

Invitation for Comment on Queenstown Arterials Project (LP17)

The Queenstown Arterials Project is a Listed Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

Application Name	Queenstown Arterials Project
EPA Reference	FTC000017
Applicant	Queenstown Lakes District Council
Comments due by	Friday, 26 th February 2021
Accessing the application	<i>The full application and supporting documents can be viewed on the EPA website, which can be accessed here:</i> https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/listed-projects/queenstown-arterials-project/the-application/

An application has been made by Queenstown Lakes District Council under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 for resource consent and notice of requirement for the Queenstown Arterials project.

To comment on the Queenstown Arterials Project application using the form below, please fill in the details and:

- **Email** the form to queenstownarterialsfasttrack@epa.govt.nz. Please mark in the subject line: "Comments on Queenstown Arterials Project Fast Track Application (Your name/organisation) by Friday, 26th February 2021; or
- **Post** the form to Queenstown Arterials Project Fast Track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140 in time for the form to be received by the Friday, 26th February 2021; or
- **Deliver in person** to Environmental Protection Authority, Grant Thornton House, Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington by Friday, 26th February 2021. Please note that due to potential changes in COVID-19 Alert Levels our reception may not be open to the public. We suggest phoning ahead to check.

Comments must be received by the EPA, on behalf of the Queenstown Arterials Project Expert Consenting Panel, no later than Friday, 26th February 2021

If your comment is not received by the EPA by Friday, 26th February 2021 the Panel is not required to consider your comment (although it may decide to). Under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 there is no right to seek a waiver of the time limit.

If you are an iwi authority you may share the consent application with hapū whose rohe is in the project area in the application, and choose to include comments from the hapū with any comments you may wish to provide.

Important information

Your personal information will be held by the EPA and used in relation to the Queenstown Arterials Project consent application process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by the EPA.

A copy of your comments, including all personal information, will be provided to the Expert Consenting Panel and the applicants.

All comments received on the application will be available on the EPA website.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application, your full contact details will be publicly available. For individuals, your name will be publicly available but your contact details (phone number, address, and email) will not be publicly available.

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Comment on the Queenstown Arterials Project Fast-track Application and Notice of Requirement

All sections of this form with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

1. Contact Details

Please ensure that you have authority to comment on the application on behalf of those named on this form.

Organisation name (if relevant)	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga		
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2. *We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment about this application

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I can receive emails and my email address is correct	<input type="checkbox"/>	I cannot receive emails and my postal address is correct
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3. Please provide your comments on the Queenstown Arterials Project Application

If you need more space, please attach additional pages. Please include your name, page numbers and [insert project name] Application on the additional pages

Recommendation:

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) has carried out a desk top assessment based on the information provided by the applicant and considers that the following matters need to be addressed within the resource consent or designation conditions.

Historic Heritage Values

The Historic Heritage Report (Appendix 14) identifies 11 historic heritage sites scheduled in the Queenstown Lakes District Plan, including four Listed places. HNZPT notes there are two listed properties immediately adjacent to the proposed new route: St Joseph's Church (Catholic), Category 2 list no 2340, 41 Melbourne Street and Gratuity Cottage, Category 2 list no. 2339, 9 Gorge Road.

Construction activities could result in adverse effects on these properties. HNZPT recommends that appropriate conditions to ensure that the historic values including those identified in the listing: historic, aesthetic (physical), cultural (spiritual and social) are adequately protected. See below.

Management plans

The applicant has requested an exemption from preparing an Outline Plan of Works (OPW), proposing that detailed effects be controlled through a series of management plans. As would usually be provided the opportunity to comment upon an OPW it requests the opportunity to be consulted on the plans for environmental effects, urban design and landscape, and on accidental discovery protocols. See below.

Cultural heritage

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga recognises Maori Heritage and association with wahi tupuna is a Taonga tuku iho as expressed in our document *Tapuwae*. We note that Māori heritage is central to New Zealand's unique identity. It is New Zealand's earliest heritage. The 'footprint' of iwi and hapū life and culture since the first arrivals in Aotearoa some 800 years ago, it is substantial and touches all parts of our country. Māori heritage places give meaning and prestige to the history, traditions, culture and identity of whānau, hapū and iwi. They include sacred and historic sites, ancestral places, tribal landmarks, cultural landscapes, and built heritage features such as marae and church buildings, structures and monuments. It is imbued with mana and spirituality that endure through generation and lives on through relationships of people and place.

(<https://www.heritage.org.nz/resources/tapuwae>)

We therefore support the participation of Aukaha and Te Ao Marama to ensure Maori Heritage is recognised within the urban design and landscaping planning and any impact is mitigated.

Archaeological Sites

HNZPT notes the existence of archaeological sites in the vicinity of the proposed route. The applicant should ensure they comply with the archaeological provisions of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

HNZPT recommends an advice note that Archaeological Authorities, under the auspices of the HNZPTA 2014, be obtained where an assessment by an archaeologist indicates that pre-1900 features or materials would be modified or destroyed by this project. An accidental discovery protocol is only used where there is no archaeological authority in place. HNZPT should be consulted on the protocol. See below.

Specific amendments to Recommended Conditions for Designation (Appendix 23)

Part A – General Conditions

Add Condition 6: HNZPT will be consulted on the plans for environmental effects, urban design and landscape, and on any accidental discovery protocols.

Part B – Pre Construction conditions

Condition 53 (b): HNZPT supports its inclusion in the group consulted on the Urban Design and Landscape Plan.

Condition 54: Add (e) "minimise effects on historic heritage, including the surroundings that contribute to people's enjoyment of the heritage values".

Condition 58 (a) i): Add "and heritage features".

Condition 63: Amend “An Accidental Discovery Protocol shall be prepared for any accidental archaeological discoveries that occur during construction works in areas not covered by an archaeological authority. The Accidental Discovery Protocol shall be consistent with the New Zealand Transport Agency’s P45 Accidental Discovery Protocol Standard, modified to reflect the specific project detail, and shall be prepared in consultation with Kāi Tahu and HNZPT. The Requiring Authority shall ensure Kāi Tahu and HNZPT have a minimum of 20 working days to provide comment on the protocol.”

Condition 64: Delete and replace with advice note. Comment - the first part of condition 64 is a commitment made by the applicant to comply with the requirements of another Act. It is not appropriate as a condition, but could be part of the commitments in the environment management plan.

Condition 72: in table line 3. Delete the words “buildings under preservation order” and replace with “buildings listed on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangī Kōrero”.

Condition 86: Add “a copy of the archaeological authority”.

Condition 88: Add “...HNZPT to be notified when heritage is exposed

Thank you for your comments