

# Calhaem, Raewyn

TE KAKANO AOTEAROA TRUST  
WANAKA/UPPER CLUTHA

## 6 Other Comments

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

Over the years the QLDC has contributed funds to installing plants at a few of our project sites (Roys Bay West, Waterfall Creek, The Outlet, Waimana Place and Albert Town Lagoon) however no financial assistance has been received for the ongoing maintenance and care provided by Te Kakano to ensure the survival of the plants and to ensure the sites continue to be visually appealing. Each year Te Kakano continues to water, add replacement plants and hand-weed these areas at a cost to the trust of approximately \$500 per month. Watering is required to ensure the survival of the plants in our harsh dry summers, replacement plants are required to ensure those plants impacted by natural attrition do not leave gaps in the planting structure and hand-weeding is required to avoid attrition by council contractors mowing and spraying in close proximity to the plants. Te Kakano would suggest that an annual contribution of \$6,000 to the Trust by the council, either directly or via the appointed maintenance contractors, for ongoing maintenance would be appropriate to ensure that these project sites continue to be maintained by Te Kakano to the benefit of the local and wider Upper Clutha community.