



## **Summary of Master Plan feedback**

**Engagement period: 29 August – 30 November 2017**

### **Dataset**

- 363 responses were collected from various audiences across the region (Queenstown Lakes District and Central Otago) and 11 individual submissions were also received from stakeholders and residents with comments on the Master Plan.
- The Wanaka Chamber of Commerce submitted 60 responses and comments regarding the use of a dual airport model.

### **Planning process**

- Strong support (85%) for long-term planning and the master plan process to help inform development for the airport and the wider region

### **Forecasts**

- Appetite for growth, but no clear consensus about what level of passenger movements is a sustainable number; split views provided on whether that is too much or too little growth, or whether it is sustainable if regional infrastructure keeps pace with airport growth
- Just over half (55%) of the respondents believe that a forecast of 3.2 million passengers by 2025 is about right based on historical traffic evolution. There is less agreement on the 2035 and 2045 forecasts with the majority of respondents considering them either too high or too low.

### **Terminal expansion**

- 66% of respondents favour the construction of a new terminal (options 2 and 3) which would facilitate up to 5.1 million passenger movements per year over expanding the existing terminal.
- Ambience (views of the Remarkables and spaciousness of the terminal) and sense of place are viewed as essential features of a new airport terminal.
- There is no clear consensus on the preferred usage for the existing terminal precinct.

### **Dual airport option**

- 63% of Queenstown residents would favour the development of Wanaka Airport.
- 64% of Wanaka residents are also supportive of this option.

### **Key concerns**

- One of the main issues voiced in the comments regards how the region is going to accommodate future growth in a sustainable manner while preserving the quality of life for residents and the experience provided to visitors.
- Issues over noise were raised. Without being able to see the proposed noise implications it makes it difficult for the community to be able to undertake a balanced assessment of growth numbers and terminal options.



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- With regards to destination management, road congestion is the most commonly cited issue. Efficiency of movement to and from the airport from the wider transport network should become a key consideration in the location and site development decision of the airport in the future.
- The impact of how the increasing ratio of rental cars on the current roading network and access points to the airport may conflict with other high traffic areas (e.g. Wakatipu High School) should be considered.
- Many respondents would favour increasing public transportation options.
- General comments indicate tourism fatigue in some parts of the community.
- Issues raised in one submission included the heritage value and future of the Arranmore buildings on the airport landholdings.