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PRIME WATERFRONT RESTAURANT AND BAR WAKATIPU

1 Convention Centre

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

Yes

Convention Centre Comments

The revised model increases the burden on (or support given by) commercial CBD ratepayers. I am one of those and the revised impact will be in the region of thousands of dollars pa. I believe the increase faced by my business is justifiable because 1) I simply believe the benefits will exceed the cost to me. 2) I think it is fair that those that directly benefit should pay the major share. I further believe that the inevitable future bed-tax should be partly used to reduce and smooth out this burden across all commercial ratepayers. I would like to further add that the sooner we get this convention centre built the better. Make sure it is consented to grow bigger without further litigation liable debate and ensure we do not waiver from a downtown location. Subjecting high-value time-short visitors to two hours commuting per day to Frankton is not the way to progress. Mark Jessop

3 Transport Planning

3A. Is the Council taking the right approach to address congestion issues in central Queenstown by planning to reduce future traffic movements by 20 percent?

No

3A. Transport Planning Comments

It is a noble desire but I dont think we have any show of reducing traffic by 5% let alone 20%. We are not an urban city with commuters. Winter and bicycles dont mix. We have proven that we dont have the critical mass to support public transport (buses). \$7 for a child to get a bus one way from Arrowtown to Queenstown is outrageous and a severe impediment to creating a habit changing alternative. If the buses were free on alternate days or \$1 per fare for visitors and free with a locals or school or OAP pass. as a trial over a period of a year that would be a valid trial that would produce some statistics that could be used as a basis for a long term plan. They would get used and it would change habits. The use reduction strategy should be traversed but in isolation it will not make much if any difference. The answer lies in the Mann St Henry St Melbourne St bypass.

3B. Should Council increase parking charges and use any additional parking revenue to make public transport more affordable?

Yes

3B. Transport Parking Comments

Yes but only slowly and not in isolation. At the moment the public transport fares are so high that they promote dis-use which in turn increases congestion instead of the aim of reducing congestion. Get the price of a bus ticket below the price to drive and park and the congestion issue will reduce.

5 Water and Wastewater – a Standardised Rate

Do you agree that Council should further investigate the principle of a standardised rate for water and wastewater?

Yes