

12 August 2022

Wayne Scott

Sent via email to fyi-request-19047-7b869af9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Wayne,

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

We refer to your official information request dated 1 August 2022. You requested the following information from the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC):

- Any notes, recollections, subsequent correspondence (including telephone, and verbal conversation recollections) pertaining to meeting on 28th July 2022 regarding the privately occupied, public owned, hut on Pigeon Island.
- Who attended the meeting and in what capacity? And what was the outcome of this meeting?

QLDC response

Decision to partially release information requested

QLDC has decided to grant your request for information in part.

To address your request, we consulted our property team and they have sourced the below meeting minutes, termination letter and emails for your request.

Please see the below supplementary speaking notes from the meeting. In addition, please see the links for the meeting minutes, the termination notice issued, and emails exchanged with the families.

- Thanked the families for their proposal to take on a Licence for the land and cover the liability, which was refused.
- Acknowledged that Reserve Land had been occupied since 1971, the intent later to last for the lifetime of your parents.
- The terms of the original Licence provided for 3x month written notice by either party to end the arrangement.
- We cannot consider your request for a further term given the continued occupation of Reserve Land would require ministerial consent, which won't be provided.
- The only fixed term we can offer up is the notice period up until 31 October 2022.
- Pigeon Island Reserve Management Plan will not permit a private hut (not open to the general public) to remain on Reserve Land.
- The fixtures and chattels that remain on the land revert of Council ownership from 1 November 2022, when the notice period ends.

- A managed booking system to ensure the general public is provided access is required to fulfil the terms of the Reserves Act 1977.
- Ultimately the fixtures within the hut need to be compliant, on an annual basis, and would therefore most likely need to be removed.
- [Meeting Minutes and Termination letter](#)
- [Emails](#)

We trust this response satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,



Poonam Sethi
Governance and official Information Advisor