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Hi,

I believe that the best option of the two would be for the smallest amount of increase over the next 12 months.

*?An alternative option we can consider is to allow Aurora?s revenue to increase by 5% in the first year, and then 10% a year for the rest of the period.?*

The Queenstown and Central Otago regions are heavily exposed to the Covid-19 impacts of boarder closures with a heavy reliance on international tourism. This sector which has historically been the backbone industry of these regions is currently operating at a fraction of what it would normally. Therefore financial constraints on residents either from job loss or lack of income from reduced salary or reduced hours are significant within the community and a source of mental anxiety. This phasing would give companies the chance to begin to recover as the hope is that we would start to see the return of some international visitors within the next 12 months. When businesses begin to recover then individual incomes will increase meaning that increased costs of living from basic essentials will be easier to bear.

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