



APPROVED BY QALC

**Minutes of the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee**

**3 March 2026**

**Present:** Jo Conroy (Chair)  
Shane O'Hare (QAC Chief Executive)  
Rachel Tregidga (QAC GM Property Planning)  
James Stokes (General Aviation Representative)  
Jake Neave (QLDC)  
Steve Mclsaac (Community Representative)  
Matt Cowen, The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG)  
Jono Browne (Community Representative)  
Greg Miller (Community Representative)  
Peter Jackson (Community Representative)

**Apologies:** Jon Brooks (Airways)  
Patrick Whelan (Airline representative, BARNZ)

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

The meeting commenced at 6:17 pm. 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 24 Nov 2026 were approved via email as a true and correct record following the meeting.

Approved as true and correct at committee – 3 March 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	Mar 2025 Status	Target Date
Nov 25	Noting that reporting from QAC in the 24 Nov 2025 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.	Open  Completed Mar 2026  Open	<del>Feb 2026</del>

#### 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. It was also noted that there are an increasing number of NEO (New Engine Option) aircraft serving the airport, which are a quieter engine.

##### 5.2 Unplanned engine testing incidents

There were 2 unplanned engine tests for the period 1 Dec 2025 to 31 Jan 2026. There was one 19 Nov 2025 on stand 8 for 8 min at 16:39 and one on 22 Dec on stand 9 for 16 min at 09:39.

##### 5.3 Complaints register summary

There have been 3 new noise complaints since the last meeting in the period 1 Dec 2025 to 31 Jan 2026.

Amendment – Agenda states 2x noise complaint, is 3 noise complaints. Supporting information included in Agenda 10.2

The correspondence, actions taken and proposed next steps were discussed with the committee. One complaint remains outstanding with follow up actions, currently sourcing data.

## 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) were included at Appendix 9.3. These confirm a minor breach to the south of the cross-wind runway. The 2026 projected contours are being prepared and will be presented, along with the formal report at the May 2026 QALC meeting.

### 6.2 Noise Logging

Summer logging took place over December 2025 and January 2026. This included an additional logging point south of the cross-wind runway, to better understand the noise associated with the breach in this area.

The results of this logging will be analysed over the next few months, and any adjustments will be captured in the following (CY2026) reporting period.

### 6.3 Noise Mitigation Programme – General Update

The committee noted the update on the Noise Mitigation Treatment Programme, and that steady progress is being made. The Noise Mitigation Project Manager reported communication and uptake has slowed down, possibly due to occupancy less owner occupier, more property's with tenants.

## 7. Projected Noise Breach – Calendar Year 2025

QALC Projected Noise Breach Report presented. QALC accepted and agreed communication can go to QLDC.

It was noted that QAC managed a potential issue seamlessly. QALC passed on thanks to QAC for their efforts managing this.

## 8. General Business

No further General Business

## 9. Future 2026 QALC Meetings

Confirmed meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year are:

- Monday 25 May 2026
- Monday 24 August 2026
- Monday 23 November 2026

*Close: The meeting closed at 7.04pm*