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Convention Centre

Do you support the revised rating model for the proposed convention centre?

I choose not to answer

Convention Centre Comments

I support the building of an international standard Convention Centre at the Lakeview site in downtown Queenstown. This support is based on the understanding that the economic benefits to the community will be as outlined in the economic impact reports by CBRE (July 2013) and Insight Economics(NOV 2014) This support for the current proposal rating model is given on the basis that the councils contribution is permanently capped at \$32.5M and that Council will actively investigate all alternative methods of funding before 2018 and advise on the progress of these funding methods. I understand that there will be 3 x Annual plans and 1 x 10 year plan processes before any rating model will be implemented and therefore the opportunity to make further submissions on this issue will be available. I support the Queenstown Chamber of Commerce in lobbying and assisting council with pursuing alternative funding options in order to reduce the burden on ratepayers