

Submission Form 16 to the Otago Regional Council on consent applications

This is a Submission on (a) limited notified/publicly notified resource consent application/s pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991.

Submitter Details:

(please print clearly)

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I/ we wish to **/ OPPOSE /** submit a submission on (circle one) the application of:

Applicant's Name: Dunedin City Council _ Smooth hill Landfill Application

And/or Organisation:

Application Number: RM 20-280

Location: Smooth -hill

Purpose: Proposed Land Fill & associated services

The specific parts of the application/s that my submission relates to are: (Give details)

SEE attached Statement

Specifically

Site selection ..25/30 years ago Changes to today

Solid Waste Management Strategy Future Landfill Report to Council 21/4/1993 Report to Council & associate Documents .

Lack of consideration to alternative options Recycling / Reuse of Waste / Incineration options for 2023 & beyond

My/Our submission is (include: whether you support or oppose the application or specific parts of it, whether you are neutral regarding the application or specific parts of it and the reasons for your views).

See Attached

I/We seek the following decision from the consent authority (*give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought*)

To Decline or modify application to ensure NO Environmental effects on close by communities

Or impact on safe services to wider community of interest..

I/we:

- Wish to be heard in support of our/my submission
 Not wish to be heard in support of our/my submission

If others make a similar submission, I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

- Yes
 No

I, **am not** (choose one) a trade competitor* of the applicant (for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991).

**If trade competitor chosen, please complete the next statement, otherwise leave blank.*

I, **am/am not** (choose one) directly affected by an effect as a result of the proposed activity in the application that:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

I, **do/** (choose one) wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

I **do** request* that the local authority delegates its functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

I **have** served a copy of my submission on the applicant.

Colin L Weatherall

12/11/2021

Signature/s of submitter/s

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter/s)

(Date)

Notes to the submitter

If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use [form 16B](#).

The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on which public or limited notification is given. If the application is subject to limited notification, the consent authority may adopt an earlier closing date for submissions once the consent authority receives responses from all affected persons.

You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.

Privacy: Please note that submissions are public. Your name and submission will be included in papers that are available to the media and the public, including publication on the Council website. Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the notified resource consent process

If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in [Part 11A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

If you make a request under [section 100A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners.

You may not make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to an application for a coastal permit to carry out an activity that a regional coastal plan describes as a restricted coastal activity.

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious:
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

The address for service for the Consent Authority is:

Otago Regional Council, Private Bag 1954, Dunedin, 9054
or by email to submissions@orc.govt.nz

Submission on ORC RM 20-280
Dunedin City Council
Smooth Hill Landfill Project

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May I submit as an publicly elected former Chair of Saddle Hill Community Board & a City councillor for a number of years covering the period 1989 ... 2012 I offer relevant information as a member of original Working party charged with early preference in a future landfill site (s) for Dunedin City Council. The Document A FUTURE LANDFILL For Dunedin (authored by Drainage & Refuse Manager (Mr Trevor Buchanan 21 /4 / 1993) was the backbone to Councils ongoing decision to acquire & designate the Proposed site

I note this was the input of many parties of the day (at that time being 28 Years ago)

But the world has changed in many ways since this time & the changes impacting on the original site preference ... Waste minimization / Scientific / Environmental / Community matters (generally) considerations have taken significant changes in many ways impacting on this issue., they may have been generally acceptable at that time BUT not today.

The World / NZ / Otago / Dunedin City has undergone many changes and therefore this application must be considered as of today (2021) and likely changes / challenges for the 50 Years ahead as any approval may have impact for the potential life of any landfill/ anywhere. Kate Valley Landfill in Christchurch (now 10years in operation) is a classic example of what's changes are possible in just 1 decade

One such change **at time** , is was the live reality , the Hills south of Brighton (to Taieri Mouth) were in Harvest forestry ..but due to quality of tree growth , the Harvesting rights were surrendered and then ownership sold down to lifestyle blocks hence in last 15 years significant demand and development of lifestyle homes (surrounding this designated site) a very significant change is land use allowed for by the City Council District Plan while knowingly having the original designation in place ...but no where did it appear on development LIMs in immediate area .

Alternative / Options to Smooth Hill Application.

The Council has in recent years done considerable work on Waste minimization /Recycling (very positive) with major improvement in operations at existing Landfill (Green Island) giving vastly improved life /capacity in existing land fill operations with more value that can be added to this facility (useable Life)

Council has a pending consent application pending to extend the life of the existing facility.

BUT

While our Council has permitted / increased separate sites for dispose of demolition/ building rubble (Abbotsford) ,

In original considerations the Council had no interest in **Incineration** and recently avoided any meaningful consideration of this alternative method of waste disposal. (particularly in Waste reduction) A lack of consideration has been missed in Dunedin to seriously consider this advance method in / with the significant Hospital rebuild. / Energy Centre /Other business.

World class disposal by this method can be easily research / valued and little consideration has been offered as an alternative in updated application information.

But just recently, a proposal has raised interest in possibility of an Incineration driven Energy plant mid-South Island ...our Council must consider this option to further reduce waste.

In recent months the AB Lime / Winton consented Landfill has become available should financial balancing be available.

I look forward to expanding on these key matters in a presentation before the Commissioners in due course

Colin Weatherall

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