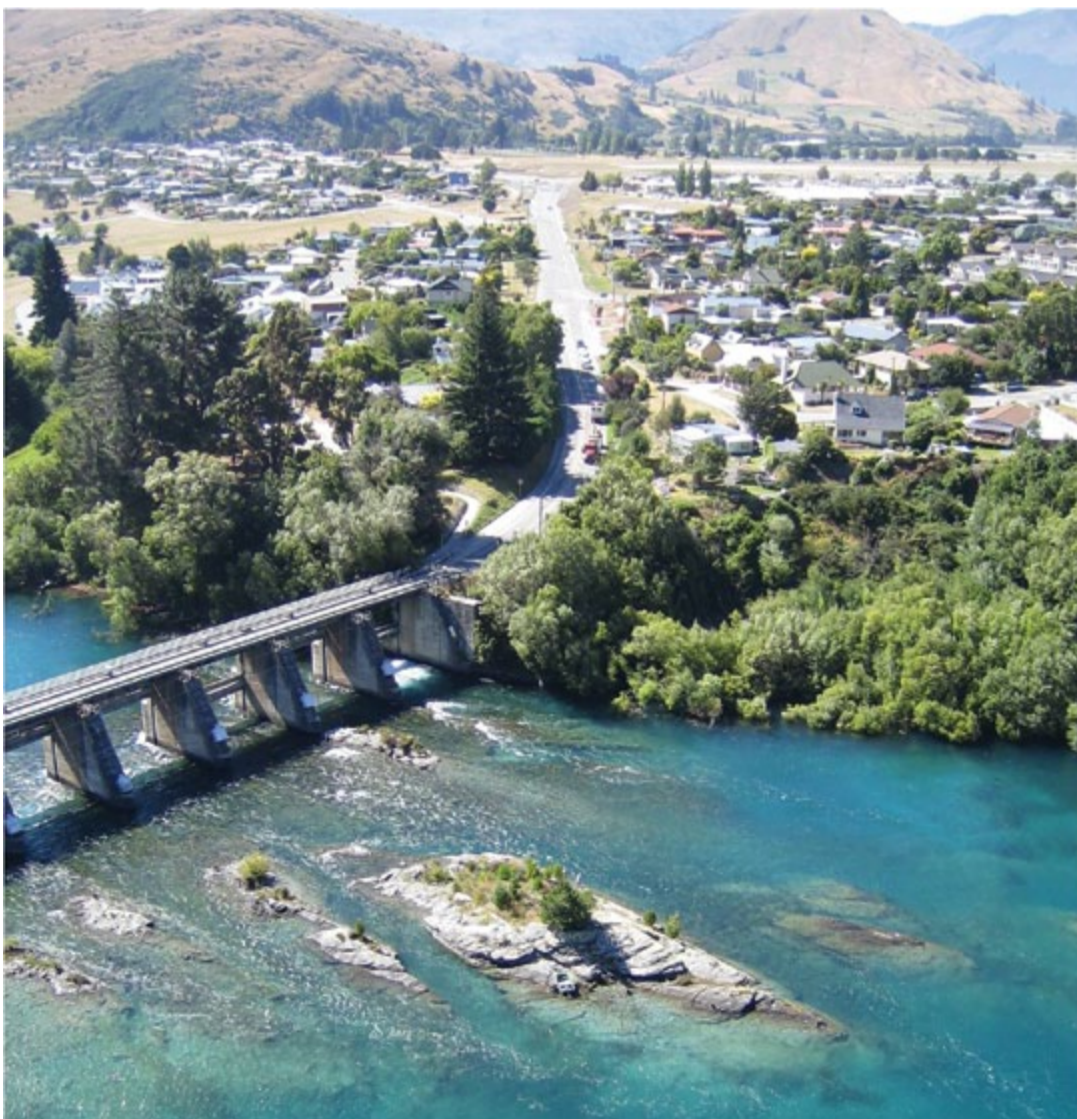


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Urban design and access considerations



Gateway to Queenstown

The Kawarau Falls Bridge is the entrance to Queenstown along State Highway 6 from the south. It is the first point where the visitors from the south meet the Queenstown urban area. The new bridge provides an opportunity to create a definitive entry point into Queenstown. Planting around the bridge could also enhance the natural character of the river landscape.

Walking and cycling

There are walking and cycling opportunities on both sides of the Kawarau River, in Frankton and on the Kelvin Peninsula, which are used by both tourists and locals. It will be important for the new bridge to maintain and enhance these. The existing Kawarau Falls Bridge is expected to create a connection between Frankton and Kelvin Peninsula for cyclists and walkers.

Recreational use of the river

The Kawarau River is used by commercial jet boats and recreational users, and is a gateway to and from Lake Wakatipu. The position of the new bridge piers has been carefully chosen to minimise the impact for watercraft.

