

Our Reference: A1262379

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Mark Wilson  
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Dear Mr Wilson,

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) Request**

We refer to your information request dated 1 July 2019 for:

*The Queenstown Lakes District Council breached its consent limits for various contaminants in relation to waste water discharge into the Shotover River 175 times between July 2011 and September 2014.*

*Can you please supply a detailed summary of the number of consent breaches by the QLDC for waste water discharge into the Shotover River for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and to date for 2019?*

I have consulted with relevant staff and have been provided with the following information:

For the period 2015-2019, Queenstown Lakes District Council (“QLDC”) have held three different resource consents to discharge treated wastewater to water relating to the Shotover River Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The below table records the number of consent breaches over the above period.

Resource Consent	Breaches	Date of Consent
2008.24	59	Jan 2015 to May 2015
RM13.215.02	35	Jun 2015 to Dec 2016
RM13.215.02	5	Jan 2017 to Feb 2017
RM13.215.04	0	Mar 2017 to Dec 2017
RM13.215.04	0	Jan 2018 to Dec 2018
RM13.215.04	1	Jan 2019 to Mar 2019
Total Breaches	100	

QLDC no longer hold consent to discharge treated wastewater to water from the Shotover plant. The “final” consent RM13.215.04 was surrendered earlier this year.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me on 0800 474 082

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Gribble'.

James Gribble  
**Administration Officer- Legal**