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To the EPA Panel considering the fast track application for the Ayrburn screen hub

### ELECTED MEMBER PANEL STATEMENT

I am the elected Mayor of the Queenstown Lakes District and am writing this statement, which reflects my personal views on the Fast track Application for Ayrburn Screen Hub.

I do not oppose the intent of the Fast Track process, that being to enable a quicker route to enabling development. I consider there may be many circumstances when that is appropriate eg for critical infrastructure and I understand that each case will be assessed on its merits.

To me, the key objective of any planning process should be to deliver good outcomes for all parties that enable us to grow and develop in a positive, considered and intelligent manner into the future. Not win / lose outcomes. Be that for people, land or the wider environment.

This district has over the last 20 plus years put significant resources into developing, what is in effect, the settled position of our wider community in respect of anticipated land use. The spatial and district plans, along with other policies and strategies reflect the context that we plan for growth, be that residential or commercial.

These are the key tools that are used to manage the significant development pressures that our area is facing and having to accommodate, unlike many other parts of the country where actual growth is several orders of magnitude lower than here.

I note that QLDC officers will provide a technical assessment of the application against those plans and policies.

In considering this application, I request that the wider context of growth and provision of infrastructure and the extent of any gap between the proposed development and the existing planning and land use plans will be all given due weight when the panel makes its decision.

As subjective as all planning matters are, sometimes a Fast track may not take us down the Right Track."

Yours sincerely, Nāku noa nā



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MAYOR