



APPROVED BY QALC

Minutes of the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee
25 May 2026

Present: Jo Conroy (Chair)
Shane O'Hare (QAC Chief Executive)
Rachel Tregidga (QAC GM Property Planning)
Jake Neave (QLDC)
Matt Cowen, The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG)
Jono Browne (Community Representative)
Greg Miller (Community Representative)
Peter Jackson (Community Representative)
Patrick Whelan (Airline representative, BARNZ)

Apologies: Jon Brooks (Airways)
Steve McIsaac (Community Representative)
James Stokes (General Aviation Representative)

1. Welcome & Apologies

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm. The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting, noted apologies and declared the meeting open.

2. Residents Addressing QALC

Nil

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee on 3 March 2026 were approved via email as a true and correct record following the meeting.

Approved as true and correct at committee – 25 May 2026

4. Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee Work Plan 2025 & Other Actions

The work plan was noted. The action list was discussed and updated as follows:

Date Raised	Action	May 2026 Status	Target Date
Mar 26	Projected Noise Breach - communication approved by QALC to be sent to QLDC	Closed	
Nov 25	Noting that reporting from QAC in the 24 Nov 2025 meeting indicates that a breach of the Outer Control Boundary south of the cross-wind runway is likely to occur in the 2025 compliance reporting (to be reported in 2026). The QALC has requested that QAC: (i) report on the forecast breach in accordance with clause 3.6 of the Noise Management Plan. (ii) Ensure the 2025 compliance report is completed as early as possible in 2026.	Closed Completed Mar 2026 See section 6.1	Feb 2026 May 2026

5. Standing Agenda Items

5.1 Aircraft Activities

- The Committee reviewed the scheduled airlines, helicopter and fixed wing landings for the last period. It was noted that movements for the previous quarter were in line with historic trends, we are now moving into the 'shoulder season'.
- ZQN is doing well for the Australasia region, for international we are at 140% of pre-covid level. Domestic is flat, possibly due to the fuel situation.
- Some airlines are changing their capacity on some routes. ZQN are less affected than other airports, there will be an increase in jets flying between AKL-ZQN.
- Jetstar and Virgin are adding flights from Brisbane to Queenstown, direct route, this is a seasonal change.

5.2 Unplanned engine testing incidents

There were no unplanned engine testing events for the period 1 February 2025 to 30 April 2026

5.3 Complaints register summary

There has been 1 new noise complaint since the last meeting in the period 1 March 2025 to 30 April 2026.

1x noise complaint. Supporting information included in Agenda 10.2

The correspondence was discussed with the committee. No further correspondence has been received from complainant. Matter closed.

6. Operational Report

The operational report was taken as read.

6.1 Noise contours update

The 2025 Annual Aircraft Noise Contours (AANC), and the Compliance Annual Aircraft Noise Contours (CAANC) confirmed a minor breach to the south of the cross-wind runway. The 2026 projected contours have been prepared and show projected compliance should be achieved for 2026. It confirms actions taken over the summer to manage movements on cross-wind runway have been successful. The full 2025 Noise Compliance Report was included at Appendix 10.3.

Recommendation confirmed QALC received the 2025 Noise Compliance Report.

6.2 Noise Mitigation Programme – General Update

The committee noted the update on the Noise Mitigation Treatment Programme, and that increased progress is being made. The Noise Mitigation Project Manager reported communication and uptake has been active in the last 3 months. 5 homeowners have actively engaged with 2 recent enquiries.

Increased activity due to change in ownership or change in circumstances.

To date, 35% of properties within the inner and mid-noise boundaries have declined noise mitigation treatment, while 19% have successfully completed the process.

7. Projected Noise Breach – Calendar Year 2025

A noise breach was confirmed south of the cross-wind runway within the 2025 calendar year. The Noise Management Plan sets out the procedures should the noise

levels at Queenstown Airport exceed the ANB or OCB, Section 3.6. This was shared with QALC.

QALC noted that subject to QAC sending the 2025 Noise Compliance Report to QLDC, QAC has fulfilled its obligations regarding the non-compliance matter.

Action: QAC to provide 2025 Noise Compliance Report to QLDC.

8. General Business

New parallel taxiway – will increase the capacity of the main runway. Intention is to change the pattern on the airfield so more of the fixed wing traffic will use the main runway. Have been gradually moving more traffic to main runway, which has shown success with meeting compliance requirements. GA community have supporting this and QAC will continue to work with them. Cross-wind runway will be used for particular operational flights as required and depending on weather conditions.

There will be a gradual movement of heli across to their northern bases.

Work on the parallel taxiway is due to start in July and take approximately 18months to complete.

Flights between 10pm-7am - show 7 flights during this time. These are noted as exemptions in particular 6-7am, sign off required by COO for special circumstances (i.e. Agriculture / horticulture; reasons like frost) or emergency operations.

Emergency helicopters are recorded but they are excluded from noise modelling.

9. Future 2026 QALC Meetings

Confirmed meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year are:

- Monday 24 August 2026
- Monday 23 November 2026

Close: *The meeting closed at 6.40pm*