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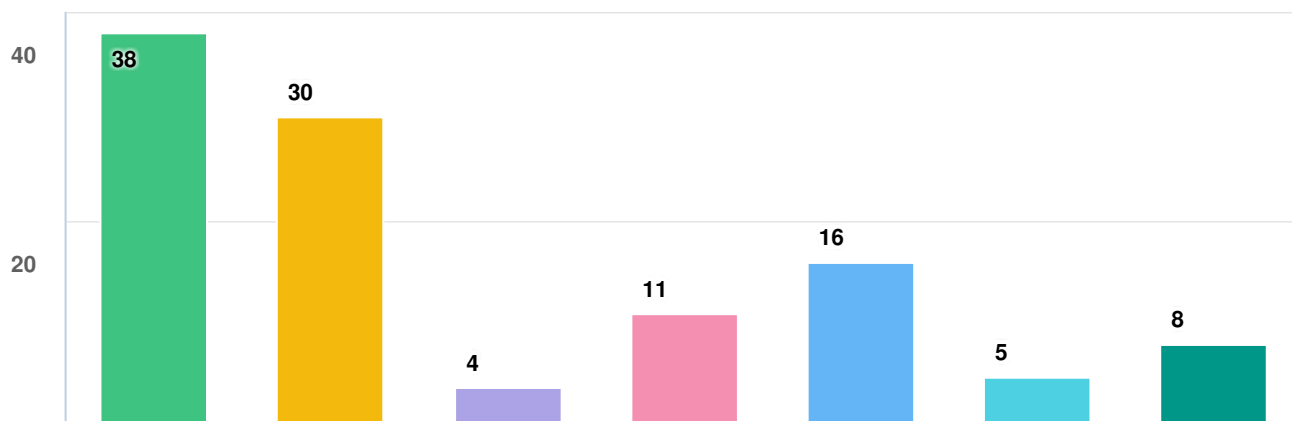
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Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve Management Plan – 2019 Review

PROJECT: Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve Management Plan -
2019 Review

Let's Talk Queenstown Lakes District Council

Q4 Please indicate your interest or interests in the airstrip:



Question options

● Glenorchy resident ● Glenorchy ratepayer ● Community organisation ● Commercial aircraft operator
● Recreational aircraft operator ● Tourism operator ● Other

(77 responses, 0 skipped)

Q5 Please specify:

Anonymous

6/09/2019 01:58 PM

My role as a CAA employee is regarding safety

Anonymous

6/10/2019 12:51 AM

owner of Blanket Bay Lodge, Wyuna Station, and property--all properties adjacent to the airstrip and significantly impacted by operations there airstrip and significantly impac

Anonymous

6/10/2019 07:11 AM

frequent visitor to the area

Anonymous

6/11/2019 12:16 PM

Potential commercial operator

Anonymous

6/11/2019 01:57 PM

Visitor to Glenorchy and to the Strip.

Anonymous

6/12/2019 03:08 PM

Grew up in Glenorchy, attended primary school, worked extensively in the local Glenorchy Tourism sector. Now based in Central Otago (recently moved).

Anonymous

6/12/2019 05:09 PM

Family member who spends time in the area on a property owned by his father

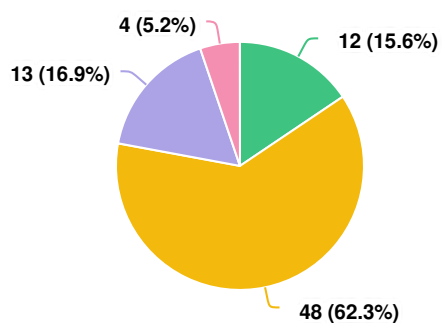
Anonymous

6/19/2019 07:58 AM

Work out here and will be moving back here when we build a house

(8 responses, 69 skipped)

Q6 Regarding usage of the airstrip:



Question options

- There should be no limit to growth of the number of flights from the airstrip
- There should be some limit to growth of the number of flights from the airstrip
- There should be no growth of the number of flights from the airstrip
- There should be a decrease of the number of flights from the airstrip

(77 responses, 0 skipped)

Q7 | **Comment:**

Anonymous

6/07/2019 04:50 PM

Managable capped growth is good for glenorchy

Anonymous

6/07/2019 05:56 PM

There has been a substantial increase in the frequency of take off and landings, particularly by the Skydiving operation in the past few years which has substantially increase its commercial operations since being incorporated into a larger Australian entity. These commercial activities do appear not to be in accordance with the Reserve Management Plan and its stated aim of flight frequency being held at earlier lower frequencies. Unfortunately this operator also circles above the town and reserve , flying over residential areas and disturbing the peace. There is often, on any nice day, take offs and landings every 15-20 mins with the constant noise of a circling plane overhead. This can happy from 7 am to 7 pm all day with occasional low flights directly over peoples homes on landings. The red plane they use is particularly noisy.

Anonymous

6/07/2019 06:00 PM

I live very close to the airstrip. It's already very noisy with helicopters flying past between Queenstown and Milford as well flights to and from Glenorchy. The noise from planes and helicopters across the other side of the valley is clear if you're outside the house; closer craft are clearly audible from inside. Aircraft noise never used to bother me because it was infrequent but there are now cumulative adverse effects that, in my opinion, should be managed by drawing the line at current usage. The Council should also be limiting high carbon emission tourism. It's time to manage the impact of our activities/growth on climate change. That has to include limiting flights and the proliferation of helipads. If you don't hold the line and stop the growth we will ruin this place. Limit supply and let them (the tourists)pay for the privilege - it's worked on the Routeburn.

Anonymous

6/08/2019 10:00 AM

We have seen nothing but abuse of the valley with Helicopters. It has been better lately but it seems whatever you do, a specific company abuses it...Like they currently are with the low 220 ft valley flights to the Rees Valley Station. At least if you try to keep it at the same level it will be managable. REMEMBER WE MOVED OUT HERE FOR THE PEACE AND QUITE. Not so a few can wreck it for the many like they have been doing

Anonymous

6/08/2019 03:59 PM

I think some limits will help keep everyone happy but feel that there should be room for growth as Glenorchy and the area is growing also so would be crazy to not allow more flights.

Anonymous

6/08/2019 04:16 PM

Glenorchy has grown in many ways aviation is only one of them. Most of the people who complain are people who have moved here and have been a part of the massive growth of the area. The airstrip is the best place for the local operators to be based but they need the ability to work and expand equally with all other tourism. Landings need to be allocated in a way that their business is sustainable and future proofed and there needs to be allowances for early and late flights as not everyone is on holiday! The helicopters in particular do a lot of commercial work outside of tourism and

Anonymous 6/09/2019 06:30 AM	<p>this sometimes needs to be early or late.</p> <p>Recreational flights should have a sliding scale of allowed movements per day based on their sound signature. Sound signatures are wide and varied in aircraft due to the large number of engine and propeller types. Correct profiling of sound signatures is crucial to factual and appropriate limits being set for noise reduction.</p>
Anonymous 6/09/2019 07:55 AM	<p>We should work with the community to ensure we have the option to use the airstrip but without having a huge effect on the community. I think there is capacity to increase the usage of the airstrip without causing extra noise concerns.</p>
Anonymous 6/09/2019 10:51 AM	<p>The Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve should be used for the maximum growth that it has been designated for.</p>
Anonymous 6/09/2019 11:12 AM	<p>Change is the only constant we can count on and that includes growth in our region. Allowing for some controlled growth is appropriate and wealthy neighbours to the airstrip should accept this and work with it.</p>
Anonymous 6/09/2019 11:19 AM	<p>There has been significant growth in the number of flights between 2015 to the present day. The degree of useage should be capped at current levels.</p>
Anonymous 6/09/2019 11:33 AM	<p>The GY airstrip needs to be developed and landscaped eg hangers for aircraft and underground fuel storage, also needs to be noted that it's been there since the early 50's unlike close neighboring properties that are seldom occupied</p>
Anonymous 6/09/2019 01:58 PM	<p>The aerodrome is a strategic asset to both the aviation industry and to the local community and should be managed as such</p>
Anonymous 6/09/2019 04:01 PM	<p>it is very disappointing we have to keep revisiting this issue - it is unhealthy for the community. In the head of the lake town plan it states that this area is unsuitable for air craft traffic (pages 19-22) it is important all flights are kept to the airstrip - to be able to keep the flights under control as in the past they have gotten out of control</p>
Anonymous 6/09/2019 07:28 PM	<p>Clearly Glenorchy is not an appropriate place for unfettered aircraft activity but by the same token those companies who have made a commitment to the community and whose businesses support local tourism and jobs should be given reasonable opportunity to grow their business.</p>
Anonymous 6/09/2019 07:29 PM	<p>In my opinion growth in sacle of the operations at the Glenorchy air strip should be limited to preserve the residence sound quality being that it is so close to the town.</p>
Anonymous 6/10/2019 12:51 AM	<p>The Reserve Management Plan adopted in 2016 provided for a number of flights for existing operators that ALREADY EXCEEDED the number of flights that existed pre-2016. NO FURTHER GROWTH should be permitted.</p> <p>Glenorchy Heli has indicated they could live with the number of flights currently permitted under the existing temporary license if permitted to construct a hangar on -site. I support their request for a hangar. The sky dive operator knew the number of flights permitted when they purchased the business from the prior operator, and would not have purchased if economically not viable. To claim today they are not economically viable without additional flights is clearly false. No additional operators from</p>

Anonymous 6/10/2019 07:11 AM	Queenstown should be permitted. the airstrip should be limited to emergency only
Anonymous 6/10/2019 07:29 AM	all air activities should be concentrated at the airstrip. Why was Heli Glenorchy not granted permission to build a hanger at the airstrip?
Anonymous 6/10/2019 08:10 AM	It is my understanding that there has been an increase in the number of flights to and from the airstrip over recent times and this needs to decrease to what was envisaged. I don't not support any new commercial operators being licensed to use the air strip. Both NZone and GY Helicopters need to work within the existing permitted number of flights. I have no objection to GY Heli constructing a hangar on the land and encourage this to safely house equipment and reduce impact of moving machines off site at the end of a day to be stored.
Anonymous 6/10/2019 08:49 AM	Number of flights is an imperfect measure of noise. Different aircraft types have vastly different noise profiles. Keeping growth of noise to a minimum is important.
Anonymous 6/10/2019 11:57 AM	There is noticeable noise from aircraft during daylight hours over Glenorchy and in the Rees and Dart valleys. This detracts from the peace and tranquility of the natural environment.
Anonymous 6/10/2019 04:54 PM	2016 levels of usage are not an enabling method of setting a forward looking management plan
Anonymous 6/11/2019 06:35 AM	The growth should be controlled, but allowed for. Priority given to those based there
Anonymous 6/11/2019 07:34 AM	I have used the Glenorchy airstrip for my work for at least 35 years. I do not expect this will change.
Anonymous 6/11/2019 07:43 AM	Glenorchy is known and loved for its pristine and quiet natural environment. Already the number of flights has an impact on this quality. I have been living in Glenorchy the past 11 years and the current numbers are out of proportion to what was so special about this place. There are plenty of towns and areas around NZ that concentrate on Air-tourism...Glenorchy should rather highlight and focus on its uniqueness and turn away on more air pollution. Thankx you cannot stop a business from growing
Anonymous 6/11/2019 09:01 AM	
Anonymous 6/11/2019 11:49 AM	Queenstown airport co. Has already effectively banished light aircraft from Queenstown. Their interest isn't aviation. Only money. I'm sure a few NIMBYs will want to close it but the area will lose some visitors from making these areas more scarce.
Anonymous 6/11/2019 12:16 PM	Airport use or movements have often been associated with detrimental effects, such as noise and the effect of both noise volume and the quantity or time period noise is generated. Mitigation of noise by management of aircraft movement, flight approach and departure pathways are just some of the considerations a quality management process can provide for. Collaboration with all stakeholders in developing and understanding how an airport can

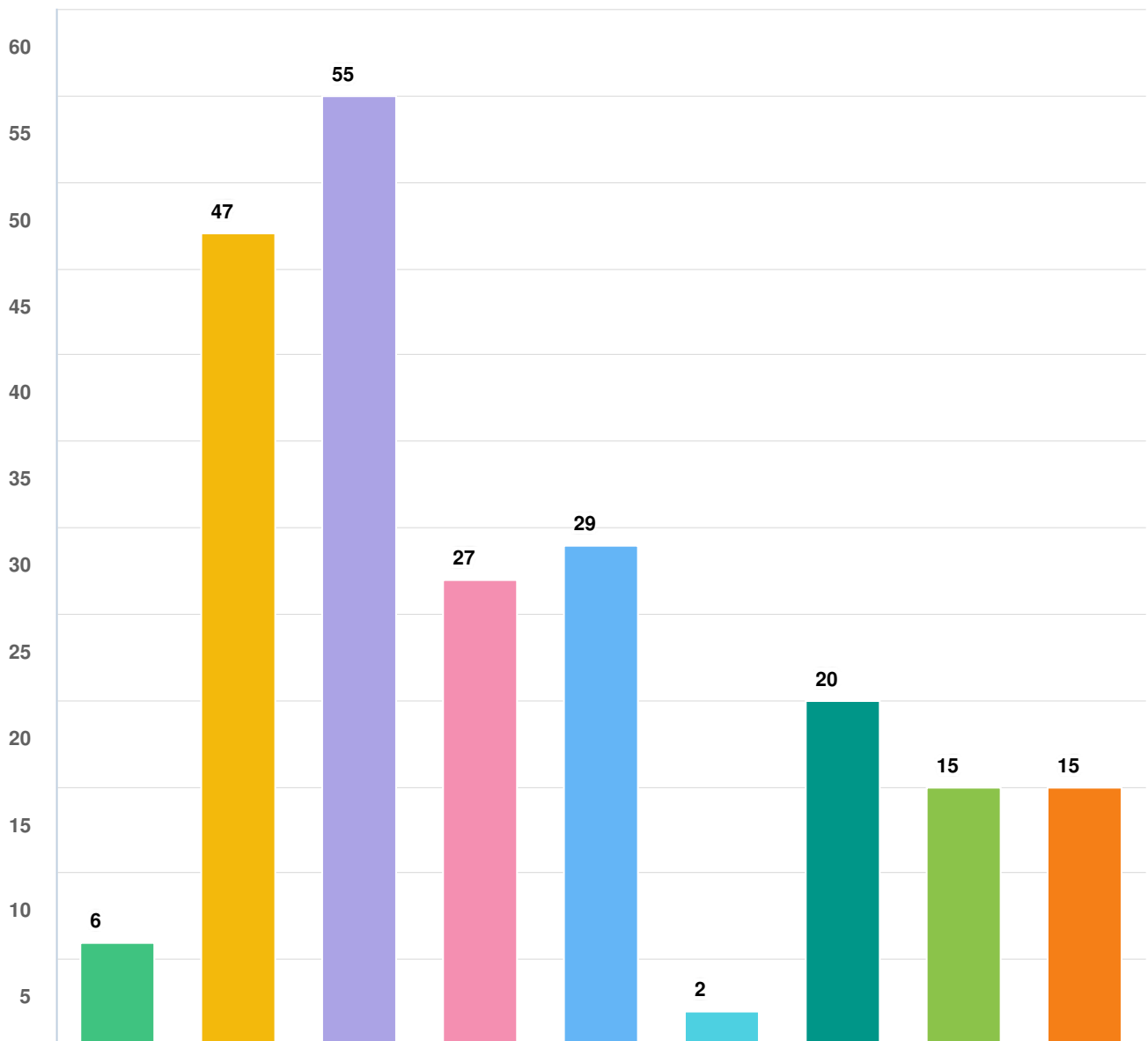
	<p>provide a significant benefit for the community is vital. Technology changes in the Aerospace Industry, will in the not too distant future, introduce Zero Emission equipped aircraft, that are electrically powered. The noise footprint of these aircraft is substantially lower than current types being used. As the Glenorchy Airport management plan is developed, it is important not to place limitations or constraints on the use or flight movements as the potential for quieter, cleaner aircraft with zero emissions and quieter power plant performance, should remove any environmental impact.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kb3OmhO7_ao</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>6/11/2019 01:52 PM</p>	<p>Controlled growth, concentrated aircraft movements and basic facilities at the airstrip are vital for the community. Nobody wants to see large corporate operators there but giving the existing users decent hangarage is a must.</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>6/11/2019 01:57 PM</p>	<p>With being buy the Lake at one end of the Airstrip, makes this very usable with the least disruption and Queenstown being to busy now, it makes sense to make more of it and it's use. In 10 years time this should be a sealed runway to allow for progress and expansion for the community.</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>6/11/2019 02:33 PM</p>	<p>Please allow casual recreational use to continue</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>6/11/2019 03:02 PM</p>	<p>Commercial operators need to be good neighbours particularly in respect to noise, a chart should be issued for the airstrip showing circuit patterns and such so that visiting pilots can conform</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>6/11/2019 03:45 PM</p>	<p>The flight numbers have already been set at 2016 levels of service. This allowed operators more flights than the community wanted according to community consultation in 2013. Climate change also needs to be considered and whilst the Council's climate change action plan has not yet been completed we would hope limiting growth and particularly air traffic in the district would be a key platform.</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>6/11/2019 04:06 PM</p>	<p>The number of flights that are currently allocated to the GY air strip are clearly not workable with even the current operators that use or want to use the air strip. The fact that a local Heli company is forced to apply for consent to land on a local farm proves that! An air strip should be where commercial operators fly from, not on private land. Obviously when the limit was put so low back then, it didnt allow for any growth in tour operators at all. I think there should be a limit to the amount of flights within reason, but the current level does not reflect the need of local operators to be able to run a viable business.</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>6/11/2019 04:07 PM</p>	<p>Aircraft noise is already at an annoying level in the Glenorchy area.</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>6/12/2019 03:08 PM</p>	<p>The opportunity to grow tourism at a gateway to Fiordland and Mt. Aspiring National is huge here, also the ability to deploy emergency services, so desperately needed fire fighting as well as SAR. The cost of creating a new location versus letting a purpose built location flourish surely are non-comparable. Let's use what we've got!</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>6/12/2019 05:09 PM</p>	<p>The airstrip should be able to grow and meet the demands of the local community while keeping all aviation activities in this one established airstrip.</p>

Anonymous 6/12/2019 07:01 PM	Status quo unless there's a non-commercial natural increase.
Anonymous 6/12/2019 07:01 PM	Heli Glenorchy is a huge asset to this community and I stand by them, they need to be operating from the airstrip with no limitations.
Anonymous 6/13/2019 05:34 AM	If you do not allow growth at all operators will and are being forced out into residential areas to accommodate their natural expansion as Glenorchy itself grows
Anonymous 6/13/2019 09:31 AM	Essential that world class planning is applied to managing the zoning of activities in this area eg all aircraft activities including helicopters should be based at the current long established airport site
Anonymous 6/15/2019 10:23 AM	As long time resident/ratepayers we have never been given the opportunity to say what we think are acceptable numbers of flights, this has been dictated to us. A lack of public consultation by council/QAC and the onus being on commercial operators has resulted in the backlash from Queenstown, Wanaka, and Glenorchy and is a case of when it would happen as opposed to if.
Anonymous 6/16/2019 03:54 PM	There should be controls over the number of operators and landings. But for the locally based Business at the Airstrip like our Heli Glenorchy there needs to be enough landings to make the business commercially viable and in line with other landing consents near by ie Blanket bay lodge (5000) landings.
Anonymous 6/17/2019 08:02 AM	If there were some mechanism by which the externalities of noise suffered by the community (such as natural peace and quiet) and the environmental impacts of basing tourism on high fossil fuel consumption were taken into account, then I may consider some growth possibility. But these mechanisms must come before any increase in flights.
Anonymous 6/18/2019 11:49 AM	The effects of flights are very different for different types of aircraft, both between helicopters and fixed wings, and within those categories. Noise generation and flight path differences. So I don't think "number of flights" is the best measure of effects.
Anonymous 6/19/2019 12:40 PM	Given the growth in the township and tourism the airstrip needs to accommodate growth in the number of flights. How this is determined should be the work of the aviation authority, QLDC, and representatives of the community. They need to sit down and work out a compromise. If that isn't possible, a mediator or other process should be used to resolve the issue.
Anonymous 6/20/2019 07:39 PM	Needs change due to population growth, tourism growth and other factors. Allowance needs to be made for situations in the future that we may not envisage today.
Anonymous 6/20/2019 09:16 PM	The reserve management plan was not implemented until 2 years after data regarding landings was supplied in 2016, when the management plan was adopted. It is not workable to allow businesses to continue to grow and then attempt to cap them at a rate from 2 years prior because the council has taken that long to implement something. It is reasonable to set limits and not allow unlimited growth indefinitely, but it is totally unreasonable to cap businesses based on activity returns from several years prior as a result of the time council takes to make decisions and get things done. Limits on landings should also take into account, weather, seasonal variation and type

of operation in order to be practicable. Council must also take into account flight limits already approved for nearby businesses which are not aviation business but have been given landings. It is wholly reasonable to expect landings at an airstrip, for commercial aviation businesses , to be at least equal to, if not more than, neighbouring non-aviation business who have been given landings. Existing operators have always set flight plans in order to minimise noise to the Glenorchy township. Limiting operations at the GY airfield will have absolutely no effect on other operators from other Queenstown and Wanaka based companies who fly directly over Glenorchy township and who do not 'fly neighbourly'.

Optional question (49 responses, 28 skipped)

Q10 Regarding facilities at the airstrip:



Question options

- The temporary buildings should stay as they are, with no changes
- Commercial operators should be allowed to provide buildings for customer reception and staff use
- Provision for water supply, toilets and recycling/ waste disposal should be made at the airstrip
- Ancillary services such as maintenance of aircraft should be based at the airstrip
- A permanent building, such as a hangar or toilets, could be established (one building)
- No buildings can be established - temporary structures only.
- A few permanent buildings could be established (2-3 buildings)
- Some permanent buildings could be established (2-5 buildings)
- Several permanent buildings could be established (5+ buildings)

(77 responses, 0 skipped)

Q11 | **Comment:**

Anonymous

6/07/2019 05:56 PM

We are not in favor of these commercial entities which have a stated business plan of increasing flights and thus facilities at what is a rural airport

Anonymous

6/07/2019 06:00 PM

It's an airstrip and it should fully cater for the needs of commercial operators. This would reduce maintenance flights and enable the most efficient use of the airstrip including the limited flights. It will also provide some good permanent jobs for local engineers.

Anonymous

6/08/2019 10:00 AM

It is the entrance to Glenorchy, it should not be an Airport, it should be a managed reserve for local and recreational users not for a select few to make money. That said if there is going to be anything, a single high end building with country look should be there and lease to the commercial users. But well back from the road

Anonymous

6/08/2019 04:16 PM

Glenorchy has great local operators and they need to be allowed the facilities so their aircraft are safe and centralised in one place. Glenorchy would be very reliant on aircraft in some civil defence situations having good facilities would be ideal here.

Anonymous

6/08/2019 06:48 PM

There should be provision in the new plan to allow the current operators to establish a hanger or hangers to store aircraft in and operate out of.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 06:30 AM

Obviously there is a need to improve the facilities. I support further development to the airport.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 11:12 AM

The existing operators at the airstrip need to be able to protect their assets and make for a better customer experience through better facilities.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 11:19 AM

The cost of installing buildings etc to be met by the use of the building.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 12:16 PM

I can't see the problem with buildings in that area as there are very few permanent residents that would be able to see them (and those that can see them bought and built knowing there was an airstrip where it is) and it would make it tidier than temp buildings as they can landscape them nicely etc.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 01:58 PM

As per previous comment, the asset and any constructed assets need to be managed by the interested parties. Aviation activity requires significant capital investment which needs protection from the environment and for security for safety.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 04:01 PM

the statement - the inability to establish permanent buildings has resulted in one operator seeking to establish a hangar elsewhere. this statement is concerning as there will be no control over the amount of air traffic in the valley - - as mentioned previously the head of the lake plan states the region is unsuitable for air traffic it is a valley and is not in keeping with the character. Some infrastructure is important to have, for both regular users and emergency situations. It makes sense to me to have all aircraft activities consolidated in the place which has been previously designated by the community and the authorities as the appropriate location to base these

Anonymous

6/09/2019 07:29 PM

activities, and this includes maintenance services.

I would be considered that the building of more than a single building per the current operator's would encourage much larger scale operations than we currently have. I believe this would only lead to more future developments to be approved.

Anonymous

6/10/2019 12:51 AM

Both Heli Glenorchy and the sky dive operator should be permitted to establish a single building each that would include both aircraft storage (hangar) and any customer reception and staff needs. No further facilities should be allowed, permanent or temporary. All facilities should be located at the south end of the airstrip and immediately adjacent to each other. again use should be emergency only

Anonymous

6/10/2019 07:11 AM

Anonymous

6/10/2019 07:29 AM

concentrate all air related activities in the one place - at the airstrip

Anonymous

6/10/2019 08:10 AM

Existing operators with licenses should be able to build a hangar and facilities but this should be kept to a minimum and the colour and size should be controlled to limit visual effects specifically from Wyuna Preserve

Anonymous

6/10/2019 08:49 AM

Noise is the issue, and buildings don't create noise. Limiting buildings is an indirect way of limiting aircraft noise, maybe not the most effective.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 06:35 AM

Operators based there already should be able to build hangars to house there aircraft to save leaving them open to the elements.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 11:49 AM

For growth, buildings are needed. And while NIMBYs will disagree, growth it good for the area. General aviation will dry up in queenstown without it and associated drop in tourism and local income.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 12:01 PM

- Ability to have aircraft fuel on site is needed. Until there are tanks provided there operators need to be able to place mobile tanker trailers on site.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 12:12 PM

This is important stop for us to put a fuel tanker from time to time for contingency and safety reasons.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 12:16 PM

Airports deliver a range of benefits to both the local community, but the wider national interest. Tourism is a key activity as an example. Services to and from the airport from other airports allow for direct access to tourism and cultural interests. Air ambulance access to the airport, creates health outcomes for those required to be transferred rapidly. Flight training activity creates employment and accomodation demand. A healthy aviation community, generates the need for aircraft support and maintenance services. Aviation activity at Glenorchy Airport, both for business or recreation, can create an alternative to operations at Queenstown Airport. If allowed to prosper and with a strong level of support by QLDC a greater benefit of a sustainable sector will bring benefits for the community and wider national interests. Facilities, such as buildings for passenger handling services and hangarage for commercial and private use, create a mix of opportunity for aviation to flourish. Sustainable utility services such as water, waste and power should be a goal of the users and council. The use of

Anonymous

6/11/2019 01:52 PM

recycling, solar and wind power generation and storage, water use and treatment be contained on-site with no bio-hazard output. The airport could easily set an example for others in NZ, with intelligent application of best environmental practices. Investment by all stakeholders will be required. A level of assurance is needed from QLDC to promote such investment. There are no good reasons not to provide leases for hangars to the current skydive and helicopter operator. They have more than proven their commitment to the area.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 01:57 PM

Need this for progress in the Community. Bringing a whole new business to the area, which will make it thrive, bringing money more housing etc.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 03:45 PM

We believe operators should be able to construct a hangar to store their aircraft.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 04:06 PM

It makes sense for operators to be able to house their aircraft at nights and do basic maintenance etc and be able to check in guests/clients

Anonymous

6/12/2019 03:08 PM

I believe a superb opportunity exists to carefully and intelligently grow tourism and EMS capability here. The air-strip was active long before a gated community across the road was. Surely local businesses can achieve their dreams and boost national profile without a handful of part-time residents stifling their every move. A successful and capable air-strip should have the buildings it requires.

Anonymous

6/12/2019 05:09 PM

Commercial operators and recreational operators should be able to establish buildings appropriate to the aerodrome use in this one established airstrip.

Anonymous

6/12/2019 07:01 PM

Too many buildings will desegregate the ambience.

Anonymous

6/12/2019 07:01 PM

This would be great if there were toilets and buildings such as hangars to ensure the safety of the helicopters. I support this 100%. I have no concerns, I am for it.

Anonymous

6/13/2019 05:34 AM

Aircraft are expensive and need proper lockable secure housing. Would you leave your expensive car in an open paddock next to a highway?

Anonymous

6/13/2019 09:31 AM

main emphasis is that ALL AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES ARE ON THE PRESENT SITE the spreading of multiple aircraft activities across this outstanding environment around Glenorchy must be avoided

Anonymous

6/15/2019 10:23 AM

No buildings, temporary or otherwise.

Anonymous

6/16/2019 03:54 PM

There needs to be allowance for the commercial operators based at the Airstrip to have a permanent hanger for checking in customers and protection of our staff and assets. This is a health and safety issue. There needs to be services like power and water, sewage, so that operators can provide basic services like toilets and shelter.

Anonymous

6/17/2019 08:02 AM

The visual impacts of buildings is of more concern. Hangars should be on the lake side of the strip so their visual impact can be reduced by being lower in altitude and further from the road. A small building for visitors and toilets etc with an appropriately low visual profile from the road could be considered to

Anonymous

6/18/2019 11:49 AM

keep the public off the strip.

It is an airstrip, which means aircraft will use it, they need maintenance and they need protection from the elements. People go to airstrips, they need toilets, water and shelter. So buildings can be expected at an airstrip as necessary to support the activity. It just needs to be done in a sensitive way with appropriate design controls.

Anonymous

6/20/2019 07:39 PM

One permanent building would be ideal but I don't know if this would be practical for the operators.

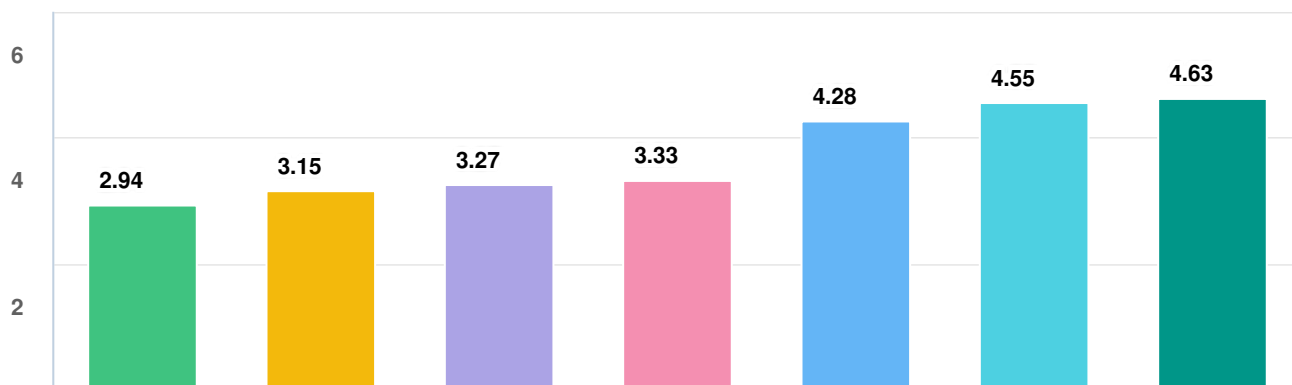
Anonymous

6/20/2019 09:16 PM

According to the Management Plan, the 2001 Glenorchy Community Plan promotes well planned and sensitively designed development of the airport. It is inconsistent to therefore suggest that the community does not want development, and the very vocal few locals who voice their opinion do not appear to be representative of the community since this is already in their plan. According to the management plan the legal description and reserve classification is as follows: The site is gazetted under the Reserves Act 1977 as reserve for 'Local (Airport) Purpose'. According to the Management Plan the part of the reserve containing the airstrip is designated for 'aerodrome' purposes in the QLDC District Plan. There are no conditions associated with this designation. The site's underlying zoning is Rural General. Aviation companies invest heavily in their assets and equipment. It is essential that they be able to keep these assets protected from the environment and from tampering. Denying any hangarage at the aerodrome prevents companies operating at the GY aerodrome from protecting these assets and this is a health and safety issue. As a consequence we have had to seek hangarage elsewhere on private land. As the council is already aware this has caused problems with a few very vocal members of the community, and causes our company to have to undertake extra flights (plus ongoing compliance costs from the ongoing consent applications with the council). Hangarage at the airfield can be planned and landscaped sensitively which will improve the look of the airfield.

Optional question (39 responses, 38 skipped)

Q12 Please rank your main concern or interests in the airstrip:



Question options

- Airstrip being available for emergency use
- Airstrip being available for commercial use
- Noise over Glenorchy township
- Airstrip being available for recreation use
- Visual impacts of development (e.g. hangars)
- Noise directly above airstrip
- Tourism growth/restricted tourism growth

Q13 | **Comment:**

Anonymous

6/07/2019 04:50 PM

Noise abatement procedures are used by local operators

Anonymous

6/07/2019 05:56 PM

Fully in favor of emergency services, light recreational but not supportive of consistent commercial use, by operators who contribute substantially less in tax revenues to the local community than the residents. They seem oblivious or do not care about the noise pollution they create and its impact on peoples lives.

Anonymous

6/07/2019 06:00 PM

To be clear, I'd like to see tourism growth restricted. The environment can't cope with continual growth and in my opinion now is the time to hold that line we drew in the sand a few years back. But I think further changes need to be made to the DP to stop the proliferation of helipads elsewhere (at the Head of the Lake and across the District). I'd also like to make the point that directing flightpaths away from Wyuna Preserve and instead over other homes (that are lived in 24/7/365) is not reasonable.

Anonymous

6/08/2019 10:00 AM

Last four options did not work right . Noise over the Township AND VALLEY. People do live outside of the township. The Valley itself and Town should be a no fly zone

Anonymous

6/08/2019 04:16 PM

Glenorchy has a chance to have a really top notch airstrip here! The local operators are great employers for the area and only want to be able to have the facilities they need

Anonymous

6/09/2019 06:30 AM

Emergency use (provided the strip exists) is assured under national and aviation law. That is why it received a low priority.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 06:56 AM

Not sure what the numbers mean. We use the airstrip 2 time a year for commercial a-b flights. We are based in The Anau.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 10:42 AM

To try to get a working arrangement so the tourist operators can work without disturbing the local residences too much with the understanding that there will not be much more growth, only limited improvements to the ground facilities

Anonymous

6/09/2019 11:12 AM

Although Skytrek doesn't operate from the airstrip now, I believe that the existing operators should be supported.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 11:19 AM

Noise is not just an issue over the township but also across the lake to the Humbolt range and Kinloch

Anonymous

6/09/2019 01:58 PM

The airstrip should be protected for future use both for aviation interests and community benefit. Aerodrome are like railway stations, bus stations, taxi stands, harbours, etc and as community assets much be protected for future generations as they cannot easily be relocated and certainly not restored if closed down. In the event of any natural disasters aerodromes are critical assets for rescue and recovery, not to mention rebuild.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 07:28 PM

Like any other small town in NZ where tourism is the major economic driver aviation businesses should be included in the range of activities available to visitors. The flow on benefits to farming, conservation and the film industry of

Anonymous

6/09/2019 08:08 PM

having locally based aviation, not to mention emergency and search and rescue scenarios, is invaluable.

It's vital to retain a functional airstrip to provide emergency access if required and support local operators. However it should be done in a manner which minimises impacts on the local environment.

Anonymous

6/10/2019 12:51 AM

No recreational use should be permitted as it would likely be unregulated and is not currently used for recreational purposes. It should be used commercially by the existing sky dive and heli operators only. It should be available for emergency use and for local farmer use (crop spraying). Visual impact should be limited to no more than two tastefully designed hangars. Noise levels should be restricted --no additional flights permitted. Tourism growth should be restricted in Glenorchy to maintain its historical serene character and NO increase in tourism should be allowed to impact growth of aircraft usage from the airstrip.

Anonymous

6/10/2019 07:29 AM

the restrictions re flying over GY township should be enforced

Anonymous

6/10/2019 08:10 AM

My main concern is noise pollution by increased and lack of management of the number of flights permitted and controlling the visual impact of hangars and facilities

Anonymous

6/10/2019 06:08 PM

The above ranking is confusing and as such will probably result in incorrect data gathered, it was not consistent in scale nor does it indicate order of scale.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 06:35 AM

We need to allow for growth and development as it is an airstrip and has been for a long time, but in a controlled manor. Taking into account all of the above.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 09:01 AM

this is an airstrip for the use of aircraft . it should cover all possibilities of the need for use.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 12:01 PM

Airstrip being available for commercial use is most important.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 12:16 PM

QLDC can promote the airport as a sustainable asset for both the rate payers and the aviation stakeholders by way of a collaborative process, adopting best practice for the environmental impact of future development, with a management process that attracts users, delivers opportunities for commercial operators and recreational aircraft and offers business and employment to the local community, all of which will benefit the wider tourism and visitor sector.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 01:57 PM

The ranking set-up on this questioner was not letting me do the same number on more than two questions! and didn't know if '1' was for biggest concern or '7' was? But I'm big on Tourism Growth for the area...is that 1 or 7?

Anonymous

6/11/2019 04:07 PM

I believe no more aircraft activity should be encouraged in Glenorchy due to the mountainous nature of the area which amplifies noise for long periods of time

Anonymous

6/12/2019 03:08 PM

I have no concerns to rank above, doing so to submit. I personally drove jet boats on the Dart River, 8 boats, each boat running two V8 engines running at maximum power - all day long - there is already engine noise in

Anonymous 6/12/2019 04:53 PM	<p>this little town. A strictly adhered to flight path approach and departure would make the increased movements from the airstrip like any other. There's a real opportunity to move forwards here.</p> <p>The latest modern Rotax powered aircraft are very quiet. So not disruptive to the environment</p>
Anonymous 6/12/2019 05:09 PM	<p>Glenorchy airstrip should be available for Emergency, Recreational and Commercial use. It is much better to contain all the aviation activities and noise to this one place, rather than spread them around the district.</p> <p>Some improvements but not to be overdone</p>
Anonymous 6/12/2019 07:01 PM	<p>keep everything on present site</p>
Anonymous 6/13/2019 09:31 AM	<p>The Airstrip should be maintained for its purpose to operate as an aerodrome . It provides services to the community through Farm work , emergency ,service ,search and rescue fire fighting and tourism scenic flights and Department of conservation work. It should be managed appropriately and respectfully to the neighbours and the community but should be commercially viable for the operators to provide these services and have the infrastructure and landings to protect those commercial operators.</p>
Anonymous 6/16/2019 03:54 PM	<p>This is a perfect storm where there is a strong correlation between noise (the community's concern) and fossil fuel consumption, which feeds into the economic system for which climate change is an externality. The dominant driver of this review (commercial operators wanting increased flights for fossil fuel powered tourism) is not being scrutinized despite living in a period when these issues are needing to dominate our activities. But that is the nature of our commerce/economic system even when operating within the auspices of the RMA.</p>
Anonymous 6/19/2019 12:40 PM	<p>Ranking: #1 most important, #7 least important</p>
Anonymous 6/20/2019 02:19 PM	<p>I can't understand how anyone, if they put aside their financial interests, thinks it fair and reasonable that residents should sacrifice the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their homes and gardens, just because businesses want to make more money. Keep the airstrip low key. Any further development is only going to further increase air traffic and noise. As the saying goes "you give them an inch and they take a mile" this is just what's happened / happening now :) They got in with no formal agreement , started operating and are now pushing for more .</p>
Anonymous 6/20/2019 09:16 PM	<p>Aviation has been a significant and essential part of small, rural communities in NZ for decades. The use of aircraft for farming services, fire fighting, search and rescue and emergency assistance (e.g. avalanche searches and earthquake evacuations/assistance) is essential. The DOC also frequently use aviation in order to undertake their work. Many in the Glenorchy community are aware of this benefit. Across NZ the aviation community is generally welcomed in small communities. Glenorchy has become popular with people who have chosen to move to the region from other centres, and</p>

it seems it is these people who are most vocal about not wanting aviation in Glenorchy. Their understanding of the history and uses of aviation in GY is coloured by their own personal choices and we do not feel it is representative of the entire community's views. However the community has identified that they would prefer aviation operations to be performed at the airfield. If this is to be the case the council needs to ensure that landing allocations, hangarage, fuel are set up properly at the aerodrome so the existing companies can properly operate there and remain viable. Council also needs to look to other airfields/airstrips/aerodromes for examples of how they operate and the rules to which they operate with regards to landing fees, services, hangarage etc. Council must also take into account flight landing allocations already approved for nearby businesses which are not aviation business but have been given landings. It is wholly reasonable to expect landings at an airstrip, for commercial aviation businesses , to be at least equal to, if not more than, neighbouring non-aviation business who have been given landings. Existing operators have always set flight plans in order to minimise noise to the Glenorchy township. Limiting their operations at the GY airfield will have absolutely no effect on other operators from other companies who fly directly over Glenorchy township and who do not 'fly neighbourly'.

Optional question (33 responses, 44 skipped)