



15 October 2019

Wayne Hudson

Sent via email to fyi-request-11050-ab1fb127@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Wayne

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – DECISION TO REFUSE

Thank you for your request for official information dated 26 August 2019. You have requested the following from Queenstown Lakes district Council (QLDC).

- Please provide a copy of the agreement if there is an agreement between QLDC and Auckland International Airport Limited or its subsidiary (AIAL), which governs the management and operation of Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited (QAC) and the relationship between QLDC and AIAL?
- If yes, does that agreement contain a list of matters that require the consent of (1) both QLDC and AIAL as shareholders or (2) the affirmative vote of the AIAL appointed director?
- If you decline to provide a copy of the agreement, please provide a redacted copy of the agreement, removing any supposedly commercially sensitive information.
- If you decline to provide a redacted of the agreement, please provide a copy of all of the provisions of the agreement that require the consent of (1) both QLDC and AIAL as shareholders or (2) the affirmative vote of the AIAL appointed director.

QLDC response

Unfortunately, we have to refuse your request under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Section 17(e) of the LGOIMA states that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. In this case, there is no agreement between AIAL and QLDC that governs the management and operation of the airport or the relationship between the two parties.

We trust the above information satisfactorily answers the relevant components of your request.

Right to review the above decision

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz and freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact Naell.Crosby-Roe@qldc.govt.nz. (Governance, Engagement and Communications Manager) Naell is able to provide further assistance should you be willing to change or refine your request.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Sethi', with a horizontal line underneath.

Poonam Sethi
Governance and Official Information Advisor