

14 March 2019

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Dear Morgan,

### REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for official information dated 20 February 2019. You have requested the following information from the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC):

- All meeting agendas and minutes as well as councillor voting records related to the Local Government Leaders' Climate Change Declaration, and the QLDC failing to ratify said declaration.

### QLDC response

We can confirm that the Climate Change Declaration was discussed by Full Council in November 2015, and a declaration made under item 17 as seen here: <https://www.qldc.govt.nz/council-online/council-documents/agendas-and-minutes/full-council-agendas/2015-full-council-agendas/26-november-2015/>

It is also recorded in the minutes of that meeting that the Council heard items in public forum relating to the declaration and agreed to the Mayor (Vanessa Van Uden at that time) signing the declaration (pg. 24 here: <https://www.qldc.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Council-Documents/2015-Full-Council-Agendas/17-December-2015/Confirmation-of-Minutes/Confirmation-of-minutes-of-26-November-2015.pdf>).

It's also worthy of note that QLDC is committed to supporting the effort to reduce the effects of climate change, and is currently engaging through the My Place roadshow and accompanying online engagement on a draft climate change strategy. This process of pre-consultation will help inform the draft strategy and associated action plan which will undergo formal consultation later in the year. The Mayor and councillors are 100% behind this approach.

Note that within QLDC minutes, voting statistics are assumed unanimous unless recorded otherwise.

We trust this response satisfactorily answers your request.

Regards,



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