

We began developing this plan in April 2021.

The development of the plan and the prioritisation of actions and ideas has involved extensive engagement with a wide range of community groups, experts, not-for profit organisations, and partner agencies.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who has contributed to this plan, including those who provided specific feedback to the draft plan.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	SUMMARY
APRIL 2021	
Submissions on the 2021-31 Ten Year Plan	Of the 504 submissions on the 2021-31 Ten Year Plan, 240 provided feedback and recommendations on climate action, showing an appetite for Council to take more action.
Review process kicked off	The Climate Reference Group provided recommendations on the outcomes and structure of the plan. A key recommendation was to create a sixth outcome for biodiversity.
JUNE 2021	
QLDC internal climate action hui	Staff shared ideas for accelerating climate action both within the organisation and across the district.
JULY 2021	
Blue-sky workshop with QLDC Councillors and Wānaka Community Board	Elected members shared their enthusiasm to see more climate action in the district. A topic of particular interest was the development of communities that allowed for live, work and play within neighbourhoods.
Climate Reference Group	Strong sentiments came through around both education for local communities and on the role of QLDC in advocacy to Central Government.
Regenerative Recovery Advisory Group	Suggestions included a focus on collaboration and cooperation between organisations, community groups and QLDC, and to look at a 100-year horizon. The group also presented their final report in July ¹⁵ , following a year of work in support of the district's recovery programme. Report recommendations were fed into climate action planning.

¹⁵ www.qldc.govt.nz/media/rosjz4s5/regenerative-recovery-advisory-group-final-report.pdf

AUGUST 2021	
Community stakeholder hui	Council's Climate Action Team assisted the Climate Reference Group in organising a hui for local advocates and experts to provide input and ideas. The most popular topics were around transport mode shift and biodiversity.
QLDC staff suggestions	Numerous staff provided detailed input into the plan. Feedback was varied, ranging from technical infrastructure or planning suggestions to embedding climate action into culture and decision making.
Whakatipu Conservation Collective	Discussion focused on exploring actions in the new biodiversity outcome could look like.
OCTOBER 2021	
WAO Summit	WAO Summit attendees voted on their priorities for the Plan. 'Regenerating our natural environment' and 'designing neighbourhoods where we can live, work, learn and play without getting in the car' came out on top.
Enviroschools Climate 101s	Council's Climate Action Team collaborated with Enviroschools to provide Climate 101 sessions. Climate action ideas from tamariki focused on transport, food, energy, and waste. Transport was a particular interest, with the students keen to see more active travel options for them.
NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2021	
Suggestions refined and prioritised	<p>All community and stakeholder input was collated into a list of 600 suggestions. These suggestions were prioritised, combined, cut and refined to a list of 134 actions.</p> <p>The Climate Reference Group identified 68 of these actions as priority actions and provided recommendations on the plan outcomes. A key recommendation was for the plan to be renamed the <i>Climate and Biodiversity Plan</i>.</p> <p>Council's Climate Action Team then further developed and refined the prioritised actions with action owners and partners.</p>
DECEMBER 2021 – JANUARY 2022	
Stakeholder feedback received and benchmarking exercise undertaken	The list of actions was shared with key stakeholders and feedback sought. 30 stakeholders responded with comments. A benchmarking exercise was conducted against other local government bodies internationally, based upon Climate Emergency UK's checklist.
FEBRUARY 2022	
Draft plan finalised	The plan was improved and finalised based on recommendations from the Climate Reference Group, Councillors and the Executive Leadership Team.
MARCH – APRIL 2022	
Draft plan released for community feedback.	
APRIL – JUNE 2022	
Feedback considered and plan finalised.	