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Ref: BRF 21-338

Tēnā koe Heather Ash

Comment on resource consent application for Queenstown Arterials Project (LP17) under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.

Thank you for your 5 February 2021 invitation under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (**the Act**) to comment on the Queenstown Arterials project consent application (**the application**).

I **support** Queenstown Lakes District Council's (**the Applicant**) application for the following reasons:

In line with the purpose of the Act, the Arterials project will support the economic well-being of Queenstown and its community (residents, workers, visitors) for many years to come.

The project will assist the community to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and safety through the removal of congestion points, diversion of peak traffic flows to the periphery of the town centre, and safer pedestrian movements through the introduction of signalised intersections.

The project will also help futureproof the town centre for growth by providing infrastructure through a new arterial road network, while protecting the amenity, landscape and heritage values of the town centre.

The proposal aligns with the provisions of relevant National Policy Statements.

The draft conditions appear generally suitable for the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Nāku noa, nā

Hon Damien O'Connor
Minister for Land Information