



**In regards to the Dunedin City Council Application No. RM20.280.**  
**15/11/2021**

Tēnā koutou,

Generation Zero is a rangatahi-led climate justice organisation that mobilises New Zealanders to support and campaign for intergenerational climate justice.

We, Generation Zero, welcome the opportunity to submit this application, given the wide reaching impacts the project will have on Dunedin's waste future **and the failure to accompany this project with serious waste reduction policies that move towards a circular system.** Improper decisions made now will carry long term ramifications.

On behalf of Generation Zero Ōtepoti, we **thus do not** support this application.

After thoroughly reading through this application we believe that the impacts on the surrounding environment and community of Brighton will be more than minor, and does not fit with the Council's waste minimisation goals.

We do not support this application on a number of grounds::

- Environmental effects are more than minor and will cause harm to the Brighton and surrounding community.
  - In particular the potential disastrous fallout impacts of leachate from the landfill on Otokia Creek, which runs all the way down to Brighton beach through Brighton.
  - Landfill potential to attract birds, most particularly the endangered black-backed gull, increasing their risk of airstrike from the Dunedin airport. The proposed landfill is just 4.5km from the airport, which is well within the Civil Aviation Authority's 13km buffer.
  
- The other impacts on the community are significant.
  - Concerns surrounding potential odour, risk of fire and decrease in property values in the area in close proximity.
  - The impacts on members of the community with underlying health conditions in terms of water and air quality will be disproportionate.



- The application does not reflect long term environmental planning and waste minimisation goals outlined in the DCC and ORC Ten Year Plans.
  - Operation of a Class One landfill does not fit with the ORC's commitment to healthy and clean water and air for its residents.
  - Furthermore, the application for a Discharge Permit to discharge wastes and leachate onto land, as well as other resulting landfill containments such as exhaust fumes and dust goes against these commitments.
- The application is flawed, as the applicant has not provided information requested from the DCC within the deadlines on four topics.

With these reasons clearly outlined, Generation Zero cannot support this application for the proposed landfill. The major environmental impacts on waterways and Brighton Beach as well as the potential health impacts for the Brighton community are of particular note here.

If consent is to be granted, there must be further waste minimisation schemes announced alongside this project.

ORC policy objectives clearly state that waste minimisation is a goal of the Council, yet not enough is occurring. We need compost bins rolled out through the city, harsher regulations on producers of rubbish within regional confines, stronger incentives for a circular economy, greater support for waste groups doing the work on the ground, and all the rest. The proposed landfill is in clear conflict with these policy objectives, especially at the proposed size.

We look forward to hearing the comments of the panel.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
*Generation Zero*

**Contact Information:**

