

Item 2: QLDC Wildfire program for the 2024/25 season

SESSION TYPE: Briefing

PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:

To inform Council about the Wildfire closure plan for the 2024/25 season.

A wildfire in Council reserves presents an extreme risk to life, property, and ecological values. The steep, dense fire prone vegetation and potential ignition sources (power lines and adjacent dwellings) mean that Ben Lomond, Queenstown Hill and Mt Iron are recognised nationally as high fire risk areas.

In 2023 QLDC implemented a wildfire prevention program in response to the risk. QLDC developed a set of protocols and guidelines with to help us make decisions on how to manage reserves when conditions become extreme.

When fire indices reach unsafe levels it will trigger QLDC's wildfire reserve closure plan which is supported by with FENZ. Closing access means we can reduce the potential for a fire to happen, and ensure people are out of harm's way if it does.

[Managing the risk of wildfire | Queenstown Lakes District Council](#)

DATE/TIME:

Tuesday, 17 December 2024 at 10.15am

TIME BREAKDOWN:

Presentation: 20 mins

Questions: 20 mins

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ATTACHMENTS:

A	Workshop presentation (To be presented on the day)
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Council Briefing/Workshop

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