



1/11/24

Attn: George Watts

RE: Ayrburn Film Facility

Dear George,

This letter is to provide support for trail developments through the proposed Ayrburn Film Facility, as indicated in the attached Public Trails Plan. Whilst the Queenstown Trails Trust neither supports nor opposes any development proposal, we do recognise the community benefit of the proposed trails as part of the development.

The Queenstown Trails Trust advocates for the development of an integrated trail network throughout the Wakatipu Basin to connect our communities, providing alternate modes of transport and recreational amenity for both locals and visitors.

The recently restored Heritage precinct at Ayrburn provides superb facilities and amenities for trail users and has become an important hub along the Queenstown Trail network.

Formalising the Trails A, B and C in this proposal will provide significant benefit and amenity to trail users and will further enhance our network.

- A. **Lake Hayes Trail Connection** -This connection will link the Ayrburn trail network and Countryside Trail to the Lake Hayes Trail via a new trail proposed along the western bank of Mill Creek esplanade strip. This route is part of a greater strategic connection that creates the only off-road route to the Lake Hayes Trail.
- B. **Trail link Between Countryside Trail and Ayrburn Trail** - This trail provides a low elevation/gradient link from the Countryside Trail to the Ayrburn trail network and Heritage precinct.
- C. **Countryside Trail realignment** – The existing trail section that climbs 'Sharp Rise' is currently steep and tightly fenced, pushing it out of grade compared to the surrounding Queenstown Trail network, making it unsuitable for most trail users to ride. Realigning this climb creates a much more enjoyable trail experience for trail users and reduces the maintenance burden incurred by scour and rutting of the steep gradient.

If the Ayrburn proposal is successful, QTT requests the formalising of these trails as a consent condition, by granting 5m wide public access easements in favour of QLDC over all Trails, and with respect to Trails A and C above, that they are at NZCT/QLDC Grade 2 Standard. It is noted that the existing trail links between the Countryside Trail and Ayrburn Trail are already constructed and appropriate.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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