

**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 **SUPPORT** / **OPPOSE** / submit a **NEUTRAL** submission on (circle one) the application of:

Applicant's Name:

And/or Organisation: Dunedin City Council

Application Number: RM20.280

Location: Smooth Hill, cnr Big Stone Road and McLaren Gully Road

Purpose: Construction and Operation of Class 1 Landfill

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

Discharge Permit Application, Water Permit Applications, Land Use Consent Application.

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).

I have lived in Brighton for 11 years, but my association with the area goes back over 60 years with my extended family have a crib in Brighton, where we enjoyed swimming and boating on the Otokia Creek. I oppose the application in its entirety for the following reasons. The application uses an assessment of the proposed site that is 30 years old, and even the most naïve could accept that the way in which we regard the protection of the environment now is not vastly different from back in the

1990's, and the value we place on the environment is far greater than then. The discharge permit seeks to allow discharge of waste and leachate onto land, which by extension for this area will mean discharge into the Otokia Creek – totally unacceptable to even consider such overt discharge of toxins and waste water. In addition, the water permit seeks to divert surface water within the Otokia Creek catchment and dam water in order to construct the landfill and also realign the road. Clearly this will bring about the degradation of the Otokia Creek and the habitats of the flora and fauna in the area. Incredibly the Land Use Consent openly seeks to alter, reclaim and place structures on the bed of waterbodies and wetlands. We have already throughout New Zealand significantly reduced the total area of wetlands so vital for our ecosystem – to propose this in such a cavalier way is abhorrent. I am also concerned that the proposed landfill is so close to flight paths of planes landing at Momona Airport and also the airport itself – certainly closer than accepted guidelines. The Dunedin City Council and Counsellors have failed to plan for an alternative Landfill site to Green Island over many years. Now they have proposed a plan that is short-sighted, and ill-conceived. The haste with which this proposal was submitted and the attempt by the Dunedin City Council to have this Resource Consent Application non-notified, suggests a desire to get this application accepted without too much scrutiny. As such I feel the Dunedin City Council is not behaving as a trust-worthy body and question where they can be relied on to adequately operate a landfill on this site in the proper manner. This proposal for the landfill to be established at Smooth Hill must be stopped.

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

I would like the consent authority to not allow the proposed Smooth Hill Landfill to proceed. In particular I want the Consent Authority to not grant any Discharge Permits, any Water Permits and not give Land Use Consent for the proposed Smooth Hill Landfill.

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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~~/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~~/**do not** (choose one) wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

I ~~do~~/**do not** 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~~/**have not** served a copy of my submission on the applicant.



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

14 October 2021

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(Date)