

Hi,

I refer to the Notice that I forwarded and QLDC were sending out to all representative groups and organizations in the Wakatipu District about my initiative for a larger retirement home complex at Kelvin Grove and I have started the debate having an identity by naming a suitable location and very representative name for Queenstown = Earnslaw Retirement Home

I want you to be assured this proactive effort is not reactive against the "affordability Housing debate " but is quite distinctly different and something I have considered the district lacked in required bed numbers for a long time .

There is a continuing number of our district elderly that are moved away in their twilight years because the level of care they need is not available .

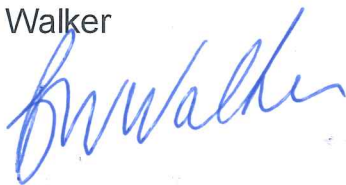
This is also **NOT** a stir on any of the SDHB issues that are surrounding our part of NZ and I confirm I have received a reply to my correspondence on this issue and Yes I will try to get consideration to include the Earnslaw Retirement Home in the 3 year budget that Mrs Kathie Grant is completing for the Government

I believe implicitly that the elderly population bring a very steady balance to a districts overall business/employment environment that enables business that behoves to tourism to have a secondary business stream affording services and job creation within the elderly day to day requirements .

I request QLDC to understand the value to the district of The Earnslaw Retirement Home and the fact of the impending explosion of population reaching retirement therefore "Council may wish to avoid reality but they cannot avoid the consequences of avoiding reality"

I suggest that instigating vision, advocacy and freedom of speech as a citizen is a basic rule of a democratic society where I am happy to ensure that my effort is for the goodness of the entire district.

Thank you Basil Walker



**Proposed Earnslaw Retirement Home and Pensioner Housing Initiative
Notice of Application for Change of Classification to Elderly Person Housing
A Proposed Activity on QLDC Reserve Land .**

Locality: Kelvin Grove - Kelvin Peninsula - Queenstown

Description: Kelvin Grove Part Section 25 Block 1 Coneburn SD
Lakefront land on Kelvin Grove foreshore between the Kelvin Heights Golf Course road and Lake Wakatipu. Bordering the Earnslaw slipway access road to adjacent the Public toilets and children's playground at Kelvin Grove .

Reason: To utilize an unused and valuable land resource to provide a solution to the foreseeable problem of Elderly accommodation in the Wakatipu district .
There is arguably no more perfect outlook than the preferred location of Kelvin Grove and it is fitting that it be utilized for the elderly generations.

Vision: A substantial complex providing a full range of care and accommodation to a scale that will be attractive business interest to the various Corporate Health Care Providers in New Zealand .

I envisage multi level and individual homes and a suite of pensioner facilities with a perspective requirement of uninterrupted views from each unit.

I believe that transport by water taxi will become a natural extension into Queenstown CBD however retirement home transport is a normal facility provided.

Existing Site Coverage: Wilding Pine that are now considered invasive and being eradicated throughout the district .

Cost to Ratepayer It is envisaged that the QLDC will enter into long term lease with the provider and operator of the retirement complex for the land to satisfy the almost impossible impasse of providing both land and facility at an acceptable cost to the operator and residents of the complex.

This Notice is Information Only and not binding on any entity or party however it is intended to stimulate understanding and debate for the betterment of the residents of the Wakatipu district .

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