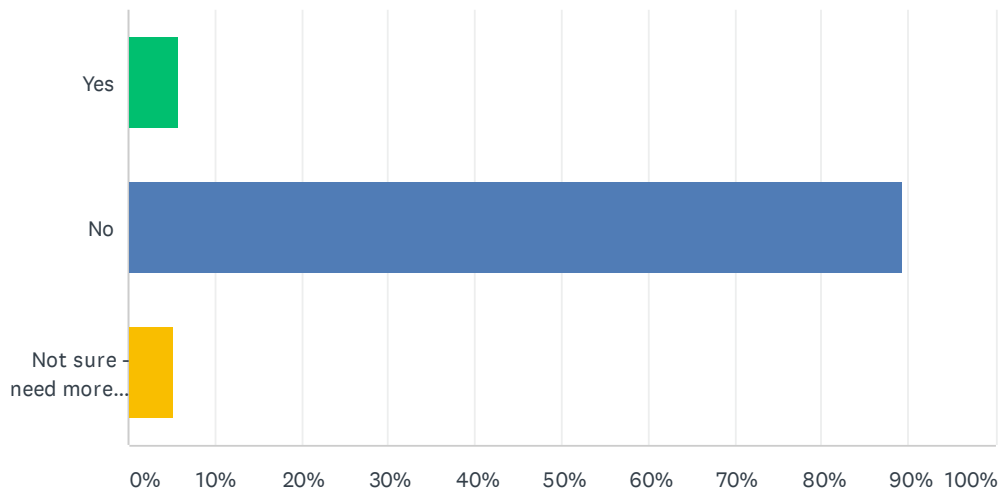


Q1 Do you believe that QLDC has complied with its own Procurement Policy in the hiring of two former council managers via ZQN7 Ltd?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	5.92%	10
No	89.35%	151
Not sure - need more evidence	5.33%	9
Total Respondents: 169		

Q2 QLDC has made it difficult for Crux to cover this story. What do you think should happen next?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 39

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Yes, take to higher media or court	1/20/2021 8:53 AM
2	An independent review or investigation is required for complete transparency.	1/20/2021 12:15 AM
3	I am keen to hear an outside, hopefully objective view and see QLDC held to account. I support Crux and hats off to such a frustrating effort to have our backs!	1/20/2021 12:12 AM
4	Auditor-General should open an Inquiry.	1/19/2021 11:09 PM
5	Full public access to all documents relating to ZQN7 Limited - nothing redacted - for a "community audit." If it's clean, then let ordinary Joe Soaps like me see for certain	1/19/2021 3:25 PM
6	The public has to get behind Crux, write letters and demand clarity and truth.	1/19/2021 1:38 PM
7	QLDC is funded by the rate payers and therefore should be accountable to the rate payers. ALL documentation should be released by QLDC. If they have nothing to hide then there is no problem. Otherwise it appears to be a smokescreen which is basically an admission of guilt. No one is perfect so if there have been mistakes made , let's just clean them up and improve future outcomes.	1/19/2021 9:31 AM
8	Formal audit	1/19/2021 8:54 AM
9	A halt put on all expenditure until sorted. There is no hurry. Inform the IRD these consultants are double dipping and did they pay secondary tax??	1/19/2021 12:46 AM
10	A full enquiry needs to occur. If this has happened in this one example then no doubt there are many other other examples. No wonder QLDC cant afford to keep core services maintained.	1/18/2021 10:05 PM
11	A full independent investigation should take place into this on going 'jobs for mates' approach.	1/18/2021 9:45 PM
12	Take this higher up the ladder.	1/18/2021 9:17 PM
13	Department of Internal Affairs & Local Government NZ should investigate with the Office of the Auditor General	1/18/2021 8:33 PM
14	Go past local government, to our minster that deals with these type of things	1/18/2021 8:22 PM
15	Formal investigation	1/18/2021 7:25 PM
16	QLDC needs to be fully transparent & held accountable	1/18/2021 5:17 PM
17	that Dept of Internal Affairs initiates an full inquiry into whether QLDCs fiscal policies and processes meet all legal requirements that they also review the response timelines to media/public enquiries of council. that QLDC fully comply to any DoIA recommended response timeframes	1/18/2021 12:44 PM
18	Investigation by Central Government	1/18/2021 12:30 PM
19	Independent review outside of Crux and QLDC	1/18/2021 11:35 AM
20	Ombudsman needs to make QLDC supply full details as requested .	1/18/2021 11:16 AM
21	Full information disclosure, then they should all be fired! Then Wanaka wants a seperate council, we don't want to be run by corrupt QLDC	1/18/2021 10:25 AM
22	QLDC should be completely transparent with ALL procurement when ratepayers money is being spent. QLDC should put all rate payers and the publics mind at rest regarding council spending by allowing media access to all relevant documents which can then be shared by media. It then becomes a form of checks and balances for the public to be made aware of.	1/18/2021 9:37 AM
23	Auditor general/ombudsman investigation	1/18/2021 9:04 AM
24	This is biased reporting. Physician heal one's self.	1/18/2021 9:00 AM
25	I believe you are continually chasing this one story and its getting repetitive and boring. Your story will have brought about change in the processes in QLDC. That should be enough. To continue to focus on the consultants is harassment	1/18/2021 8:47 AM
26	Significant investigations	1/18/2021 8:02 AM
27	Independent financial audit of the QLDC books.	1/18/2021 7:57 AM
28	Enquired but appropriate govt or legal dept.	1/17/2021 11:32 PM

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29	It should be made to be fully transparent	1/17/2021 9:00 PM
30	A formal review process by an independent party	1/17/2021 7:54 PM
31	Honesty and transparency appears to have been lost with this Council who, after all, are the servants of our community. The Ombudsman/appropriate authority needs investigate these concerns and to require the Council to comply with its obligations to the community	1/17/2021 6:51 PM
32	Investigation by the authorities as well as Crux	1/17/2021 5:51 PM
33	A full investigation/audit of council's expenditure. Policy for openness, fairness and honesty abided by, if not then someone should be made accountable.	1/17/2021 5:18 PM
34	Full inquiry	1/17/2021 5:04 PM
35	Resignations	1/17/2021 3:45 PM
36	Wait for the auditor generals report	1/17/2021 2:49 PM
37	Follow through. Someone has to be held accountable.	1/17/2021 2:16 PM
38	The Council's accounts and key procedures must be subject to a professional and independent audit. Have you approached the auditor for comment? Next step would be to get the auditor general's office to investigate.	1/17/2021 2:03 PM
39	They need to open the books completely to get to the truth	1/17/2021 1:35 PM
40	QLDC should give full access to CRUX in the interest of clarity for all ratepayers.	1/17/2021 12:14 PM
41	I can tell you of the dealings I have had with the said parties, I believe this needs to be investigated further without hold ups from senior management at QLDC	1/17/2021 11:42 AM
42	Get rid of the head of communications	1/17/2021 11:18 AM
43	Procurement policy needs to adhered to, unsure how to accomplish this but clearly leaving council to write the rules provides too much freedom for dodgy behaviors and transactions. And of course whoever signed off on the hiring of consultants needs to be held accountable, full stop!	1/17/2021 11:07 AM
44	QLDC gives full disclosure of all documents and show proper process. If not, why not, what are they hiding.	1/17/2021 10:33 AM
45	More transparency required	1/17/2021 10:30 AM
46	Auditor general involved Pick another at random consultant and do the same process	1/17/2021 10:20 AM
47	The QLDC needs to be independently reviewed	1/17/2021 10:06 AM
48	Audit them	1/17/2021 9:07 AM
49	QLDC should be enabled to provide all information.	1/17/2021 8:16 AM
50	An independent enquiry/audit. This is not a personal enquiry. It is our elected and trusted councillors that are hiding behind their own weak and selective policies.	1/17/2021 1:46 AM
51	Public statement	1/16/2021 11:44 PM
52	Auditor General needs to be involved and council needs to be audited to clear names or trigger reform	1/16/2021 11:26 PM
53	Audit office completes a review of QLDCZ action	1/16/2021 11:12 PM
54	QLDC should be transparent as to all its spending on suppliers, including consultants and contractors - no exclusions - like the Auckland Council. There should be a thorough investigation into what is going on in this case and any other similar cases. It is likely that there will be more.	1/16/2021 10:51 PM
55	Continue to investigate the other contracts	1/16/2021 8:51 PM
56	Keep asking and build a case of non-compliance	1/16/2021 8:38 PM
57	They need to produce everything up front.	1/16/2021 8:35 PM
58	Audit	1/16/2021 6:54 PM
59	All documents relating to the hiring and work done by zqn7 be made publicly available	1/16/2021 6:46 PM
60	Crux and the Taxpayers Union need to keep pushing QLDC over this one example of potential misuse of consultants. I'm blown away how much two completely unqualified	1/16/2021 6:39 PM

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individuals were paid for their work here as well.

61	Seems you have something against these people? From my read QLDC messed up by \$2k????	1/16/2021 3:46 PM
62	Audit all the spending via direct appointments and involve SFO if required.	1/16/2021 3:37 PM
63	Find something meaningful to report on. Going after the council is lazy and of little public interest	1/16/2021 2:44 PM
64	Appeal to the Ombudsman? Crux should keep digging! Can you look at another example to see if same practice to show a pattern?	1/16/2021 2:40 PM
65	Sounds like the basis of a good current affairs mainstream TV doco. The sort of thing TV3's Paddy Gower would get his teeth into.	1/16/2021 1:46 PM
66	Council forced to provide open books. Non compliance investigated Charges brought as required	1/16/2021 1:16 PM
67	All of the relevant information be made available and investigated	1/16/2021 12:44 PM
68	There should be a police investigation as this could tentatively amount to fraud	1/16/2021 12:39 PM
69	Criminal charges need to be laid	1/16/2021 12:32 PM
70	Standard qldc behavior. A management overhaul is long overdue. People need to vote for change next election.	1/16/2021 12:00 PM
71	Auditor General to investigate	1/16/2021 10:51 AM
72	The council needs to be accountable for how the tax payers money is spent. Enough is enough. This needs to now change.	1/16/2021 8:57 AM
73	Start legal proceedings against qldc	1/16/2021 6:48 AM
74	Central government or police involvement this is corruption	1/16/2021 1:36 AM
75	QLDC's records should be opened up to Crux's investigation and, in fact, to anyone with an interest in following Council Staff's decisions.	1/16/2021 12:03 AM
76	Well, why wouldn't they. You are being vexatious in your reporting. Try an OIA request then give it a rest.	1/15/2021 11:22 PM
77	A complaint to the Ombudsman outlining the issues with the claimed delays and unreasonable redactions with the QLDC provision of information.	1/15/2021 11:21 PM
78	Sounds like someone needs to be impeached	1/15/2021 10:17 PM
79	OAG investigation	1/15/2021 10:15 PM
80	Full investigation	1/15/2021 8:57 PM
81	Full government lead independent enquiry & Boulton relinquish his position as mayor until the outcome of the enquiry is made public.	1/15/2021 8:54 PM
82	The QLDC needs to be honest, transparent in its accounting and procurement processes. The situation begs the question who else could have done the work that ZQN7 did, for how much and was the work overpaid?	1/15/2021 8:49 PM
83	External Transparent Review.	1/15/2021 8:28 PM
84	Move the bulk of Qldc staff to the Auckland islands and hope to never hear from them again	1/15/2021 8:02 PM
85	Heads should roll!! This is excellent work by Crux and we need answers.	1/15/2021 8:00 PM
86	They should be investigated	1/15/2021 7:39 PM
87	Ombudsman should investigate	1/15/2021 7:38 PM
88	The elected councillors need to get their head out of the sand and stand for something and actually create some accountability of council staff The most missing in action councillor is the Deputy Mayor Callum McLeod , who struggles to have an opinion on anything . Going forward I guess it's up to Councillor McDonald to take issue at his committee , however I'm sure council staff will find some way of blocking any questions and it certainly won't be held in a public forum.	1/15/2021 7:32 PM
89	Strengthen the Ombudsman.	1/15/2021 6:37 PM
90	Police fraud squad	1/15/2021 6:37 PM

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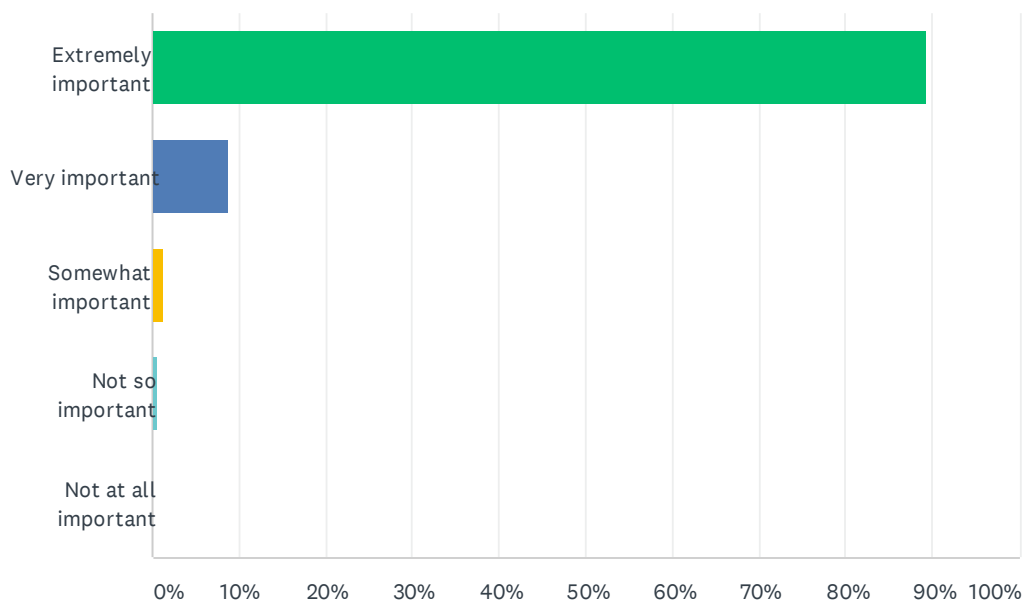
91	Ratepayers should refuse to pay rates until QLDC behave in an honest and open manner or there are some resignations.	1/15/2021 6:31 PM
92	Council to prove they are right.	1/15/2021 6:11 PM
93	Commissioner needs to be appointed.. ZQN7 NEEDS to pay it back.	1/15/2021 5:39 PM
94	Further independent investigation	1/15/2021 5:30 PM
95	Open investigation	1/15/2021 5:26 PM
96	Qldc need to supply the truth,	1/15/2021 5:09 PM
97	They need to held to account and appropriate measures put in place to sure a more robust procurement process is applied when engaging services	1/15/2021 5:03 PM
98	Investigation	1/15/2021 4:18 PM
99	Should file a complaint with commerce commission	1/15/2021 4:16 PM
100	QLDC need to be open and honest. If there's nothing to hide they should have no problem revealing documents.	1/15/2021 3:51 PM
101	Ombudsman requires full disclosure from QLDC - all emails, everything.	1/15/2021 3:49 PM
102	Further investigation	1/15/2021 3:47 PM
103	independant review	1/15/2021 3:46 PM
104	A review of processes. They represent us, the ratepayer, thru are public servants to represent and ensure our community functions well not to line their own pockets.	1/15/2021 3:40 PM
105	Ombudsman	1/15/2021 3:37 PM
106	Further investigation by external agency.	1/15/2021 3:36 PM
107	Independent review should be allowed to take place across all council spending	1/15/2021 3:35 PM
108	An appropriate external agency should investigate whether QLDC has handled LGOIMA and other requests for information correctly.	1/15/2021 3:29 PM
109	Full investigation into this situation. If allegations are true all consultants contracts to cease immediatly and CEO and Mayor held accountable. The rot is deep!	1/15/2021 3:29 PM
110	yes,	1/15/2021 3:27 PM
111	Smacked bum	1/15/2021 3:20 PM
112	The Auditor General should get involved and Boulton and Theelen should supply real information.	1/15/2021 3:20 PM
113	Crux needs to keep digging. QLDC is making it difficult because it has something to hide.	1/15/2021 3:07 PM
114	QLDC are spending public monies and should be made to account for those spendings.	1/15/2021 3:03 PM
115	Finance Audit and Risk committee need to step in. Council needs definitely to have checks & balances. The corruption & croni-ism is disgusting for a rate payer to be able to do nothing.	1/15/2021 2:56 PM
116	nothing let it go man	1/15/2021 2:55 PM
117	All information related to this and all other contracts entered into by QLDC need to be made public	1/15/2021 2:46 PM
118	Accountability.	1/15/2021 2:35 PM
119	Impeach them	1/15/2021 2:32 PM
120	Full disclosure should be required by the ombudsman	1/15/2021 2:24 PM
121	It should definitely be investigated by ombudsman	1/15/2021 2:17 PM
122	Audit	1/15/2021 1:59 PM
123	QLDC should be punished for their protectionist tactics. Make them tell the truth! And let them be punished	1/15/2021 1:55 PM
124	Monitoring agency (DIA?) need to be brought in to hold QLDC to account.	1/15/2021 1:54 PM

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125	Not sure what legal options are available.	1/15/2021 1:53 PM
126	Qldc need to be transparent and accountable	1/15/2021 1:53 PM
127	Financial and operational transparency	1/15/2021 1:19 PM
128	QLDC should front up and stop hiding behind jargon-laden responses to cover themselves. They should apologise to the community.	1/15/2021 11:23 AM
129	Heads should roll.	1/14/2021 2:46 PM
130	Auditor General	1/14/2021 10:08 AM

Q3 How important is it to you that QLDC follows rules and policy designed to control expenditure and prevent cosy, unduly expensive or unfair relationships with external consultants and former QLDC staff?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 0

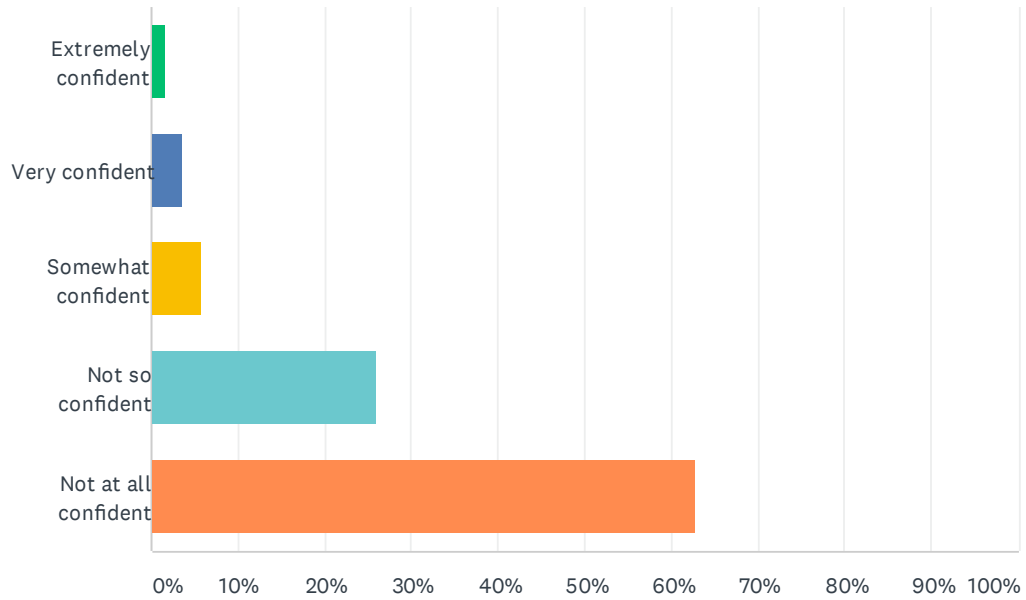


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Extremely important	89.35% 151
Very important	8.88% 15
Somewhat important	1.18% 2
Not so important	0.59% 1
Not at all important	0.00% 0
TOTAL	169

Q4 What is your current level of confidence and trust in QLDC's current management?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 0

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely confident	1.78%	3
Very confident	3.55%	6
Somewhat confident	5.92%	10
Not so confident	26.04%	44
Not at all confident	62.72%	106
TOTAL		169

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#	CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR YOUR ANSWER?	DATE
1	Too many lies and too much self interest - good on you for following this please keep doing it.	1/20/2021 8:53 AM
2	QLDC appears not to have robust and transparent procurement policies in place. It is not clear that Council is getting value for money. The council should have: 1) A tenders board of a minimum of 3 persons for all procurements over \$1,000 2) A pre-contract estimate should be provided by the recommending officer to compare with tender prices. 3) A minimum of 3 prices should be obtained or valid reasons as to why not. 4) For contracts above \$20,000 say, a detailed specification is required. 5) Tender board members should ideally be independent of the Council or at the least in a senior position and not involved in the work concerned. 6) The Tender board personnel shall be accountable for decisions made and expenditure. 7) Once contracts or tenders are let, the expenditure shall be closely monitored. 8) An annual independent audit shall be held to ensure compliance, transparency and validity.	1/20/2021 12:15 AM
3	There seem to be too many allegations made, negative press and conflict of interest reported too often and not enough goodwill and transparency provided to make me believe that QLDC and Jim Boulton have what's best for Queenstown's longterm success, stability and sustainability at heart.	1/20/2021 12:12 AM
4	I do not believe management and their staff understand the legal requirement of local government procurement practices, and have little commercial capability (but may be sufficient Engineers.).	1/19/2021 11:09 PM
5	Choosing to spend time obstructing a well-intentioned investigation rather than laying out the clean evidence speaks to one of two things: either an intentional cover-up of something they aren't proud of, or poor decision-making and allocation of effort by management	1/19/2021 3:25 PM
6	Clearly there is low grade corruption at work, but the functioning of the democratic system has not been stopped. I believe the council is working on behalf of big money rather than the locals, but they are consistent so their actions are easy to read and interpret.	1/19/2021 1:38 PM
7	Investigations by Crux show at best, extreme incompetence. Additionally I hear from contractors that contracts have been awarded to people who are prepared to pay ie. corruption. I am sure that there are many decent, honourable people who work for council but when there is such a great deal of money washing around the system I feel that sometimes results in some people taking advantage of it. A further question would be why do we have such a turnover of CEO's at council? Another question would be why do we continue to have all these forecast plans done by council eg. 2000. 2010 10 year plans yet nothing seems to change ie. just more and more development. "Sustainable Growth": seems to mean any growth as long as it brings in money to someone's pocket. Additionally why do the new Rural zones being applied in the Wakatipu not seem to apply in Wanaka? Is it because those at the top have an interest in further rural subdivisions in Wanaka. I look forward to seeing how the Upper Clutha Environmental Society get on against the council on this subject. Finally, thanks for all you do at Crux to try and get some honest and truthful investigative reporting done. It is much appreciated	1/19/2021 9:31 AM
8	In addition to this subject, QLDC leaves one with the impression that they are reactionary at best, while many issues (especially if the Vision 2050 is to come anywhere close to reality) require strategic planning that is not simply "build more stuff and ship in more tourists".	1/19/2021 8:54 AM
9	Because they box on with no concern or conscience knowing full well they are crossing the moral line. Make them accountable. Sack them and start again!	1/19/2021 12:46 AM
10	It is hard not to conclude that Council managers have something to hide here otherwise why the belligerence, stubbornness and refusal to supply basic information?	1/18/2021 10:05 PM
11	Its a classic corporate back scratching culture starting right at the top with the mayor.	1/18/2021 9:45 PM
12	QLDC has a PHD in foiling the OIA process and covering up it's shonky processes and procedures. No Council should be as adept at this unless it clearly has something to hide. The lack of transparency is abhorrent. Council Management have become too powerful, arrogant and lack accountability.	1/18/2021 8:33 PM
13	Just from all the information it shows corruption if not your blind.if it looks like a stick, feels like a stick its a stick	1/18/2021 8:22 PM
14	Possible fraudulent behavior They are inefficient and wasteful with ratepayers money. They are arrogant and difficult to deal with. The cost anyone wishing to develop or improve the area massive amounts of money wasting time with endless delays and additional costs by employing consultants for everything so Qldc staff are never responsible	1/18/2021 7:25 PM

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15	The facts presented in this article don't appear honest & transparent. I can barely afford to live in this town, being a rate payer with a child to provide for, I want to know my rates are not being raised un-necessarily Thank you	1/18/2021 5:17 PM
16	this story/expose opens up & somewhat confirms many long-held suspicions of entitlement/nepotism/jobs for the boys:girls/pigs at the trough/insider trading? and reveals that the high level of payments are apparently damn near fraudulent, at the least staggeringly enormous, especially considering 'mates' getting the jobs. deep concerns are raised on how wide and deep is this "mates" 'modus operandi' permeating throughout other/all QLDC financial affairs and awarding of contracts, appointments, services delivery etc.? how unbelievably devious and obstructive the council is to (& lack of timely) replying to very clear questions raised by CRUX that Adam Feeley's financial reforms are not fully implemented is dereliction at the highest level/scandalous by the council. The mayor takes ultimate responsibility to sort this debacle: get on with this immediately, genuinely and completely transparently!	1/18/2021 12:44 PM
17	Obstructive behaviour suggests something to hide	1/18/2021 12:30 PM
18	This is not the first time the council has been questioned. Certainly our own mayor simply stating there is no conflict of interest is so frequent that he must be questioning that himself?	1/18/2021 11:35 AM
19	Local council have always been somewhat corrupt. All government be it local or national have huge inefficiency in spending .	1/18/2021 11:28 AM
20	Just look at what they let Allan Dippy do in Wanaka and you can see clearly what's happening. I think they are corrupt as hell and have let some developers get to big and powerful, now who's telling who to do what? He doesn't plant enough trees, his roads are too small, his building are slums of tomorrow. ... then the recent change of road. speed in wanaka. Driven by council to give another contract to Jim's dodgy mates! I have no trust in the council at all.	1/18/2021 10:25 AM
21	Over the entire period of mayor Boults two terms he has been obstructive, arrogant and deceitful regarding council spending and the behind the scenes decisions regarding Wanaka airport expansion and other commercial activity relating to the council. He has also got a large conflict of interest as the chairman? of Wayfare Group, the largest tourist operator in the district. I would only become more confident in their management through 100% transparency in their motives and breakdowns of the actual monies spent on behalf of us, the ratepayers.	1/18/2021 9:37 AM
22	Direction seems at odds with the view of the population, and clearly there is a lack of transparency around how money is spent.	1/18/2021 9:04 AM
23	The council has not released information regarding the expenditure of ratepayers money freely and openly. This information should be fully available to the ratepayers as it is our money.	1/18/2021 8:38 AM
24	As Chair of the HCA, we have had enormous difficulty getting information on infrastructure projects from Council and question the costs of some recent projects. \$160k to replace a barrier across the Dam. \$180k for improvements to a dirt road junction at Nook Rd Cnr (that has very low usage by the public and could have been resolved with some of those new "40" signs they like so much...) no community discussion. The list is long! Personally I have become very concerned about the lack of process, due diligence, efficiency and, planning that occurs, despite the in-house resources the council seems to have access to. There is a Public Meeting for the Hawea Community Association next Saturday 23rd, 9am-12pm. Zoom link will be available.	1/18/2021 7:57 AM
25	There are too many inconsistencies in policies, and dreadful planning in almost all areas, with no advising or interaction with the community.. I simply do not trust the council, either in the elected side or the bureaucratic side. Consultation is a tongue in cheek action often after the decisions are made. Transparency is almost zero. It seems in mayor Boults time we now have no interaction or reports at all from councillors. They are almost silent. And they are not governing the district as a community asset but as a business for a few. Covid has pointed this out more than ever.	1/17/2021 11:32 PM
26	It seems there are plenty of people that want to be involved at a community level but the council insist's on outsourcing to these consultant's to more often than not agree with the council's position, meanwhile costing the ratepayers millions. Where i see it there should be more local debate with the community and full transparency for the need to get consultant's involved. It stinks of the council hiring specific consultant's to get their own agenda across the line.	1/17/2021 9:00 PM
27	Due to the findings in this report and the issues surrounding Wānaka Airport I am left with	1/17/2021 7:54 PM

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little confidence and perceive them as somewhat distrustful given the lack of transparency they give.

28	It is emerging that the present Council has indulged in nepotism, secrecy and complete lack of transparency. If, as CRUX alleges, the company address of ZQN7 is an empty paddock that should be a red flag for immediate investigation of fraud. Obfuscation, dilatoriness and stonewalling when information is requested strongly suggests protection of hidden agendas, vested interests and illegality in the dealings of Council. In our society, this is intolerable behaviour. I now have no faith in our elective representatives to act responsibly and honestly with the delegated authority that our community cedes to them. Council requires a complete overhaul, indeed, its disbandment and a re-election.	1/17/2021 6:51 PM
29	Working in the civil construction sector I often see very poor decisions made by the council concerning planning and procurement. Placing this next to a formerly silent council and the exorbitant salaries earned by Boulton, Thielen and co and the obvious conflicts of interest that they have, one can only assume that they are abusing the system to benefit themselves and their friends	1/17/2021 5:51 PM
30	I neither trust or believe the mayor Jim Boulton every single financial deal lines his own and his mates pockets. I do not believe he or many of his senior councillors and consultants have QLDC ratepayers best interests at heart, in fact quite the opposite, they have their own greedy interests at heart. I canning thank Crux enough for their persistence in these issues. I hate the arrogance out council believe they do not have to be accountable and I would love for the mayor to be replaced.	1/17/2021 5:18 PM
31	Going by information provided in this article then it appears that there are some dodgy dealings going on and we probably don't know the half of it.	1/17/2021 5:04 PM
32	These people continue to prove themselves untrustworthy.	1/17/2021 3:45 PM
33	Glaringly obvious omissions which are 100% proven are yet to surface and I trust John Macdonald sub committee to check out the allegations	1/17/2021 2:49 PM
34	The evidence in your article strongly suggests that some has something to hide. The truth must be out & heads should roll. This is OUR money!	1/17/2021 2:16 PM
35	I would have thought that the Council would employ staff capable of undertaking a professional review of bylaws - that must be a regular task that Council staff would have a good understanding of and access to all the relevant info. Hiring outside consultants with little knowledge of specific bylaws and the original rationale for them means that a significant portion of their contract fee will be absorbed by becoming familiar with the material. Furthermore, their lack of expertise expensive and indeed accountability for the final decision means ratepayers could end up paying dearly for shoddy advice. The default decision should be to use Council staff especially for regular work such as reviewing bylaws. Consultants are appropriate from time to time particularly for one-off projects requiring specific expertise or knowledge.	1/17/2021 2:03 PM
36	To start - Why did it take 135 days at \$150 per hour to review 1 bylaw. What were they doing in that time, how is the time justified?	1/17/2021 1:35 PM
37	It's clearly a self interested 'boys club'. Unbalanced expenditure on consultations at the expense of actual projects that benefit ratepayers and the community is unacceptable.	1/17/2021 12:14 PM
38	We put our trust into our local councils and when senior staff tell me we just have to walk around with a piece of paper to look busy tells me there is a toxic atmosphere in the QLDC with nobody being held accountable. As for the relationships between council and ex managers, I have dealt with both and it does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that something is going on. The old saying of "scratch my back" is so obvious, I thank you Peter for continuing your investigation and I hope management and council can be held accountable for the dealings.	1/17/2021 11:42 AM
39	Because there is a culture of secrecy and arrogance from the Mayor down. He is compromised due to his involvement with wayfare. He is only worried about his mates and the big end of town. The ceo is inexperienced and a poor manager.	1/17/2021 11:18 AM
40	Throughout our Wanaka Airport saga and now this excessive council spending on consultancy fees for ex-QLDC staff, it is most clear that our Major Jim Bolt is keen on serving his own interests over those of the community. He's been secretive, non-transparent, pushing big business agenda's which support his business interests, and has not listened to the community he serves. For this reason I think he should be removed and replaced by someone who does have the community at heart and doesn't have investments which pose to be a conflict of interest to the job. Thanks for all your hard work in bringing this to light and working so hard to gain access to the information to keep us (the	1/17/2021 11:07 AM

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community) so well informed. It is only through education of what is going on behind closed doors that allows us to take action to create positive change in the systems that govern us. We are so grateful for your investigative journalism!

41	we kinda think that they have the ratepayers interest at heart. Noting that we are different, being a big tourist town and huge migrant working population. Maybe go back to grassroots where the town is for the ratepayers..and we are the priority and focus on the town.	1/17/2021 10:33 AM
42	Councillors that are absent from public except Nikki Gladding Combative responses or failure to communicate from council Short lead ins for consultation or pre determined outcomes eg ladies Miele development- there was no option for no development Purchase of walkers property and it falling to ruin since	1/17/2021 10:20 AM
43	Who else is on the gravy train??	1/17/2021 10:06 AM
44	Qldc has been self certified on expences an have been feathering there iwn nests dince forever. Audit them now. If it dosent stack up people should be held to account. Its white collar theft. We need to find out and fast	1/17/2021 9:07 AM
45	I personally and professionally dealt with the council over many years.My dealings with the QLDC over the past 5 to 10 years points to a culture of blame shifting and avoidance inculding plain out lies which is condoned at a high level. The strongly suggests the goal of many of the elected and executive branch have a goal of looking after their mates and own business interests rather than that of the ratepayers.	1/17/2021 8:16 AM
46	Considering it has taken 2 years to date with no transparency or explanation As to why favour certain individuals??? With no form of tender process how can I be expected to trust these people that I actually didn't vote into council in the first place.....	1/17/2021 1:46 AM
47	No faith	1/16/2021 11:44 PM
48	I'm new to the region, but the conversations I have had have lead me to believe council reform is required	1/16/2021 11:26 PM
49	Most councillors appear to be too scared or intimidated to speak out. There is a whiff of arrogance from the QLDC executive team and the mayor. CEO's job rolled into new term without any other candidates getting considered. It's all too cosy and controlling. Needs to be way more democratic and transparent.	1/16/2021 10:51 PM
50	It appears from what I have read they did not follow their own rules and have spent tax payer money without proper process and are now denying it.	1/16/2021 8:51 PM
51	QLDC, in my opinion, hire the same consultants every year because they always agree with the council. Dr Stephen Chiles is a good example.	1/16/2021 8:38 PM
52	If councils are not held accountable by due processes, the investigative journalists are there to hold tgem to account. If people are creaming the system and stealing from ratepayers, they should be brought to account for their own souls' sake.	1/16/2021 8:35 PM
53	What should the QLDC management have to hide if they are doing their job properly. This one example that Crux have looked at in depth is a little scary if you extend that same uncertainty out to all of their other consultants that haven't been looked at in depth by any third parties.	1/16/2021 6:39 PM
54	By having your reporting/information bought to my attention...	1/16/2021 3:37 PM
55	Crux 'reporting' is obviously and consistently personal and sensationalist. It lacks intellectual rigour and balance.	1/16/2021 2:44 PM
56	It is obvious from your article they want to hide the truth and facts from ratepayers and residents. Without proper protocols and effective management QLDC staff have become lazy and complacent about how contractors are hired. They don't want to admit that. I also find it completely mind boggling a review of legislation should take 137 days!!	1/16/2021 2:40 PM
57	I have had dealings with QLDC over disposal of waste into the Kawarau River at the Shotover junction from their waste water plant. I have no confidence in the answers I have been given and on one occasion was told a blatant lie in order for QLDC to justify why it was pouring liquid waste into the river shingle. Also they were unable to say whether toxic waste from leachate (ex-Victoria Flats landfill) which they have resource consent to dump into the Shotover treatment plant was removed before it was released into the riverbed. I wrote some of the Central Otago News articles last year in the "Protecting Our Water" series early in 2020 and challenged QLDC over these issues.	1/16/2021 1:46 PM
58	Too much conflict of interest (Boult) Too many secrets (senior appointments) Only a few councilors appear to take their roles seriously- they know who they are Gravy train for too	1/16/2021 1:16 PM

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many working with or for the council Councils inability to react to real facts, real issues and real budgets

59	Jim Boulton and his management team seem to be helping friends rather than doing what is best for the community they represent and who pay their wages	1/16/2021 12:39 PM
60	They are a bunch of crooks.	1/16/2021 12:32 PM
61	Qldc have had a history in recent years of engaging ex employees back to do the salaried work they were once employed to do. Look at the resource consent department as an example. No value for the ratepayers but most importantly it has allowed the qldc to keep "independent" decision making in house. Time for a clean out and change of the culture at qldc.	1/16/2021 12:00 PM
62	Stew Burns and Meaghan Miller wield far too much power, they basically run Council. Both been there too long and bring nothing new to the table	1/16/2021 10:51 AM
63	Take a look at the building that was built were Mico Wakefield used to be, opposite Caltex. How did that pass health and safety, how did those plans go ahead.some of the units have a wall in front of them looks about a metre from the front wall. how did the council let that go a head.i congratulate you looking into him, I have been saying to people for a long time, something isn't right Boulton will ruin Queenstown, the new Holiday Inn think that's it name,it's coming into Queenstown its a eye sore, he doesn't care about Queenstown all he cares about is money. Again kept up the good work about time someone look into him.	1/16/2021 10:31 AM
64	Greed is the driving force here. Bolt and his mates have been found out. Probably started as little things that they got away with and then they couldn't help themselves. But they got greedier and greedier and now they have to be made an example of. Not the only councils in nz doing it. Or the world. Its too easy for them. So I think we need stricter control . . Don't know anyone who voted for him. So don't.know how he even got back in.	1/16/2021 8:57 AM
65	It appears they have broken their own procurement policy. Rates paid to these consultants have not been paid through the correct process.	1/16/2021 8:30 AM
66	They fail in every aspect from reading and consents through to financial control	1/16/2021 6:48 AM
67	The evidence given and their ongoing attempts to frustrate any scrutiny . It is outrageous this is public money .	1/16/2021 1:36 AM
68	There has clearly been a lot of obstruction in this case which goes against the implied idea that paid or elected Council officials should be open to scrutiny.	1/16/2021 12:03 AM
69	All my expectations of a council and its services seem to be being provided. Do I agree with all their policies and approaches - no. But isn't that normal? I've lived in other council areas and they are certainly not worse.	1/15/2021 11:22 PM
70	When there is a possibility of a conflict of interest with any government agency awarding of a significant amount of work to ex-employees and/or people who have a personal relationship with executive management, it is even more important that proper procurement processes are followed. For example,in this circumstance where a strong potential conflict of interest exists with one of the prospective suppliers, a competitive tender may still be required even if the individual amount of work falls below the level where tendering is mandated. One would also expect the all suppliers to declared any conflict of interest as part of any procurement process (tendered or otherwise) in their proposal documentation. As they were awarded the work, these conflict of interest forms should be on file at QLDC and discoverable under LGOIMA.	1/15/2021 11:21 PM
71	There are now too many ex corporate "people" in our local government now and this is how they do business and work in together... it has got to stop.	1/15/2021 10:17 PM
72	Your story and previous experiences	1/15/2021 10:15 PM
73	Innocent until proven guilty but this sniffs of expediency when there is a lack of internal resources.	1/15/2021 8:57 PM
74	Personal experience with what we believe to be a very corrupt, dishonest & manipulative council.	1/15/2021 8:54 PM
75	Ambiguous or deceitful accounting is the core strategy of corruption and has no place in New Zealand.. Historically, corruption and nepotism are the main factors leading to the inefficiencies and injustice that breakdown civilisations, resulting in either revolution or invasion.	1/15/2021 8:49 PM
76	This is the tip of the iceberg with the hidden agenda and lies surrounding Qtown and Wanaka Airport sagas.	1/15/2021 8:28 PM

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77	Constant cock ups, long term vision is all tainted by councillors vested interest.	1/15/2021 8:02 PM
78	Obviously thieves !!! Makes me so angry. They dish out parking tickets without any empathy. They hike our rates to extortionate amounts and all the time ripping us off and trying to cover their tracks.	1/15/2021 8:00 PM
79	No one will answer specific questions put to them. Try going into the council offices to find out something and see how far you get. They are obstructive and shifty.	1/15/2021 7:48 PM
80	They clearly aren't being honest so how could they possibly be trusted.	1/15/2021 7:39 PM
81	They are dodgy and evasive	1/15/2021 7:38 PM
82	The list is long and endless , as a simple example the most recent Wanaka flood was effectively managed by a camera on the lake front , the lack of acknowledgement by council staff and even Quentin Smith that water flowed into the town from a point by the show grounds , shops and businesses in the CBD could have been opened sooner if there were actually people on the ground managing it . My next question is why there are no published minutes of workshop meeting s where we would actually find out what council staff think	1/15/2021 7:32 PM
83	This is just another area where QLDC seem to do what's good for them. Another is Wānaka airport which is opposed to by many ratepayers but they push on.	1/15/2021 6:37 PM
84	The Commercial history is not very favourable of QLDC staff.	1/15/2021 6:37 PM
85	Film Otago Southland Trust is still being funded after the Executive Manager and Chairman resigned over not promoting filming in the area and actually hiding the local film infrastructure from high power international producers two years in a row. For more info call 021353332	1/15/2021 6:31 PM
86	Happy to spend others money with no accountability then next minute, wait, we dont have enough money and need to bring in a bed tax..	1/15/2021 6:11 PM
87	Dirty insider control. Look for the backhanders in everyone involveds financials. REMEMBER RODNEY DISTRICT COUNCIL EMPLOYEES BACKHANDERS.	1/15/2021 5:39 PM
88	Major expenditures without proper oversight. Background / history of some of the players involved.	1/15/2021 5:30 PM
89	The continuous incompetent processes and delivery of QLDC and it officers. Hawea sewage scheme a current shambles. Ballantyne Rd resealing in Wanaka lets have a good look at that project. Most tasks they do come out substandard.	1/15/2021 5:26 PM
90	There a bunch of idiots doing what they want when they want ; Spending rate payers money without any care and more importantly without accountability, How zqn7 can call themselves consultants towards so many different subjects, are they experts in so many different fields,	1/15/2021 5:09 PM
91	Based on this example it has been very poorly managed and they are working overtime to cover it up.	1/15/2021 5:03 PM
92	Rules dont seem to apply for some as they do for others. Inconsistency on how things are done	1/15/2021 5:02 PM
93	If they can't be open and honest then there's no basis for trust at all.	1/15/2021 3:51 PM
94	A very tight knit long standing senior management team who set the direction on everything and control information presented to Councillors	1/15/2021 3:49 PM
95	Seems all very dodgy and uncontrolled	1/15/2021 3:47 PM
96	too focused on power and money for the head people and paying their mates, the Trump of NZ local body politics	1/15/2021 3:46 PM
97	On top of the article clearly (to me) showing obvious favouritism and not representing the communities interest in a clear manner I am also pissed about the following situation. I am a Hawea resident. We are currently about to fight for a new playground in a newish subdivision that the developers were going to pay for and install until it was knocked back by our very own council.....how the heck does that work? As far as I'm concerned QLDC cares about QLDC and no one else.	1/15/2021 3:40 PM
98	A long history of covering up, a default 'do not release' on OIAs and requests in general. A blurring of lines between management and governance. Inside information from the likes of Niamh show a determination to keep councillors in the dark as far as possible, cost relationship between CE and mayor, and lack of process in important decision making.	1/15/2021 3:37 PM

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99	All council spending should be transparent and its not.	1/15/2021 3:35 PM
100	Over many issues, QLDC decisions appear to be at odds with community interests. These issues include the airports, housing and hotel development, sustainability, infrastructure, balance of tourism with other economic drivers and climate change, as well as the ways rates are spent. Any community consultation they do or organise (e.g. M-J airport report, Ladies Mile development survey) comes across as a box-ticking exercise with a pre-determined outcome forced onto the survey from the start. QLDC are clearly (no pun intended) not transparent. Their vague answers to detailed questions are obviously not adequate. If they have an answer that they can support with evidence, then it would surely be in their interests to disclose that evidence. Like many others in the world today, they believe they can create truth simply by stating what they want to be true.	1/15/2021 3:29 PM
101	Nepotism at its finest! This council is not representing the communities best interests....lining their own pockets. If these allegations are true this will be the tip of the ice burg.	1/15/2021 3:29 PM
102	Yes	1/15/2021 3:20 PM
103	In so many aspects of what QLDC senior management does, there is secrecy and a desire to ignore the views of ratepayers and block requests for information.	1/15/2021 3:20 PM
104	Personal experience in trying to gain Bed Tax information from the Council. Blocked by any way possible. And the Mayor has multiple conflicts of interest which he lacks the integrity to managen in a professional manner.	1/15/2021 3:07 PM
105	This is a pattern of behaviour that tends to historically follow Mr Boulton amongst his business endeavours.	1/15/2021 3:03 PM
106	Crux I think this is obviously the very tip of a huge rotten iceberg. The contempt and obnoxious disregard they show for anyone daring to call them to account, the never ending cover-ups & secrecy from the very people they are purely in office by and for, the fact that this one random investigation has dug up so much & yet still so little (due to their secrecy) is quite frankly, infuriating and frightening & very sad	1/15/2021 2:56 PM
107	Very little transparency. Questions are not being answered. Quentin Smith appears to be a lone voice asking for information relevant to ratepayers particularly Upper Clutha ratepayers.	1/15/2021 2:46 PM
108	ugh	1/15/2021 2:32 PM
109	They aren't transparent at all. The purchases and decisions aren't reflective of the community and what it needs. Our rates are exorbitant and where does that money go ? To over paid consultants?	1/15/2021 2:25 PM
110	Boulton has no credibility or integrity. He's shown that in how he's handled the Wanaka airport debacle. Time to impeach him	1/15/2021 2:24 PM
111	I find it almost impossible to have the simplest questions answered and their communications are dreadful They insist any information requested will take 20 worki g days to be sent and it's never less than that - why can't it be sent immediately - it is OUR information and it should all be fully available online	1/15/2021 2:17 PM
112	Too many reasons to list	1/15/2021 1:59 PM
113	I work for the council on the responsible camping project. We have been repeatedly blocked from being able to access a detailed GIS map of the designated camping zones, in spite of one being produced for council to serve our role's very purpose. It's almost as if they don't actually want us to promote freedom camping in our area...	1/15/2021 1:55 PM
114	They are dishonest people who only seek to feather their own nests.	1/15/2021 1:54 PM
115	They have been lining each others pockets for years. Politics and government are corrupt and those involved often greedy. I see nothing positive from my rates	1/15/2021 1:53 PM
116	Mayor Boulton and QLDC under his leadership has been all about old mates and generating as much revenue out of the community while greasing their palms out of site.	1/15/2021 1:47 PM
117	Just look around QT and see how the Council is spending money on subcontractors (eg yellow lines)	1/15/2021 1:19 PM
118	Procedures and policies exist to aid decision-making. No employee, and especially no employee of a public entity, should deem themselves above adhering to good, well-developed policy.	1/15/2021 11:23 AM
119	Secrecy	1/14/2021 2:46 PM

