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Colin Keel  
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Dear Colin

**Official information request: the evaluation of alternative airport sites as part of Queenstown Airport Corporation's (QAC) strategic review and Master Plan process.**

In the document *Queenstown Airport Master Plan Options - Let's start talking about tomorrow* it is stated that QAC has evaluated the option of moving the Queenstown airport to a new site. A summary of this evaluation is presented on pages 36 and 37.

Please supply the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA):

All and any information, correspondence, minutes of meetings, discussions, analysis and reports commissioned, used or held by QAC that contributed to and/or are a part of the evaluation that discarded the new airport strategy in favour of the dual airport strategy. This includes, but not exclusively, materials related to:

1. The project design and brief for the evaluation of alternative sites.
2. The source materials and data that were reviewed and/or collected during the research and evaluation process.
3. Information that outlines the rationale for selection of the initial 20 locations that were considered in the evaluation, including for example why the Cromwell/Louburn Airport was left out, and why additional greenfields sites other than Five Rivers were not considered.
4. The assessments made of the time and costs that would be associated with obtaining resource consents.
5. The detail of the evaluations and their supporting documents used to support the grading as outlined by the steps 1-4 on page 36 of the above named Master Plan.
6. The financial information and analysis that contributed to the evaluation, including but not limited to:
  - a. Information and reports that assess or help inform the current and future realisable marketable value of capital (land, buildings, infrastructure) currently owned by QAC within the Frankton flats.
  - b. Information and reports that assess or help inform the financial bridging costs that would be needed to cover a new site build while still operating the current site at Frankton.
  - c. The comparative financial analysis of the different possible investment pathways/options and costs between the alternatives of:

- i. the (preferred) dual airport option, using reinvestment, debt and/or new equity, relative to
  - ii. a new greenfields airport, part-funded by the sale at future market values of Frankton airport land and other fixed assets.
- d. Assessment of site specific construction costs for the alternative locations.
- e. Assessment of general construction costs and build time for a new airport.
- f. Assessment of the investment required to achieve both the preferred option 2 development at Queenstown Airport plus the development of Wanaka Airport to the level needed for the projected 2 million passenger movements by the year 2045.

If you need any more information from me please let me know as soon as possible.

I understand that a decision on a request for information under the LGOIMA should be made within 20 working days of receiving that request.

If you do not normally deal with official information requests, or you need advice on dealing with this request, guidance is available from the Ombudsman as [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Yours faithfully



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Cc to QLDC Mayor, Councillors and Chair of KPCA