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THE HILLMAN GROUP
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1 Convention Centre

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

Yes

Convention Centre Comments

We 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 proposed rating model is given on the basis that the council's 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. We understand that there will be at least three Annual Plan and one 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. We support the Queenstown Chamber of Commerce in lobbying and assisting Council with pursuing alternative funding options in order to reduce the burden on ratepayers, such as looking into the options of a "tax" of some type whether it be a so called bed tax or a arrival or departure tax at the airport, or other alternative measures to ensure this important project goes ahead and fund ongoing issues that Queenstown may experience in the future.

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?

Yes

3A. Transport Planning Comments

We believe this is an important project for the Queenstown area but we need to look at how we fund these projects, so we don't keep putting the burden to the ratepayers, again we believe we need to look at some sort of "tax" to recover some of the cost of funding these projects from our many visitors each year, and look at simple solutions such as underpasses for foot traffic etc.

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

No

4 Frankton Library

Should the Council build a library hub at Frankton in 2020, at an estimated cost of \$5.3m?

Yes

Frankton Library Comments

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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?

No

6 Other Comments

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

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