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CANCER SOCIETY

6 Other Comments

Would you like to comment on any other aspect of this draft 10 Year Plan?

The Cancer Society's mission statement is 'improving wellbeing by reducing the impact of cancer'. Each year, five thousand New Zealanders die from smoking related illnesses and smoking contributes to profound inequalities in health. The Queenstown Lakes District is one of the most popular destinations in New Zealand by both domestic and international guests. It also has a growing permanent population, it is a desirable place to live. The New Zealand government has said they want New Zealand to be Smokefree by 2025, meaning 95% of the population will not be smoking. Most local councils have been proactive in helping reach this aspirational goal. Auckland city council has a well documented, detailed plan over the now 10 years until 2025, how the city is going to become Smokefree in stages. In Central Otago the community councils have Smokefree policy in the Teviot Valley, Molyneux Park, Pioneer Park covering all sports, grounds, parks and reserves. Cromwell and Maniototo community councils are considering Smokefree policy in their draft parks and reserves management plans. 'The Old Cromwell town' is in the process of becoming Smokefree with policy and clear signage. My question is where is QLDC's Smokefree plan for the next 10 years? Where is the evidence to show that the council is meeting their obligations under 'wellbeing of the community' in relation to second hand smoke, smokefree role models for young people and supporting people to quit by having more Smokefree outdoor areas. The QLDC has made no further Smokefree policy progress since 2006 when playgrounds and swimming pools were made Smokefree. Thankyou for considering this submission.