

Item 2: Ben Lomond Reserve – Wildfire Readiness Plan

SESSION TYPE: Workshop

PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:

To inform Council about the 'Wildfire Readiness Plan' which QLDC received from Skyline on the 6th June 2024. This plan was developed by Skyline in conjunction with Ziptrek, G Force and Bungy, 'the stakeholder group'. The plan identifies a series of actions to remove the wildfire risk from their lease areas within the Ben Lomond Reserve.

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. Reserve Closures are part of the program and are intended to mitigate the impact of fire by removing people from potential harm during periods of heightened risk. Closing reserves has a financial impact on commercial lease and licence holders in the Ben Lomond Reserve.

DATE/TIME:

23rd July 2024

TIME BREAKDOWN:

Presentation: 20 mins

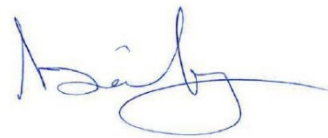
Questions: 30 mins

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ATTACHMENTS:

A	Workshop presentation (To be presented on the day)
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