



Senior Planner – Queenstown Airport Commission - Queenstown

Human Connections Group has partnered exclusively with Queenstown Airport Corporation (“QAC”) for the appointment of a Senior Planner, based at Queenstown Airport.

The Company

QAC operates two of the world’s most scenic airports – Queenstown and Wanaka - which connect the stunning Southern Lakes region of New Zealand with the world. Each year we ensure a warm southern welcome and farewell to more than 2 million travellers – including both locals travelling to and from the regional, and domestic and international travellers making the most of the region’s world-class scenery, lifestyle, events and experiences. Queenstown Airport offers direct commercial flights to seven New Zealand and Australian destinations. Both Queenstown and Wanaka airports are popular general aviation hubs, particularly for tourism flightseeing and private jet visits, with Wanaka Airport also offering flight training, private flying, aircraft maintenance, visitor attractions and a global base for NASA space balloon launches. The airports contribute significantly to the economic prosperity of New Zealand and our region. More than 900 people are employed across the airports’ communities, with strong links to the communities we serve.

The Position

The role of Senior Planner reports to the General Manager Property & Planning and is responsible for providing planning support and technical assistance in relation to planning issues where these impact upon the current or future operation of the airport.

The Property & Planning team plays a key role in developing and advocating QAC’s position within regulatory and legislative policy contexts at a local and central government level. The team also plays a key role in safeguarding QAC’s ability to continue to undertake its key functions consistent with meeting its obligations in terms of relevant resource management legislation.

Key responsibilities include:

- Lead QAC’s input into relevant local, regional or central government policy statements and plans;

- Monitor relevant resource consent applications and development initiatives
- Lead and manage QAC's response to day to day planning issues that arise; and
- Provide advice and support on key projects that require planning input

The Person

You're an experienced, qualified person with at least 7 years' experience in a similar position. You've 'been there and done that' when it comes to anything resource management related. You are a positive person who is solution focussed and has a boundless amount of enthusiasm and passion for planning and the technical and strategic knowledge and experience to back it up.

Simply put, you're proven in your field, with demonstrate knowledge in these key areas;

- Statutory planning
- Resource management & planning advice
- Relationship management & engagement
- Team planning & reporting
- Continuous improvement & leadership
- Health & safety

Skills & Attributes required

- Professional experience and ideally a member of NZPI (or eligibility to obtain)
- Hearings experience
- Project management skills
- Evidence of sound strategic judgement & decision making
- Strong customer focus
- Quality & compliance driven
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Takes a collaborative approach both with the team and the wider airport community.

This is an exceptional opportunity for an experienced Senior Planner to join the growing team at Queenstown Airport Corporation and enjoy the amazing lifestyle that living in beautiful Queenstown has to offer.

To apply email your resume and covering letter to Tom Chandler on jobs@humanconnectionsgroup.com or for a confidential discussion call 027 298 5110.