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David Brown

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Dear David,

Request for official information received

Thank you for your request for official information dated 4 June 2019. You have requested the following information from the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC):

* Information on or how to locate the information that demonstrates QLDC has met the responsibilities of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), in particular Sections 77 and 78 (as listed below), in relation to the ‘Visitor Tax 2019’.   
  + *77 Requirements in relation to decisions   
    (1) A local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,—   
    (a) seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and   
    (b) assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages.  
      
    78 Community views in relation to decisions   
    (1) A local authority must, in the course of its decision-making process in relation to a matter, give consideration to the views and preferences of persons likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in, the matter.*

You’ve also provided the following action points / questions for us to consider when releasing information to you:

1. What consultation process was used for persons affected by this proposed tax as per Section 78?
2. Who or what entity was used to represent each sub sector in the consultation process?
3. Revealing of the confidential conversations, content, intent and identification of the supposed industry representatives who had no objection.
4. Has there been any conflict of interests recorded, in particular with the Mayor Jim Boult, in relation to his Chairmanship of the largest tourist activity provider in Queenstown very specifically not being included or considered in this proposed tax?

QLDC is currently considering your request, and will communicate a decision to you by 2 July 2019 unless otherwise advised.

QLDC is committed to the principle of availability and is pleased to be assisting you with your request.

Kind regards,

Madeline Patterson

Governance and Official Information Advisor