please do not accept QAC SOI

Received 21/04/2020 at 10.44pm

It is outrageous to consider accepting a legal document at this time that is in no way relevant to our current situation and quite frankly to do so would be an insult to everyone who voted for you.

There are options available to you and if you have faith in the relationship with QAC you will revert to treating this as the draft SOI that it is and under clause 2 of LGA's schedule eight, ask QAC to bring back a final SOI that reflects the current environment and the uncertainty of the next 3 years as best they can by July 30th.

Nicola Tompkins: QAC draft SOI

Received 21/04/2020 at 10.57pm

To the Mayor and Councillors of Queenstown Lakes District,

My submission to the meeting of Council to consider QAC's Statement of Intent is that **this SOI should NOT be 'accepted'; instead I ask the Council to 'receive' it**, so that it can be given proper consideration in the wake of Covid-19 with regard to (a) the extensive community feedback already received; (b) the evaporation of international tourism; (c) reckless creation of debt; (d) environmental considerations; (e) Martin Jenkins' commissioned and imminent report on Airport Impact Assessments.

We all realise that the long-term impact of Covid-19 on the local economy will be devastating. If Council 'accepts' QAC's SOI, it will imply agreement with the main objectives within it - namely expansion, both physically and with regard to noise boundaries. The local communities have let it be known, loud and clear, that they reject these objectives. The communities of the district are in desperate need of expensive infrastructure in the areas of water and waste management, emissions-free transport, well-built and affordable housing, medical and cultural facilities, etc. What they *don't* need is a fantastically expensive white elephant, already vociferously rejected throughout the district.

Once again, **my submission is that the Council DO NOT 'accept' QAC's SOI, but merely 'receive' it.**

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

Zara Kingsbury Hale Submission on QAC draft SOI

Received 21/04/2020 at 11.11pm

In the light of the current global and local crises to tourism and aviation in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, I am very surprised and concerned to learn that the recommended position for the Council to take at this Thursday's meeting is to pass the existing (pre-Covid-19) draft Statement of Intent for the Queenstown Airport. With our airport currently completely at a standstill, so much turmoil globally and with so much uncertainty what exactly the on-going effects of this crisis are going to be on our district and for how long, it seems patently ridiculous to me that our Council would think it appropriate to pass the pre-lockdown document without making changes to reflect the current changes and plan for the (uncertain) future.

I agree with Protect Wakatipu's stance that "Our councillors shouldn't agree to an irrelevant document that does not meet statutory requirements, in terms of valid content, on the basis of a false claim that they must do so for the SOI to be compliant," and I also agree that we should not have to wait seven months, until October, for QAC to devise its survival strategy, especially if parent company Auckland Airport have already agreed and published theirs. I support Protect Wakatipu's suggestion that QAC instead be directed to modify the Statement of Intent by 30 July 2020, potentially with the provision for bi-monthly reviews and adjustments as the situation evolves globally, and as I understand is provided for within the Local Government Act.

I hope you will give consideration to my concerns and those of others in our Lakes District communities as we face this very challenging period together.

Kind regards,

Lynda Baker: Now is not the time

Received 21/04/2020 11.45pm

Councillors please think about our community and what makes Queenstown unique. Don't rush into this now. Take time to see who the locals are and what matters to us.

Simon Small: QAC SOI
Received 22/04/2020 at 12.02am

At the meeting this week I believe not enough care and attention and community consultation has taken place with regards to the QAC SOI.

Press Pause and get the community input and clear guidance that is needed.

Many thanks

Simon Small
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Best regards

Simon Small



Julie Brock: ZQN

Received 22/04/2020 3.01am

Why this need for constant expansion and growth? Your council continues to say you have the best interests of QT at heart but your actions time and time again prove that all you really care about is money.

QT has grown at an ALARMING rate over the last 10 years. The airport is packed constantly during non-COVID times. What more are you trying to achieve? Squeeze every last ounce of beauty and tranquility out of this area?

Shame on you for putting dollar signs before the preservation of QT. This expansion has gone far enough as is.

Matthew Parker: QAC draft SOI for Thursday 23 April Council Meeting

Received 22/04/2020 at 6.41am

I would like to comment on the SOI from QAC that is being presented to Council this Thursday. I do not believe that Council needs to agree to this draft SOI and I understand that legal advice to Council states this. QAC is bound to deliver the final SOI by July 30, Council needs to hold them to this.

Kim Pettigrew: Listen to community! No to the airport extension

Received 22/04/2020 at 6.43am

Councillors please listen to your voters. Two public surveys clearly stating a majority vote of no by the community for the airport extension.

I personally would have hoped for some focus from our councillors on the current more important issues surrounding this pandemic.

Thank you. I can be contacted on [REDACTED] if you would like further input from myself and my community. Please note I like many others have already submitted responses in the two public forums and hope that councillors and the mayor have reviewed these.

Madelyn Zoi: QAC's draft statement
Received 22/04/2020 at 7.37am

Tomorrow our Councillors are being asked to agree to QAC's draft statement of intent based on pre-Covid demand and financial forecasts and growth-oriented objectives, with just a caveat at the front saying the forecasts are now irrelevant.

By agreeing to this, councillors would implicitly agree to the growth objectives and strategies the SOI contains, including air noise boundary expansion at ZQN.

We do not believe it is okay for our councillors to lower the bar even further this year by accepting a patently absurd SOI for the sake of administrative ease - three months before the final SOI even needs to be delivered

They can revert to treating this as the draft SOI that it is and under clause 2 of LGA's schedule eight, **ask QAC to bring back a final SOI that reflects the uncertainties of the next three years as accurately as they can** by July 30.

The LGA should not be treated as a bothersome tick box exercise. It specifically allows for the evolution and adaptations necessary to face uncertainties like those Covid 19 and its aftermath will create. Forecasts might be an unrealistic expectation - so QAC can provide scenarios instead, as many other businesses will be. Reviews and updates can be used to assure both council and community that QAC is on top of it, does have our back and will survive.

Joan Potts: Airport Decisions
Received 22/04/2020 at 8.00am

Dear Sirs and Madams

Obviously with covid-19 impacting economically on NZ and Queenstown please don't make any premature decisions on Thursday 23rd April's meeting!

Not with my rates!

Michael Spencer: Queenstown Airport
Received 22/04/2020 at 8.02am.

dear sir,

under no circumstances should queenstown airport be expanded. we are already overwhelmed by tourism here and with the present circumstances we have a chance in the future to have a more controlled tourist industry here.

the ratepayer should be listened to.

Danielle Murdoch : Meeting submission
Received 22/04/2020 at 8.24am.

Dear councillors

I find it incredibly worrying that despite publicly acknowledging that QAC's SOI is now irrelevant you intend to approve it anyway in Thursday meeting. The legal process allows a few more months in which QAC can come up with a post COVID 19 SOI, so I see no need to rush to approve this one. By approving this one you give QAC the ability down the road, to argue that the dual airport strategy and noise boundary changes were indeed approved by council, and that is highly irresponsible.

I hope you see fit to reject the SOI as being irrelevant and push for the corrected document, accounting for the new circumstances we find ourselves in.

Josie Cederman: QAC draft SOI
Received 22/04/2020 at 8.49am

QLDC Councillors must not approve QAC's draft SOI as final simply as a tick box exercise under the LGA. None of this document is now relevant, neither it's objectives nor its forecasts. Instead, QLDC must direct QAC to use its expertise to return a final SOI by July 30th that reflects the current uncertainties as accurately as possible, AND, that also considers overwhelming community feedback regarding the role and size of Queenstown Airport (and the disproportionate commercial growth influence that QAC assumes it has a right to) within our region in the future.

When are QLDC and QAC going to listen to what their community is screaming at them!

Jane Shearer: Approval of Queenstown Airport SOI, or not
Received 22/04/2020 at 8.57am

Dear Councillors

Please do not approve the airport draft SOI today. The statement never related to the community's concerns, and now makes little sense in a world that has changed markedly since its creation.

To approve an SOI when both QAC and QLDC acknowledge its contents are irrelevant and redundant would make your actions seem ridiculous. If it actually is necessary for compliance purposes (which is not at all clear), then you can choose not to be compliant, and little will change. Then you can choose to change the terms relating to compliance, to make them sensible!

You still have three months prior to a requirement for a final SOI - make the sensible call to the QAC to deliver an SOI that has some substance behind it. You, as our representatives, need to regain our trust which has been severely impacted by the poor inclusion of ratepayer's concerns in the process that has been conducted to date.

Councillors, you have the chance to do this right. So take that chance!

Regards

Luise Lockwood: SOI Queenstown Airport
Received 22/04/2020 at 9.40am

Dear Council,

Please don't agree to a SOI that will allow future noise boundary expansion at QT airport, the community does not want it and our environment can not cope with it.

Kind Regards

Kristin O'Sullivan Peren: Covid19 ---Sol should NOT be 'accepted'; instead I ask the Council to 'receive' it,
Received 22/04/2020 at 9.41am

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Once again, **my submission is that the Council DO NOT 'accept' QAC's SOI, but merely 'receive' it.**

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

Tim Jackson: QAC Draft Statement of Intent
Received 22/04/2020 at 9.57am

I'm writing to express my disappointment in the leadership and governance of QLDC around what can only be described as an underhand attempt to persuade councillors to agree on the QAC draft statement of intent.

To attempt this during the crisis New Zealand and the globe is currently facing falls nothing short of appalling and distasteful. While there maybe a caveat around these forecasts inferring these are irrelevant, the same caveat is not placed on the objectives contained within the document.

A council is required to ensure you represent the community in a fair, honest and transparent manner. Put simply, asking the elected councillors to agree to this would see them agreeing to the objectives and strategies the SOI contains, including the air noise boundary expansion in Queenstown.

Given the extremely vocal and negative feedback you have received around the expansion of Queenstown Airport, I question your fair, honest and transparent approach by asking your councillors to vote on an objective which has a caveat of essentially being 'null and void' while agreeing to objectives and strategies that permit rapid growth.

Given the marked change COVID-19 has had to the aviation industry globally, one has to question the leadership and management of this issue at council level. Every other infrastructure system related to the aviation industry is currently re-planning the effective future use of their assets and subsequent deployment.

It seems the QLDC have not woken to the fact travel and tourism post COVID-19 will be markedly different. Rather than pushing through what can only be described as outdated objectives and strategies, now is the time for the QLDC and QAC to carefully and accurately develop objectives and strategies in consultation with the community and other stakeholders. If there was ever an opportunity for a 'greenfields' approach to managing this issue, now is the time to pause and develop a coherent and articulate plan that everyone agrees on.

I suggest to the Mayor, asking his councillors to support this draft statement of intent in such an underhand manner with a perceived caveat will forever question his leadership, honesty, integrity and governance at local government levels. This draft statement of intent must not be agreed to by any member of the QLDC.

Arie Kleinjan: QAC's SOI
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.01am

I strongly object to the proposal that the Councillors agree to QAC's draft statement , SOI , on Thursday 23 April 2020.

My advise to the Councillors :

QAC's minority shareholder Auckland International Airport managed to get out its detailed survival strategy within two weeks of lockdown. Why does QAC's highly qualified and well-paid executive team and board need over seven months?

They can revert to treating this as the draft SOI that it is and under clause 2 of LGA's schedule eight, ask QAC to **bring back an updated new SOI** , that reflects the uncertainties of the next three years as accurately as they can **by July 30 2020**.

Darryll Rogers: Public Forum, Council meeting
Received 22/04/2020 at 9.58am

My name is Darryll Rogers and I will be addressing the Covid-19 response.

With the current lockdown in place, many see this as an example of what we can do in a crisis. They seek to use this tragedy to justify their unrelated ideological views and urge government to exercise their control on the population and rebuild a new system for the perceived greater good.

Our free market system is fragile when you remove its key component - freedom.

Any system that does not have this quality at its core will be destructive to our way of life.

It is imperative to note that the Climate Action Plan being the Covid-19 response, is totally devoid of this concept, with freedom absent from the UN's development goals.

With the country now joining my own family home-schooling, it demonstrates how more freedom and flexibility serves community and environmental goals.

Schooling in its current form is a relic of a pre-industrial age where class time required physical presence to transfer information – this is no longer the case.

Home-schoolers receive a fraction of the funding that goes to the government system, that on average provides \$7,600 per year per student.

Let us imagine a world in which parents had that same funding to provide an education to their children. One parent would not be forced to work a second household job and could instead spend these short precious years with their children.

Having more parents at home with children builds stronger communities that have been eroded by the social push over the last few decades to encourage all adult family members into the workforce, with documented consequences of time poor families and ever increasing home prices due to greater household incomes.

What does this mean for Queenstown Lakes?

Imagine a destination that is not held hostage by the artificial inflexibility that is created by school holidays.

Tourist numbers can be spread evenly throughout the year as families have the flexibility to choose times that are quieter and cheaper. Roving infrastructure is given a reprieve from the school time rush and peaks and troughs of seasonal infrastructure demands are smoothed.

I urge Council to rather than increase layers of control, instead think laterally and peel back those controls and government structures that often are the root cause of the problems we are trying to solve.

I thank you

Elizabeth Mathieson: QAC Draft Statement - you must be joking
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.04am

Life has changed - it will not be 'business as usual' once we reach lockdown level 2 or 1 or are 'back to normal' - not for some time - and I believe strongly that we as a community have to have a good hard think about what our NEW NORMAL will look like.

Do not carry on as if nothing has happened - A LOT HAS HAPPENED - around the whole world, including in our little pocket of paradise.

You DO NOT HAVE MY SUPPORT to carry on with intent based on pre COVID forecasts - which were already too much, let alone now in this changed environment.

Having a caveat at the front saying the forecasts are irrelevant and still basing the SOI on this is :

- 1) ludicrous
- 2) bullshit

Warm regards

Liz

Geoff Hunt: For Council meeting 1 o'clock thursday
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.05am

Councillors **should not agree** to the QAC's draft statement of intent based on pre-Covid demand and financial forecasts and growth-oriented objective as these forecasts are now irrelevant.

Wayne Café: Vote on QAC's SOI due tomorrow
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.05am
Dear Councillors

When it comes to voting on this tomorrow, I believe that the QLDC can and should revert to treating this as the draft SOI that it is and under clause 2 of LGA's schedule eight I ask QAC to bring back a final SOI that reflects the uncertainties of the next three years following this unexpected COVIT-19 crisis as accurately as they can by July 30.

Jef Desbecker: QAC Statement of Intent
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.17am

This is a submission on the Statement of Intent being lodged by the Queenstown Airport Corporation.

It would be encouraging to see QLDC act in a controlling, directing, and more leading position regarding QAC and their decision making as QLDC is a major shareholder and should be pushing for decisions to better reflect the desires of the district's population...i.e. not pushing for airport expansion, not extending the noise boundary and not bringing it up again and again.

QAC should treat their current SOI as a draft document and they should undertake to table a final SOI that better reflects the uncertainties of current times, as best they can by July 30. Covid 19 is not going to disappear in a hurry, the District's economy and visitor numbers are going to be a long time in resurfacing and returning to pre-virus levels (if ever), and decisions made now need to take all this into consideration instead of committing us to unrealistic goals.

As with all things at present, the situation is fluid, changing and evolving daily, and there is no way to know what is to come. We must be realistic in our forecasts and decisions and provide flexibility to deal with whatever eventuates, instead of holding to preconceived ideas that were formulated prior to the Covid 19 outbreak.

Slow down and get it right.

Bryan Wrighton: Tomorrow's meeting on QAC's SOI
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.19am

It is my understanding that tomorrow, 23rd April , councillors are to vote to agree on QAC's draft statement of intent. I strongly urge you not to.

The SOI was written pre-Covid 19 , and we are yet to even come out of lockdown, let alone see the full impact to our community and the Tourism industry on which we depend.

If you agree to the SOI you are agreeing to strategies and objectives crafted pre-Covid. These are now defunct. We need NEW objectives and strategies to deliver them.

Both QLDC and QAC have already acknowledged that its contents no longer hold any validity , and yet the proposal is to agree on the SOI. It is both madness and irresponsible , and I believe dereliction of the councillors duties.

Why the rush ?? Last year the SOI was not agreed until December, and even then with caveats. It is crystal clear that you have the opportunity to extend the due date to July 30th. These are exceptional times....extend !

There is so much uncertainty around; particularly regarding the future of Tourism, opening borders, air trafficto agree to the SOI now is verging on insanity.

Sarah Russell: Queenstown airport
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.22am

I am concerned about the transparency of what is going on with the council and the pushing ahead for planning for the dual airports when the Statement of intent that is being used and possibly agreed with is hopelessly outdated and irrelevant considering the Covid crisis and the decimation of our tourism.

We are heading in the wrong direction with this.

I feel the council is not being transparent and not taking the wishes of the community into account and I object to what is happening.

Thank you

Robin and Marilyn Armstrong: Airport Draft SOI
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.24 am

As Ratepayers we would like the council to revert to treating this as the draft SOI that it is and under clause 2 of LGA's schedule eight, ask QAC to bring back a final SOI that reflects the uncertainties of the next three years as accurately as they can by July 30.

Anything else would be absurd given the current situation with Covid19 and the implications for future tourism.

Robina Bodle: QAC Statement of intent

Received 22/04/2020 at 10.25am

In this unprecedented time we are experiencing now in Queenstown and the world, it does not make any sense to be pushing this SOI through without proper thought and planning for a different world. We have an opportunity right now to get this right for the future and the future does not include numerous International jets arriving and departing in Queenstown. Tourism will look different with more quality and less quantity.

I ask that the councillors do not agree to QAC's draft statement of intent based on pre-covid demand and forecasts, as this would mean that councillors would be implicitly agreeing to the growth objectives and strategies the SOI contains, including air noise boundary expansion.

I ask that the councillors do their job and treat this as the draft SOI that it is and under clause 2 of LGA's schedule eight, ask QAC to bring back a final SOI that reflects the uncertainties of the next three years as accurately as they can by July 30.

Thanks for your consideration.

Nick Clark: QAC SOI

Received 22/04/2020 at 10.34am

As a concerned ratepayer for the past 40+years, I implore our elected councillors to reject and vote against the proposal to accept the old redundant QAC SOI and in the near future prepare a new post-Covid19 SOI and Business plan.

The future of the Wakatipu Basin has changed forever with Covid19 we need to make well-informed decisions on where we go and how we manage our resources, this cannot be done under the present lockdown restriction. I appreciate your efforts to live-stream the meeting but it's not the same without the public present.

Laura Wrighton: 23rd April meeting
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.34 am

Pre Covid, pushing the acceptance of the SOI draft behind closed doors ahead of the required time could be called cynical.

Now in these days of crisis, it can be called many things including reckless and irresponsible. Frankly one asks one's self who is going to benefit from it? Not us the rate payers that is for sure. Isn't that your job to represent us and put our best interests at heart? If you vote for this how can you hand on heart say you are doing that?

Throw the thing out and bring back a modified draft in 6 months time. That is after thorough feedback from the electorate. No need to pay any more expensive consultants or create clumsy surveys. It is hard to imagine anyone thinking that we need to increase the size of our airport, when we should be looking at a new way of living that doesn't depend on over tourism. Haven't you heard the mantra of growth and more growth is out of date and obsolete.

Jewell Cassells: QLDC Airport Statement Of Intent
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.49am

My submission re the Airport Statement of Intent.

The **SOI should NOT be accepted.**

The SOI should be rejected or only received so that it can be given proper consideration.

Reasons being:

- (a) Covid 19 and the consequences of it
- (b) the community feedback which was 95% against the airport
- (c) environmental considerations
- (d) the lack of international tourism
- (e) the amount of debt at this time
- (f) the lack of consideration and prioritising of community
- (g) Martin Jenkins' commissioned and imminent report on Airport Impact Assessments.

We all realise that the long-term impact of Covid-19 on the local economy will be devastating.

If the Council 'accepts' QAC's SOI, it will imply agreement with the main objectives within it including expansion and with regard to the noise boundaries.

The local communities have let it be known their opinions of this intent.

The communities of the district are in desperate need of infrastructure and planning of the more basic and the kind responsive to human needs. Disregard for this is disregard for the quality of our community wellbeing and for the fundamental duty of council.

The most importantly this is a once in a multi generation opportunity to re set the values of this community whilst at the same time diversifying the economy and making it a sustainable one.

Once again, **my submission is that the Council DO NOT accept QAC's SOI, but merely 'receive' it.**

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Nicki Martin: QAC SOI
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.50am

As we are still in lockdown with COVID-19, I think now is not the time to pass a QAC SOI tomorrow, Thursday 23rd April as intended. With so much uncertainty I would have thought it prudent that the council waits until the original June/ July period to make a decision. Apart from the fact that we yet to see the results of the Martin Jenkins survey, a survey designed to find out what the community wants.

A post COVID-19 QT will be completely different to the existing economic climate we had, going into this time. The original SOI presented in August 19 was based on a world that no longer exists.

I recommend the council does not pass the QAC SOI tomorrow but waits until there is a better understanding of what our town's immediate needs will be. This confusing time is not a time to be making decisions with long term consequences.

Philippa Archibald: QAC draft SOL
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.54am

I would like to submit my view to NOT accept QAC's statement of intent. Instead I ask the council to receive it so it can be given proper consideration in the wake of Covid-19 with regard to (a) the extensive community feedback already received; (b) the evaporation of international tourism; (c) reckless creation of debt; (d) environmental considerations; (e) Martin Jenkins' commissioned and imminent report on Airport Impact Assessments.

Bill and Kirsty Sharpe: Contribution for Public Forum tomorrow

Received 22/04/2020 at 10.54am

Regarding the QAC SOI document – We suggest that Council does not receive this SOI, as it is not a plan of what QAC can realistically achieve for the next three years. (Covid-19 effects) QAC is virtually starting from zero.

The Corporation should be asked to bring back a plan by the end of June which is two months away, of what the future may look like. By then, it can incorporate information gained by the results of the Martin Jenkins community consultation and the Spatial Plan. As the situation is so fluid at present it is likely that three monthly progress reports would have more value.

Council's Statement of Expectation to QAC, likewise is irrelevant. The current situation is dire and future action must reflect this. This is the time to evaluate the new norm and adjust our thinking. QAC is in a holding pattern and cannot regain the business it had, in the short, medium or even long term. To plan for future growth from 2019 figures is not realistic. Dividends to QLDC are in the past.

Ian Moore: Input to Council meeting
Received 22/04/2020 at 10.59am

I have put a significant amount of effort recently into understanding the reasons for, and the implications of, accepting QAC's largely redundant SOI at this meeting, including emailing all councillors with my questions. I can only conclude that to accept the SOI now is both illogical and dangerous, for the many reasons already detailed by organisations such as Protect Queenstown and some councillors. These reasons include that neither QAC nor Council have explained what the legal implications of accepting the SOI are (in particular, with regard to debt and future growth) nor why QAC should be given until October to provide any feedback to its shareholders on its financial position and future intentions.

Even pre-COVID19, the SOI was subject to a great deal of community opposition. To irrevocably accept the SOI now, without adequate reason and whilst the community has limited capacity to participate in the process, will only heighten the distrust between the community, QLDC and QAC. I urge QLDC to demonstrate integrity, transparency and community support by not accepting the SOI at this meeting.

COVID19 has brought particular problems to our district, many of which were amplified by the focus on growth of the local tourism industry and our consequent economic dependence on it. The danger of this attitude had already been pointed out by many prior to the pandemic. There is a significant chance that the airport will soon be impacted by other such events, including epidemics, climate-change-related legislation or weather, or natural disasters such as earthquakes. We now have an opportunity to diversify away from tourism, and we must seek to establish a sustainable community in which tourists, especially from overseas, play a greatly reduced roll. This diversification affects many of the projects with which Council is currently involved, including others on this agenda. Time has prevented me from reading those items in detail, but I urge councillors to consider those items in terms of their relevance to a greatly changed economy and community, and especially to delay decisions when appropriate.

Trish and Paul Fraser: Submission on the QAC Statement of Intent
Received 22/04/2020 at 11.04am

QAC Statement of Intent

We oppose Council's decision to agree the Statement of Intent (SOI) in accordance with section 65 of the Local Government Act 2002.

We support Option 2.

As with the annual plan we are aghast that Council is agreeing to the QAC SOI, which reflects its position prior to COVID-19. What is the point? The QAC needs to substantially modify the SOI to reflect the financial and business impacts of COVID-19. This should be delivered to Council prior to 30 June 2020. We believe this is possible. QAC employs more than 70 people, surely several are capable of modifying the SOI (quite a number on salaries over \$100,000 apparently). We don't buy the excuse that the QAC will not be able to fully understand the impact of Covid 19 until October/November. They know that their income will be significantly reduced over the next couple of years with international borders likely to be shut for some time.

The problem with signing off a redundant SOI is that there is nothing to stop QAC continuing to implement initiatives in the SOI like Project Pathway. There is now no need for increased capacity and a larger space for security and border processing, and it's likely there will be no need even by 2023. Flight Shame can also be added to QAC's woes, as mentioned in the SOI Queenstown had already started to experience a decline in the growth of passenger volumes prior to Covid-19. We would also add that it is quite likely many people may not be interested in travelling internationally for some time due to the economy and concerns for their health.

The SOI states the financial forecasts are not valid so why is Council agreeing to it?? **The biggest concern is the total debt is forecast to increase to \$170 million in 2023.** This is a big risk for QLDC as there are absolutely no guarantees in this financial climate that QAC will be able to fund the repayment of this debt, particularly with no international revenue.

We request that QLDC do not agree to this SOI and that QAC is asked to develop a realistic modified SOI that reflects the environment they will be working in over the next 3 years. The capital investment programme should be put on the 'backburner' and if possible Lot 6 should be offered back to Alistair Porter.

Brian Hughes: QLDC meeting 23rd April 2020

Received 22/04/2020 at 11.11am

Queenstown Airport's pre Covid - 19 statement cannot be accepted at this meeting.

QLDC has two options that I see.

The world is a different place than it was at the beginning of 2020.

Planning and leadership is more important now than it has ever been. This is an opportunity that needs to be embraced and taken with both hands.

Never has the Council had an opportunity like this to guide the residence and companies of Queenstown to a greener more sustainable future.

The pressure on councillors from the tourism industry will be immense going forward as they struggle for their survival.

Those councillors with a conflict of interest will be severally tested.

1. Council can put their head in the sand and let the Airport go broke and the tourism industry crumble.

2. Show leadership and good fiscal management.
 - Bigger is very seldom better
 - We need quality spending tourists not bus loads / plane loads of low spenders.

QAC ,rightly so, has making a profit at the heart of their management. They have no interest in what goes on outside the airport gates as long as the planes keep coming and going.

In today's meeting.

- Council needs to be demanding a short term survival strategy from QAC THIS WEEK.
- Refuse to accept their long term plan.
- Councillors need to push for a start to their own longer term plan forward. Putting a series of outside the box ideas on the table for consultation.

This could be the start of an exciting new world with exciting business opportunities.

Or it could be the same old thing all over again and destroying our planet.

Please take this opportunity.

Good afternoon, I am John Hilhorst

I wish to speak to Item 1, QAC's Statement of Intent.

The underlying legal premise of today's motion to agree to an irrelevant SOI is incorrect and demonstrates a deep ignorance that is worrying.

It is wrong to assert that QAC needs council action in order to satisfy legal compliance regarding its SOI.

This false premise creates mistaken pressure on councillors that would materially affect the decisions they make today.

The law is clear there is nothing that council must do, or not do, that in any way affects QAC's capacity to comply with its legal requirements regarding the SOI.

That council did not agree to last year's SOI until 12 December emphatically demonstrates this falsehood. QAC was compliant the whole time.

The SOI is required to reflect QAC's best reasonable outlook, expectations and goals of the business in the world as they see it.

It is clear that this draft SOI does not. The document states "*the forecasts provided in this document are not valid*".

So in terms of required content, this draft SOI does not meet the requirements of the Act because it does not reflect the directors of QAC's actual expectation or the business outlook for the company.

For QAC to present this draft SOI is tantamount to saying it could put anything in the SOI, even if it bears no connection to reality. Such content is no more valid than the story of Jack and Jill. And that would be patently absurd.

Council agreeing to it would be doubly absurd, given that there is no need for council to do so.

Today is different from when council pragmatically agreed to the last SOI. That document was sound, as it properly reflected QAC's view of the business. But this document is invalid. To agree to it today, would be to forfeit integrity.

The combination of:

- Ignorance of the law with the false imperative of needed council agreement for QAC's compliance, together with
- A willingness to agree to a Jack and Jill story for a legally mandated statutory report,

Would destroy public confidence and trust in council's ability to lead the ongoing public debate regarding the future of our airports.

I am also concerned this action would put off for seven months the responsibility of QAC to report to its owners at this time of crisis. We deserve better.

Sally Stockdale: Stockdale Comments for QLDC meeting today, 22 April 2020

Received 22/04/2020 at 11.13am

To the honourable members of the QLDC and our community at large:

I urge the Council not to receive the QAC SOI today and require that QAC resubmit a new SOI on or before 30 July 2020 that acknowledges our need for more information and understanding, and one that offers different scenarios and financials of how QAC might operate in a post COVID-19 world.

We require a fundamentally different approach than “Business As Usual” and an ability to attract diverse businesses from across the spectrum to ensure Queenstown’s future. QAC must acknowledge this, and focus on how the airport can best serve our community under this new world.

It is essential that QAC has a response and development plan that adequately anticipates the unprecedented nature of our changing world. This unprecedented black-swan event shows us that the very assumptions on which this plan was built are flawed.

Moving forward with pre-pandemic plans without taking the time and discipline to understand which ideas are still applicable and which are irrelevant will result in extensive costs and perhaps much damage to the QLDC rate payers and community at large.

The economic implications of COVID-19 have clearly not been taken into account (many of which are not yet understood or characterised), as the SOI predates and remains unchanged from prior to Lockdown. Having a plan that accounts for these recent and unforeseen developments should be an absolute minimum requirement of moving forward.

It is unclear on what timeline and to what extent it will be possible for our tourism industry to recover. Not having an airport that’s going to be functional for months at a minimum means that existing demand and corresponding revenue forecasts are no longer valid; the existing development plans rely on tourism dollars that may never materialise.

Economic impact from COVID-19 may significantly change the public needs of our airport and community at large. Accepting the current SOI may result in an investment in a fragile future that may now be impossible to realise.

The elected members of our Council have a unique and unprecedented opportunity to lead not out of fear, but out of opportunity. Please use your governance wisely. Work with QAC, but do not abdicate your responsibilities. The community is counting on you.

Respectfully yours,



Paul Vaitkus (haggis): Queenstown Airport
Received on 22/04/2020 at 11.14am

As a business owner and resident of Queenstown of over 30 years I am disappointed that it appears that the subject of expanding of the noise boundaries for Queenstown airport are still being considered after a resounding no from all your previous submissions.

Also that it is being pushed forward at a time of such distress for local people and businesses is frankly appalling. Surely council would be better employed contacting local rate payers and finding out how they help them survive this current crisis!

Paul Vaitkus (haggis)
Browns ski shop

Michael Hanna : QAC draft statement of intent
Received on 22/04/2020 at 11.16am and at 11.36am

It is my understanding that it is not legal nor complying with the governance required as elected representatives of the Queenstown lakes district council to accept

The contents of this draft report are now irreverent and redundant.
Councilors as elected representatives of residents must comply with both our wishes and all required governances, agreeing to this draft statement of intent contradicts this trust.

Further, issue of the complicated, confusing and conflicting agenda is seen as further tactic to exasperate an already biased and conflicted issue.
Listen to your constituents.

Jay Cassells: QLDC Meeting 23 April; Item 1: QAC Statement on Intent -submission
Received on 22/04/2020 at 11.25am

Please note that I adopt and support the submissions made by KPCA, Jewell Cassells and Nicky Tompkins.

I wish to stress that the unique opportunity afforded by the present extraordinary circumstances must now be taken.

We will be very poorly judged if we do not learn from the lessons now revealed to us.

It is clear that the preexisting opposition to the QLDC/QAC approach to airport (and "growth") planning is now very significantly augmented by the expressions of the wishes of the local public as to the need for and benefits of a well considered "reset."

These benefits chiefly concern the community wellbeing and the necessary diversification of the local economy into one which is sustainable and which pays proper regard to the interests and contributions of all stakeholders.

Whilst the matter is urgent, time and a process adequate for the comprehensive and integrated exploration of this opportunity must be allowed by QLDC .

Thank you all for your work, resolve and bravery in recent weeks



John Guthrie: SOI submission
Received on 22/04/2020 at 11.32am

This submission is to say that now is not the time to approve or accept any new works proposed before this worldwide corona virus.

There are many more important issues to consider and during lockdown is not a rational time to be making these huge decisions - the community needs to be involved.

This lockdown has created an alarming erosion of residential and commercial wealth in Queenstown

I believe now is the time to take a deep breath and reassess our town's future and new needs - going forward we want quality not quantity

Sally Currie: My submission in opposition to accepting the statement of intent from QAC

Received 22/04/2020 at 11.45am

I would like to submit a submission for tomorrow's QLDC council meeting.

My submission relates to the decision around the statement of intent from QAC to the QLDC.

I am against the submission for the statement of intent being accepted.

Now more than ever we need to use the reprieve we have been granted to plan for a better more sustainable future for tourism in our area. At the forefront of what I believe to be most important, and which you are bound to as our councillors, is to represent your community. Your community are those that live here and pay rates. It is your sole purpose to represent us. You often choose not to. You need to listen. We are an incredible community with so many clever minds and the voice I hear is one that is asking for a better future for our land and our community. Your economic prerogatives have proven insignificant and feeble. We need to encourage sustainable tourism and also encourage people to move to our area. You have currently and successfully turned Queenstown into a place that New Zealanders are offended by. Not a place they want to live. Think harder, ask the questions and listen. You have been given the gift of reprieve and you should make your future decisions wisely, with a sense of consciousness and a full understanding of what our community demands of you. Consult with us, and ensure the results of that consultation are integrated into any future plans. I know this is a scary thought, as you will find that the majority will oppose an extension of noise boundaries for the Queenstown airport and the 400million dollar development of the Wanaka airport.

Thank you. My personal details are indicated below

Dr Rosemary Barnett: QAC Statement of Intent
Received 22/04/2020 at 11.49am

I object to the proposal to approve the Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) draft Statement of Intent (SOI) without council and community feedback.

The QAC should review its scope of activities and its' performance targets and measures - both financial and non financial - through a new post Covid 19 lens. There seems to be legal provision for the delivery date of a final SOI as late as 30th July 2020 so why is this option not being taken ? Furthermore, why does QAC need 7 months to formulate a recovery and survival strategy when Auckland Airport Authority produced a detailed strategy within 2 weeks of lockdown? Our business leaders and our community need transparent and realistic projections at this time of stress and uncertainty.

We know that Covid 19 is having an enormous impact on the economy and tourism in Queenstown. We will not be getting back to "normal" any time soon and nor do we want to. We need a new reality where the local economy is based on diversity and yields to human and community values. The unrelenting pressure of "tourism at any cost " in the Queenstown Lakes region has negatively impacted our fragile environment and ecosystems and undermined our quality of life for quite some time. It has taken a health crisis to expose the fragility of this model. The QAC's pre-Covid 19 growth based objectives as outlined in the QAC's draft SOI with a potential debt of \$170 million by the end of 2023, are just not relevant to this new reality, nor are they welcomed by the community.

This pre-Covid 19 draft SOI is acknowledged as being irrelevant and its' forecasts void, so why would QLDC councillors even consider it, let alone grant it fast track approval as suggested? In the absence of any clear answers, the integrity of our elected representatives, their understanding of the law and their adherence to a proper democratic process comes into question. To give fast track approval will undermine the trust of a community who have made significant social and economic sacrifices during the past 4 weeks and will continue to do so.

This council will be judged on the decisions they make during this time of crisis. It is a time to be transparent and earn the trust of the community you represent. This will not be achieved by a fast-track approval of the QAC SOI draft.

Alastair Porter: **QAC SOI**

Received on 22/04/2020 at 11.45am

Your worship and councillors with regard to the SOI matter on today's Council agenda I wish to offer a further view for your consideration .

Covid 19 has caused worldwide problems and Queenstown as we all know has been badly affected, fortunately not by deaths, but by the severe impact on many of the town's tourism businesses including the Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited.

At such a difficult time if the leadership advice of the Council CEO is that he is satisfied the best course of action is to accept the current QAC SOI ,which he has presumably seen , then I respectfully consider councillors should accept his recommendation.

My understanding is that he has made his recommendation on the pragmatic basis that QAC can direct attention to respond to its current position, including its staff , and once that is addressed then focus on developing a modified SOI for consideration later in the year , which the Local Government Act permits .

Dave Bergmann: Airport expansion

Received 22/04/2020 at 11.50

Quite frankly, this is a farce! What sane person or business thinks that forecasts made months ago are going to be relevant now? All other sources are saying that tourism and therefore the airport expansion are going to be seriously slowed, or even stopped by this virus. And that is good, as the town doesn't need to have 5 million visitors, not now, not ever.

The process that you are using is flawed, QLDC is the majority owner of QAC, and has the right, and responsibility to ensure they follow the proper legal and moral processes. What is being presented is a draft SOI, and needs to be acknowledged as that. QAC needs to be sent back to the drawing board and told to sort out the multitude of problems in it. In no way should QLDC accept this draft as finished, they should not accept it as compliant, and they should do their job.

Listen to the people, the survey that was undertaken clearly showed the lack of support for this process, and for the outcome that QAC wants. We, the people, do not want that.

Do your job, stop this now.

Regards, Dave Bergmann. QLDC ratepayer and very concerned citizen.

Don and Heather Wallace: QAC Statement of Intent
Received 22/04/2020 at 11.50

Councillors

We are concerned that the QDC is using the excuse of Covid 19 to rail road the QAC's statement of intent(SOI) through tomorrow's meeting of the Council.

Peace and quiet has been restored to the Frankton and the Wakatipu Basin by the Covid 19 lockdown. We have be ridden rough shod over by the QLDC and the QAC into accepting continued expansion and extension of the Airport noiseboundaries are a fact of life of living in our beautiful environment. This is a time for QLDC to reflect and realize that part of the Golden Egg that the Wakatipu basin has to offer is its peace and tranquility. By prematurely approving the statement of intent at tomorrow's QLDC meeting the opportunity to digest what the Wakatipu Basin really has to offer will be lost.

Pause and reflect before making a decision is what we ask from our Councillors.

Kind regards

Don and Heather Wallace

Fraser Skinner: Council Meeting, 23 April 2020 - Agenda Item 1
Received on 22/04/2020 at 11.53am

Dear Council,

You are being asked to agree to the Queenstown Airport Corporation's draft Statement of Intent. This is based on pre-Covid forecasts which the document itself states are now irrelevant.

It is my understanding that by doing this, you would effectively be agreeing to the QAC's growth objectives and strategies the SOI contains, including air noise boundary expansion.

I respectfully suggest that this is not the time to be making any decisions on the highly contentious subject of growth and the associated implications of such.

Council - please be mindful of the very public views of your constituents and act responsibly in your decision.

Certainly, ensure the QAC's survival in this difficult time but do not unwittingly agree to unwanted growth objectives and strategies.

Respectfully,

Fraser Skinner - 50 year resident.

Sent from my iPad

I am usually reachable on [REDACTED] if you need to get in touch - I will certainly come back to you as soon as I pick up your message, either way.

Fraser

W J (Bill) Taylor: Comment on proposed SOI from QAC
Received 22/04/2020 at 11.58am

Dear Councillors

The following is my view presented as comments rather than a formal submission on the agenda item regarding the adoption of the Statement of Intent (SOI) from QAC, which as a resident and owner of two properties within the proposed expanded noise boundary zone, I urge you to vote against .

I find it absolutely ridiculous you would consider voting in favour of anything let alone this SOI, that is preceded with a caveat accepting that it is irrelevant and redundant, surely it is time to use some of the common sense you people were elected for and question the reasons for making such a decision.

I do not intend to tell you what the future for tourism is, but when I read articles from James Higham Otago University Professor and editor of the Journal of Sustainable Tourism where he states “we have the opportunity to stop and think and rebuild a more sustainable tourism system” as well as “we should try to target the ones that bring the greatest benefits and the least costs”, coupled with Tourism Minister Kelvin Davis’s call for an entire rethink of the industry, I am left with the view that businesses such as QAC should be well on the way towards having a new post covid 19 SOI or future vision prepared.

Council would be doing ratepayers a disservice by adopting QAC’s current SOI at the Thursday’s meeting, and should demand an updated or new vision before your June / July deadline, and one could also question in these totally unprecedented times why is it so important to adopt something as important as this to our region, just to satisfy the Councils Local Government obligations.

Tourism New Zealand chief executive Stephen England stated recently “this is an opportunity to listen to communities and design the future of tourism in New Zealand so that it benefits our people and our home”, I would ask you to consider these sentiments when considering the adoption of the QAC’s, SOI and do the right thing as opposed to taking the easy option, and vote to at the very least, treat this as a draft that has to be further modified.

I however would like to see council take a more aggressive approach even if it meant falling foul of the LGA.

Regards

W J (Bill) Taylor

Victoria Hanrahan: Queenstown airport submission

Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.03pm

I disagree to Councillors

agreeing to the growth objectives and strategies the SOI contains, including air noise boundary expansion at ZQN....

At this time our energies should be elsewhere and while everyone is dealing with their own personal situation I feel awareness of the decisions being made by councillors will go below the radar, and the community unaware or with little time to make submissions. If it not for Cath Gilmour taking the time to send an email that somehow reached my mail box I would be unaware myself! I am an essential worker with little time to respond.

We as a community have previously objected to airport growth in Queenstown.

The current noise levels are concerning and boundaries should not be extended.

We do not want to think about growth when shutting our borders is what is keeping people safe at present. Planning to bring more people into Qtn will put people at risk.

Queenstown could not cope infrastructure wise, traffic wise, parking wise etc with the current airport activities.

In my opinion the resident community in Queenstown would be largely disappointed if councillor agreed to any queenstown airport growth initiatives at this time and for the foreseeable future.

Victoria Hanrahan

Queenstown could no

Sent from my iPhone so pardon my brevity

Kathy Leake: Seriously, is this still going on?

Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.04pm

I am surprised that this airport expansion is still on the agenda, and that the Airport people think that nothing has changed.

The world has changed. What was unwanted and unacceptable then, is even more crazy and ill advised now. The key to economic recovery is not the airport getting bigger or opening longer.

The draft SOI is just that, a draft, predicated upon false forecasts and outdated information. The Council should not accept it, and certainly not as a final document.

Do not let the business that you (we) own railroad you into a poor decision. This seems to be what I call a "Warren Cooper" moment. The mayor back then allowed big business to put two casino's into Queenstown, when the community wanted none. He thought he knew best, is Jim Boulton doing that to us now?

I am dead set against this, and insist that the council follow proper processes, not just blithely accept this flawed SOI.

Time to do the job you all were elected to do, and stand up for us and Queenstown's future. Otherwise you might just join us on the unemployment lines.

Cheers, Kathy Leake

Brian and Marion Marquand: The Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) Statement of Intent (SOI)
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.06pm

To Members of the QLDC,

The SOI finally reached in December 2019, was already contentious, and it had a caveat that it needed improvement to meet council and community concerns as were expressed so clearly in the QLDC Council meeting of August 26, 2019.

That was pre Covid -19. The situation is now so vastly different. It seems incredible that such a redundant SOI is to be accepted simply for legal status, when the SOI is not even due until June 30, 2020, with the possibility of an extension to July 31, 2020.

Surely our council as a 75.01% shareholder, can require the QAC to begin addressing reality and survival now, even if only to produce a better draft to be finalised in October.

We believe it is in the interests of our community, and the QAC itself for this SOI to be rejected by council, and a more relevant document be created to meet the current new circumstances which now exist.

Sincerely

Brian and Marion Marquand

Andrea Brookes: QAC SOI TODAY
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.06pm

Dear Councillors

Please don't give the QAC permission to do whatever they like by agreeing to QAC's SOI, in which it empowers QAC to implement future noise boundary expansion. Noise boundary restrictions matter. The future of our community matters. Having already listened to your community's voice and acknowledged that you have heard, sympathised and agreed to adhere to a reasonable approach of being cautious with this private enterprise's powers to compromise community wellbeing, it is obvious to me that this SOI draft must not be approved today.

Regards

Andrea Brookes
Queenstown

Wendy Sherlock: Objection to agreeing to the QAC statement of intent
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.09pm

To whom it may concern,

I wish to state that I do not agree to the council signing of the QAC's statement of intent or any of the objectives. I do not agree to the growth objectives and strategies the SOI contains, including air noise boundary expansion at ZQN.

I find it rather underhand that the council is NOT engaging enough with the community before making these decisions.

Thanks
Wendy

Jane McCurdy: QLDC Council Meeting
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.12pm

Please do not approve the QAC SOI as it currently stands. Its not relevant. It has been written for a vastly different world to what the future will hold for Queenstown. If, at some stage in the future, QAC feel they need to increase capacity within current boundaries they can do this by encouraging the airlines to fly better aircraft.

We don't need an even bigger airport in the middle of our valley.

We don't need QAC incur massive debt and in the process give more control to Auckland Airport. Auckland already has far more control of Queenstown Airport than the 25% they own and they are not at all concerned about our landscape, our town, our people or our quality of life. Numbers and money are their only motive!

Please do not approve 'shovel ready' projects for this town just because they are shovel ready. Queenstown needs to consider a more appropriate direction for the future than the one it was heading for and this will be (we hope) our only opportunity to do this. Sustainable, quality tourism not numbers and money driven. Make sure that any projects are working towards improving the region not just ticking a box for a tourism industry which is not going to be (we hope) ever what it was.

Big infrastructure projects do little to provide much needed jobs for the region. Any company that wins the bid for a large project is unlikely fo be local, will not employ locals for many, if any, of the jobs. The Kawarau bridge is a perfect example.... out of town company, engineers, site managers, staff. We need jobs for locals.

And

The water upgrade is pouring dirty water directly off our streets into the lake. Who has been to look at the sump below Remarkables Primary School? The outlet pipe might as well be directly into the lake for all the good that the few metres of large stone and rock are doing to filter the storm water. Be sure to check it out in dry weather and see how dirty with road gunk the rocks are, and after a rainfall and see that dirty storm water flowing into the lake.

Thank you

Concerned local

Cath Gilmour: Public forum submission on QAC draft SOI from Cath Gilmour, We Love Wakatipu Inc chair, for 23 April meeting.

Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.13pm

Hello everyone, I hope your bubbles are well. Huge thanks to those councillors who helped ensure this meeting is livestreamed and public forum input read out - much appreciated.

Please do not agree to QAC's draft SOI. To do so would make a mockery of your governance role and show total disrespect for QAC management and board capability.

It would also be legally questionable, under schedule eight of the Local Government Act, to accept as valid forecasts publicly acknowledged by both council and QAC to be redundant and irrelevant, and strategic objectives that have zero link to reality.

Covid-19 has rocked our world and community and QAC must now fight for survival, not growth. The same for many local businesses. Saying QAC needs until late October to create a survival and recovery strategy gives our community no assurance they can do so.

This delay would also mean the council-sanctioned cone of QAC silence remains for seven months post-lockdown. We all know Auckland Airport's survival plans - but nothing about QAC's. Our business sector and community deserve – and need – better.

You can ensure this happens, by rejecting this draft. You can then either ask or direct QAC to come back by July 30 with a **crisis survival and recovery skeleton SOI** (under clauses two, six then four of schedule 8).

Reliable re-forecasting for the SOI's three-year term is obviously impossible. But QAC's executive and board have the capacity to instead develop alternative scenarios – based on what they do know about border lockdown, likely slow increases in domestic travel, global economic impact, their finances and uncertainties of the pandemic's evolution.

Your resolution could further recognise these uncertainties by including update opportunities, to keep both council and community informed and allow for the inevitable tweaks required as our post-Covid world starts to take shape.

These survival-based scenarios would also make clear the new objectives QAC now needs to focus on.

This would not divert QAC from its primary role, as your agenda alleges, but instead ensure its focus is clear, aligned with council and community, and meeting required legal process.

Contrary to the claim in your agenda, the law does not require your agreement to make this SOI compliant. That happened with QAC's delivery.

QAC can do this. They should be doing this already. Councillors, please support your community by ensuring they do - not kicking it to touch.

(396-word text)

John Borrell: Statement of intent Qtn Airport
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.20pm

I herewith submit that QLDC does not approve the current draft SOI as it is now irrelevant, and ask QAC to bring back a final SOI that reflects the uncertainties of the next three years as accurately as they can, by July 30.

Thank you,
John Borrell

Ewen & Heather Rendel: Public Forum Address- QAC- SOI
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.37pm

Kia ora

Huge thanks to each of our Councillors and Mayor who've been working tirelessly to do all possible for our Community during this unprecedented time.

NOW'S THE TIME TO HIT THE RESET BUTTON.

The harsh reality is the world we find ourselves in today has changed drastically from that of a month or two ago. Unfortunately jobs will be lost and it's a painful fact our district is going to be heavily affected no matter what assistance is available in the short term. QLDC and QAC must actively work toward a new tomorrow.

As our elected Representatives, your job is to work for the good of all of the community (required by the LGA). Four of you replied to our email dated 16 April 2020 and on the basis of further the information provided to us we request you take the following action:-

1. Don't agree to the QAC Statement of Intent, based on pre-Covid-19 projections, proposals and plans, with the only caveat being forecasts within it are now irrelevant! Voting to accept this document implies you accept its content (other than forecasts) as being prudent, relevant and actionable. Accepting the document in its current form, well meaning or not, is completely irresponsible.
2. Require QAC to rework the SOI to reflect the new uncertain future of public air transport and tourism prior to submitting it for consideration. We've been informed QAC's already formulated strategies, provided predictions to their Bank to gain additional funding and applied to the Crown Infrastructure Partners in the hope of obtaining Government funding to do some of the Capital Planning projects contained within the SOI. This implies they already have intentions of how they'll move forward in this new post-covid-19 environment.
3. We see no reason why a relevant SOI cannot be formulated by the 30 June 2020 or 30 July 2020 (allowing one month extension), providing Councillors and Public sufficient time to review the document. Provision for regular updates must be included to ensure QAC and QLDC can respond to changing air traffic volumes and economy.

Now is a time for great governance to instil Community confidence. It's not a time for a lack of transparency or for pushing through previous plans that don't benefit the entire community.

Thank you.

Ewen & Heather Rendel.

Anna van Wichen: QAC's SOI
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.40pm

Good afternoon everyone, I'm Anna van Wichen. I'm writing because I have serious concerns about the draft SOI being presented to Council today. If Council agrees to the draft SOI in its current form then it is agreeing to the SOI's growth- oriented objectives, including air noise boundaries expansion at Queenstown. Also, agreeing to a draft SOI which is not current, hasn't been rewritten to incorporate the new Covid19 situation, contains pre-Covid financial forecasts and hasn't been informed by the recent Martin Jenkins survey seems frankly to be a waste of time and paper. Is it even legal under the act? It was very clear from the many different community meetings last year that the Queenstown community is strongly against expansion of air noise boundaries. As our elected representatives I ask the Councillors to vote against accepting this draft SOI, as it completely ignores the feelings and wants of the majority of the Queenstown population. Which leads me again to the question of the recent Martin Jenkins survey. Where are the results of this survey, and in what way have they been used by QAC to ensure the wishes of the ratepayers are included in the draft SOI? It seems that QAC have failed to do their homework. But they have the opportunity to catch up. Councillors could extend due date of the final SOI to the end of July and QAC would then have three months to do their job of working out how the airport will survive. Not talking a full-blown SOI, but at least one that reflects the uncertain reality we are all facing. I ask the Councillors to direct the QAC to go away and do their homework, and come back with a relevant SOI that reflects the wishes of the ratepayers and the realities of our current economic situation. And like the reluctant teenager who doesn't do their homework, there should be consequences if QAC fails to comply with Council's request.

It seems like we are limping along from one inadequate, caveated SOI to the next. It would be so much better if we could move forward with a positive, robust and relevant SOI that ensures QAC's survival in these turbulent times, and is in line with the community's wishes.

Thanks for your time,

Anna van Wichen
Arrow Junction

Manu Sinclair: Re- QAC's draft statement of intent.

Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.42pm

I ask councillors to do their job.

- Council can legally extend delivery date of QAC's final SOI a month (as it did for the draft) to July 30, if QAC needs more time.
- Our councillors shouldn't agree to an irrelevant document that does not meet statutory requirements, in terms of valid content, on the basis of a false claim that they must do so for the SOI to be compliant. Staff made the same claim last year. It is still not true. QAC compliance is contingent on their delivery of it by deadline. They did so.
- Councillors could instead direct QAC to modify the statement of intent by July 30, to better reflect the likely effects of Covid 19. It could include two monthly report backs to specifically allow for the inevitable tweaks required as the full impacts of this global crisis emerge. This can be done within the Local Government Act's framework. Where forecasts cannot be provided, alternative scenarios could be outlined.
- If council follows this proper legal process, this would ensure our community and business sector have visibility of QAC's strategic approach as a basis for trust, peace of mind and their own business planning.

We need to make decisions, plans based on our new Reality post Covid-19.

It is time to reset our Vision of the Tourism Industry, moving forward to a more Sustainable approach.

HWN Sinclair

Mary-Louise Kingsbury: Council Meeting 23 April - Agenda Item 1
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.41pm

Dear Council,

You are being asked to agree to the Queenstown Airport Corporation's draft Statement of Intent. This is based on pre-Covid forecasts which the document itself states are now irrelevant.

It is my understanding that by doing this, you would effectively be agreeing to the QAC's growth objectives and strategies the SOI contains, including air noise boundary expansion.

I respectfully suggest that this is not the time to be making any decisions on the highly contentious subject of growth and the associated implications of such.

Council - please be mindful of the very public views of your constituents and act responsibly in your decision.

Certainly, ensure the QAC's survival in this difficult time but do not unwittingly agree to unwanted growth objectives and strategies.

Sincerely,

Mary-Louise KINGSBURY

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Resident of 20 years

Frankton Community Association
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.43pm



Wednesday 22 April 2020

Submitted by email: governance@qldc.govt.nz

FULL COUNCIL MEETING 23 APRIL 2020 – FCA PUBLIC FORUM SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM 1: QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT CORPORATION STATEMENT OF INTENT

The FCA understand the QLDC will be asked to agree the proposed Statement of Intent (SOI) from Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) at this Thursday's Council meeting. We understand that this course of action will enable the airport company to direct its attention to respond to the immediate crisis and focus on developing a modified SOI for consideration by 31 October 2020. QAC's future business strategy will then more accurately reflect the impacts of COVID-19 on it's operations and three-year planning horizon.

FCA agrees that this course of action is acceptable and will enable a more accurate and up to date SOI to be debated later in the year, however in supporting this must firmly reiterate it's stance in the past that it does not support any increase in the noise boundaries or expansion of the Queenstown Airport site for the foreseeable future.

FCA gives notice that it would like to submit to QLDC when the amended SOI is in front of Council later in 2020.

Yours faithfully

Peter Jackson

Chairman

Frankton Community Association

Colin Forster: QAC Statement of Intent
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.46pm

To all QLDC councillors.

I urge you not to accept the current SOI from QAC.

I support requesting a full and final SOI that reflects the actual times we're living in post Covid19.

This is a turning point for our town needing careful full and public consultation, it is not the time to pursue administrative expediency.

Yours, Colin Forster.

Wayne Allen: Queenstown airport extension submissions
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.47pm

I strongly disagree with the QAC request for extensions or growth of the no. of flights in and out of Queenstown.

This is against the allowable noise levels permitted under the current consent.

The extension of the allowable noise consent is a loss of social and health benefits for the community and is unacceptable. The overall effect on values of homes and health effects is unacceptable from a community owned asset.

Please refuse the statement of intent by QAC.

Wayne Allen



Wanaka Stakeholders Group: Submission for tomorrow's meeting
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.49pm

Submission to QLDC Full Council Meeting - 23 April 2020

Sent to: governance@qldc.govt.nz

My name is Greg Cowles and I am Treasurer of Wānaka Stakeholders Group Incorporated. I speak today on behalf of our 3,390 members.

As we've said in a recent letter to Council, we wish to acknowledge and show appreciation for the very important work QLDC staff are doing across so many key areas right now. While many of us have been hunkering down in our bubbles, Council staff have been ensuring that the essential cogs of QLDC keep turning, and also dealing with urgent and unprecedented issues. Thank you from all of us.

I wish to speak to Item 1 on the agenda today.

It will be no surprise to you that we would like to place on record, in the strongest possible terms, our opposition to QAC's Statement of Intent being accepted, adopted or otherwise confirmed in its current state, even with the caveats which have been written into it in recent days. Almost all of it is now completely out of date or inaccurate, and simply putting a caveat up front is just not good enough.

There is sufficient time, and there are people at QAC, to enable a fresh, short and accurate SOI to be produced. There is no reason for this not to be done.

We also place on record that we agree to the fullest extent with the email sent to you all by John Hillhorst on Tuesday. I draw your attention to his concluding comment: *Despite these dramatic circumstances, there is no need to seek to circumscribe good governance and legal process.*

At the very least the SOI should be updated to reflect the most up to date projections in relation to dividends QAC may or may not be able to pay to QLDC in the short term, as this directly impacts the Annual Plan and Council's budget.

Out of respect for the multitude of issues you have to face as a Council, and we all have to face as a community, we have opted not to ask our members to make submissions on this point individually. Please be clear that we are representing our membership, making up a large section of the Upper Clutha Community. Whilst we are all focussed on the impacts of COVID-19, please ensure that we are laser focussed on ensuring that Council practices good governance and financial due diligence.

Please include this submission in full in your

minutes. [400 words]

Thank you

Greg Cowles

Treasurer, for and on behalf of the membership and

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Blaise and Sarah Barham: Submission for Thursday's Council Meeting
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.50pm

Dear QLDC ,

We are making the following submission re decision at Thursday's QLDC committee meeting re Queenstown Airport Corporation's draft Statement of Intent (SOI).

We submit that councillors should not agree to QAC's draft SOI as it is obviously no longer relevant due to the impact of Covid19 and the closedown of NZ's borders.

We understand there is no legal need for QLDC to agree to this draft and it should be treated as a draft SOI under clause 2 of LGA's schedule 8 and councillors need to inform QAC to bring back a final SOI that reflects the uncertainty of the next few years with a extended due date of 30 July 2020.

As the expansion of the airport and its noise boundaries has received so much negative feedback from local residents I feel that accepting this as a final SOI at this time of lockdown may create further distrust in local governance.

As our representatives, we appreciate that councillors will be wrestling with Covid19 and its future effects on the Southern Lakes but this is also a time of opportunity that Covid19 brings to our town.

This is a chance to focus on industries outside of mass tourism and to help create an environmentally-friendly town; a time to focus on improving infrastructure and one that focuses on the welfare and health of its residents rather than deepening the coffers of large tourism companies. This is also a chance to rethink our local tourism industry with a focus on higher paying tourists with less environmental impact.

The QAC's airport expansion plans counteract the above and therefore need to fit in with Queenstown's plans rather than the other way round.

Not accepting this QAC's draft proposal will signal Council's aim to do that.

Thank you

Blaise & Sarah Barham - local residents for over 20 years.

Marnie Reid: QAC draft SOI
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.51pm

Good afternoon,

I am writing to voice my CONCERN about what OUR councillors are being asked to sign , re
Qac draft SOI...

What is going on... is it sliding it in by stealth??

I know which decent community minded councilor won't sign...

Niki Gladding

Ferg

John Macdonald

Penny Clark

Val Miller,

I hope there will be more on the right (community) side of this document

Thanks for your time

Marnie Reid

Allison Swintz et al: submission for Thursday 23 April public forum
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.57pm

Good Afternoon, Councillors and Mr. Mayor.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Our current situation has given us a moment of mandatory pause where we have a unique opportunity to reconsider our situation. All over the world we are experiencing a slower pace. Our future is uncertain and we have unprecedented opportunity to shape it in a new way. Likely we all agree the current QAC SOI is out of date. It no longer reflects our current situation, much less our future. We ask that all of you consider the following: Do not accept this SOI. It is erroneous. Please ask for a new draft SOI. The Local Government Act 2002 provides for modifications and extensions. The QAC would therefore have sufficient time to provide a new SOI. This new SOI can still provide the 'Required Content' set out by the Local Government Act to reflect the current situation. This can be done without much cost to QAC where their primary focus at present is to be directed towards maintaining the operability of the business and the welfare of its staff and business customers. It does not require concrete information about our future which we are unlikely to have in the next few months. Instead the new SOI can simply be to devise a new plan. Let me say this again, the Statement of Intent should be to gain understanding of the significant impact of COVID-19. To research the new market and begin to shape a new blueprint for the future. Our final plea would be to require community consultation in the QAC's SOI. There are many voices which remain unheard, they need the opportunity.

Thank you,

Allison Swintz
Llewellyn Murdoch
Jochen Lenfert
Friederike Andree

Kat West: Re: Agenda item: Queenstown Airport Corporation Statement of Intent

Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.57pm

I ask that the councillors take the following into account when considering this agenda item:

- 1 - The council does not have to accept the final SOI until the end of the financial year. In addition it is able to extend the deadline in the Local Government Act by up to 1 month by notifying the QAC in writing.
- 2- the QAC SOI presented to council makes no mention of the changes to forecasting due to COVID 19
- 3 - It makes no mention of the community consultation already undertaken, or of any future consultation.

This SOI is simply not fit for purpose unless it takes both these things into account.

As well as the time frame requirements, I have looked at the schedule 8 requirements and there is time available for the SOI to be amended and still meet them.

The SOI can be much abbreviated and still meet these requirements. For example, you do not have to have detailed forecasting, you just need to address the point. A statement that “the data is in a state of flux and that these areas will be addressed more completely in the next SOI, once more data is available” with a timeframe for that process would be sufficient.

It appears that the council is trying to say that this will be done, but we should accept this SOI now to meet the legislation requirements. Previously they indicated that they would consider the SOI in JUNE. It is April now. So to say you have to accept it now is just wrong, **there is time** to update it and meet the legislation requirements. And to accept something that is wrong, and that we know is wrong, shows negligence as the major shareholder. So it begs the question why?

If the council is accepting the SOI as written because it allows them to proceed with capital expansion projects at the airport, say through the economic stimulation package funding proposals, then they need to say so. It is simply immoral to make that kind of decision without public knowledge or input.

And if there is no benefit or hidden agenda to accepting the SOI now, then you should delay it, and get it right.

Hannah Clowes: Submission on QAC draft Statement of Intent
Received on 22/04/2020 at 12.59pm

Dear sir/madam,

I am supportive of the commentary within the QAC draft SOI that refers to the halt on long term master planning and that QAC will not seek to expand the airport's noise boundaries at this time. This is appropriate given the economic uncertainty currently faced by Queenstown and New Zealand because of Covid 19, and given the overwhelming community opposition to further expansion of the airport noise boundaries.

What I find contradictory within the draft SOI is the 'Project Pathway' work, described as increasing the growth capacity of passenger movements through Queenstown Airport from 2.4 million to 2.8 million. This is inconsistent with the stated intention of halting airport growth, and long term planning at this time. Should this work proceed, it will support a substantial degree of growth of the airport and increased passenger movements, which is not supported by the Community.

I seek that the draft SOI be declined on the basis that 'Project Pathway' is a backdoor to increase airport growth and passenger numbers, which is both inappropriate and unnecessary at this time.

Kind regards,
Hannah Clowes.

Noel van Wichen: QAC SOI
Received on 22/04/2020 at 1.01pm

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Also, agreeing to a draft SOI which is not current, hasn't been rewritten to incorporate the new Covid19 situation, contains pre-Covid financial forecasts and where is the recent Martin Jenkins survey it does not include this. Was the survey another waste of ratepayers money ?

It was very clear from the many different community meetings last year that the Queenstown community is strongly against expansion of air noise boundaries.

I ask the Councillors to vote against accepting this draft SOI, as it completely ignores the feelings and wants of the majority of the Queenstown population.

Where are the results of the Martin survey, and in what way have they been used by QAC to ensure the wishes of the ratepayers are included in the draft SOI. Should they not be made public before any major decisions be made using them or not.

It seems that QAC have failed to do their job once again. But they have the opportunity to catch up. Councillors could extend due date of the final SOI to the end of July and QAC would then have three months to do their job of working out how the airport will survive. If they don't do that fire the whole board because for the money they are being paid they seem to be doing a lousy job.

Not talking a full-blown SOI, but at least one that reflects the uncertain reality we are all facing. I ask the Councillors to direct the QAC to go away and do their job, and come back with a relevant SOI that reflects the wishes of the ratepayers and the realities of our current economic situation.

It seems like we are going along from one inadequate, SOI to the next and if I was doing this in my job I would not have one.

It would be so much better if we could move forward with a positive, robust and relevant SOI that ensures QAC's survival in these turbulent times, and is in line with the community's wishes.

The Covid has given a brief moment in time to have maybe a once in a life time experience of no air noise, go outside and listen tell us what you can hear.

Noel van Wichen

Andrew Donaldson: Written submission - April 23rd Council Meeting - QAC Sol
Received on 22/04/2020 at 1.01pm

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the matter of considering the QAC Sol at the upcoming council meeting.

I will not waste your time with a restatement of the reasons why you should reject accepting the published draft letter, as sound pragmatic, legal and ethical arguments have been widely presented in the public domain. Your executive seems to be trying to convince you that you must approve the draft as presented, this argument in my mind is paper thin and entirely unacceptable as legal opinions have explained. However that is not the main reason you should unanimously reject this motion. The main reason is that for this particular council to be effective in these traumatic times it has to restore the trust of its electorate whose patience is wearing very thin indeed. Regarding the QAC controlled airfields it has been patently obvious for some time that the strategy of your leadership, and its associated interests, run counter to the view of a very significant portion of our community. Whats more that leadership, and its associated interests, have behaved in an entirely opaque, inappropriate and undemocratic manner which has generated a dramatic lack of trust in QLDC governance particular on this matter. There is already a strong whiff of self-interest, conflict of interest, and now nepotism surrounding this matter - hopefully that does not evolve into corruption. If you personally vote for this Sol you will have left the fence some might feel secure on. The proposed Sol is accepted by all as inappropriate for the world we face today. We do not trust the words "Dont worry we'll edit it later"

Regards
Andrew Donaldson

Erin Taylor: Public forum submission on QAC draft SOI

Received on 22/04/2020 at 1.09pm

Dear Sir / Madam,

I seek to request that the draft Statement of Intent be declined.

Although supportive of the long term planning being placed on hold and no attention of the noise boundaries, don't agree with the need to proceed with the Project Pathways project, particularly in light of the current economic uncertainty.

We understand the airport has applied for funding from central government for "shovel ready" projects to expand the airport under the Project Pathways project. There is only so much money central government has to hand out. It is not appropriate to ask to expand an airport facility when there will no longer be the demand for this in the short to medium term.

Would it not be better to invest this money in projects in Queenstown that will diversify our economy? Recycling centres, improvement in our wastewater? Medical facilities, Art centres? That will attract more or different tourists in the short to medium term.

There is a danger of 'shovel ready' projects that we may invest and use all the money available in projects that are not required, or no longer relevant.

The Statement of Intent should be declined, with a new one being available for review in July which is based on a new plan for Queenstown Airport.

Kind Regards,

Erin Taylor

Registered Architect - ANZIA - BArch Hons

Annette Frewen: Queenstown airport/council meeting
Received on 22/04/2020 at 1.14pm

I do not believe it is OK for council to accept a patently absurd SOI for the sake of administrative ease
3mths before the final SOI even needs to be delivered (due date June/July 30)

I voted for you Jim Boulton
I trusted you when you said "NOT ON MY WATCH"
Seems like the lies and games are started all over again.

Annette Frewen

Grant Hardy: QLDC Meeting 23rd April 2020: Agenda Item 1, Queenstown Airport Corporation Statement of Intent
Received on 22/04/2020 at 1.47pm

I would like to register my concern that by agreeing to QAC's draft statement of intent, councillors would implicitly agree to the growth objectives and strategies the SOI contains, including air noise boundary expansion at ZQN. I request that councillors do not sign off on the SOI.

Regards,

Grant Hardy

Kristine Johnstone: QAC's statement of intent

Received on 22/04/2020 at 1.54pm

To the Mayor and councillors of Queenstown Lakes District Council

My submission to the meeting of Council to consider QAC's Statement of Intent is that this Sol

should NOT be 'accepted' , instead I ask the Council to 'receive' it ,so that it can be given proper consideration in the wake of Covid-19 in regard to

- (a) the community feedback already received
- (b) the evaporation of international tourism for the foreseeable future
- (c) Martin Jenkins commissioned and imminent report on Airport Impact assessments

The long term impact of Covid-19 on the local economy will be devastating and far reaching . If the council 'accepts' QAC's Sol, it will imply agreement with the main objectives in it - namely expansion both physically and with regard to noise boundaries. I believe the local community has made it clear they reject these objectives. We are in desperate need of infrastructure in the areas of water and waste management, affordable housing, medical and cultural facilities, etc. this should be a priority and this uncertain time

My submission therefore is that the council DO NOT 'accept' QAC's Sol , but merely 'receive' it

Thank you

Kristine Johnstone