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Queenstown Lakes District Council

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Otago Regional Council submission on the draft Queenstown Lakes Climate and Biodiversity Plan 2025 – 2028.

Otago Regional Council (ORC) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft plan.

We are pleased to support the overall direction and intent of the plan and look forward to further productive collaboration with the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) through the Otago Climate Officers Group, and the Otago Biodiversity Forum, as well as collaboration on implementation.

We are particularly encouraged by the plan's integrated, long-term approach, and its recognition of the close nexus between climate and biodiversity. These interlinked issues demand joined-up thinking and sustained action.

The plan provides a clear articulation of QLDC's role in climate and biodiversity action. ORC supports the strong commitment to working in partnership to deliver meaningful outcomes and acknowledges that deliberate choice by QLDC to do that, noting that it has good alignment with ORC's strategic directions, goals, and work programmes.

We recognise as the third iteration of the plan, that this plan is more ambitious and mature in its process, objectives and structure than the last, benefitting from building community trust and a track record of delivery. We view this as an exemplary, and positive example for Otago.

ORC congratulates QLDC on the progress made to date and reiterate our support for the next steps. ORC looks forward to collaborating in areas of common interest which will assist to deliver this plan – aligning our efforts to achieve climate and biodiversity outcomes that benefit the district, the region, and New Zealand as a whole.

Yours sincerely



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