

CANTERBURY OF QUEENSTOWN

1 Convention Centre

Convention Centre Comments

As the owner of 2 retail businesses in the Queenstown CBD, I hereby submit my support for the development of a Convention Centre at the proposed Lakeview site. As one of the most preeminent global tourist destinations, Queenstown must continue to develop & evolve if it is to remain economically viable in the face of aggressive international competition. A (CBD-based) Convention Centre will generate the additional high-discretionary expenditure visitation essential to underpin ongoing economic growth for the region. Further, Queenstown is fortunate to already have in place supporting infrastructure (accommodation/direct international air links etc.) to exploit the development of a Convention Centre at minimal additional cost. The above support is conditional upon the ongoing search for funds from external sources (Central Govt/ Trusts/Corporates) to ensure that the impact on the rating base is capped at the proposed level.