


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: Karen Philip

And/or Organisation:

Application Number: RM20.280

Location:

Corner of Big Stone Road and McLaren Gully Road, Brighton, at about NZTM2000 1385764E 4905608N.

Purpose:

- Discharge Permit to discharge waste and leachate onto land, and discharge landfill gas, flared exhaust gases, dust and odour to air, and to discharge water and contaminants from an Attenuation Basin and sediment retention ponds, for the purpose of the construction and operation of a Class 1 landfill.
 - Water Permit to take of up to 87 m³/day of groundwater, and use of up to 50 m³/day of groundwater, for the purpose of managing groundwater collected beneath a Class 1 landfill.
 - Water Permit to divert surface water within the Ōtokia Creek catchment for the purpose of the construction and operation of a Class 1 landfill and associated road realignment works.
 - Water Permit to dam water within an Attenuation Basin for the purpose of the construction and operation of a Class 1 landfill.
 - Land Use Consent to alter, reclaim, and place structures on, the bed of waterbodies and wetlands for the purpose of road realignment works.
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The specific parts of the application/s that my submission relates to are: *(Give details)*

My submission relates to the proposed landfill at Smooth Hill in its entirety, I do not believe that this is a suitable site by any stretch of the imagination.

However, each of the activities listed in applications purpose (as above) are significantly destructive to the environment; in addition to clearing indigenous vegetation to make this site a landfill. Given the situation of clean water in NZ the proposed diverting of water from the Otokia Creek and damming water to operate a landfill, will disrupt the habitat of the native wildlife. This is completely unacceptable.

Many communities, internationally and locally, are working hard to preserve and protect their wetland areas as critical environmental assets. For the ORC and DCC to apply to alter, reclaim and place structures on these waterbodies and wetlands in 2021 is completely deaf to the environmental issues that world faces. Blindly pursuing this site after the initial assessment was made over 20 years ago, appears completely ignorant to the current climate change concerns.

The application to allow the ORC and DCC to discharge waste and leachate onto the land, discharge gas and contaminants into the currently pristine environment should not be allowed. The contamination of the land and air is too close to neighbours. The water and air pollution will find their way down the Otokia Creek, causing permanent damage. There is a local white heron and many ducks that use the Creek and this landfill will impact on their habitat.

Water contamination in the creek will no doubt be found at Brighton beach and the creek where many children and families swim and play. It would be a tragedy if another waterway is made unusable by human activity.

Any increase to road activity would also cause significant damage to the environment. Complaints have already been made to the Council regarding the many logging trucks that drive at speed through the community. Increasing traffic will impact on the communities and present hazards to the many families who come to Brighton during the year, but especially in summer.

My 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)*.

For the reasons outlined above I strongly oppose the DCC application No. RM20.280, on all parts and the entirety of any proposal to develop a landfill on the Smooth Hill site.

Allowing this landfill and application to proceed appear abhorrent to the purposes and principles of the Resource Management Act 1991. Particularly s2, this application clearly is not about protecting the natural and physical resources, it is seeking to legally be permitted to damage a valuable environmental asset.

This application will not lead to the maintenance and enhancement of public access to and along the coastal marina area, lakes and rivers, it will cause irreversible damage to this water way and beach. Generations to come will be disadvantaged by this application if it proceeds.

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

I seek the DCC to withdraw its application and proposal to build a landfill on Smooth Hill. This is not a suitable location and will have immensely damaging environmental and community consequences.

The actions of the DCC and ORC should this landfill be approved will cause permanent damage, I hope that this is not the legacy that they wish to leave for future generations.

I:

- 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 will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

- Yes
- No

I, **am not** 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.



13 November 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