

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** a submission on (circle one) the application of:

Applicant's Name: Dunedin City Council

And/or
Organisation:

Application
Number:

RM20.280

Location:

CORNER OF BIG STONE ROAD AND MCLAREN GULLY ROAD,
BRIGHTON

Purpose:

Discharge waste and leachate onto land

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

Discharge of waste and leachate onto the land, discharge exhaust gases, dust and odours to air, discharge of water and contaminants from an attenuation basin. Water permit to take groundwater, diversion of water surface within the Otokia Creek, dam of water, reclaim wetlands and waterbodies

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)*.

To fully oppose the permit to discharge waste and leachate onto the land, discharge water and contaminants from attenuation basin for the purpose and construction of a Class 1 landfill. Removal of groundwater, diversion of surface water from the Otokia creek catchment. Reclamation of wetlands for purpose of road realignment.

We have lived in the Brighton community for 37 years. Our first home was beside the Brighton river in the main community. During this time, we have seen the flooding of the township through extreme rainfall down through the Otokia river flow. This flooding then passes directly our to the main beach through the river outlet. This river outlet has been for over 100 years a swimming destination of young families throughout the region. It is a safe and beautiful beach that should be protected.

We also have a farm that the Otokia river flows through our back native bush paddocks. This water stream directly flows down from the proposed landfill site and feeds out to the main river in Brighton. High rainfall and extreme weather conditions force the river to significantly flooding and high levels as the water leaches down the water flow system from the hills. We have also seen the river in extreme drought where the native salmon and eels are wollowing in dry mud.

The river is home to a number of native trout, eels and other species in the area. To see the water from this delicate ecosystem diverted would cause significant destruction to the natural balance. The area behind our property is also home to a breeding pair of native Falcons who currently have a nest. The native bush through the riverside is also a significant water source for native owls, tuis, Kerero and rosella populations. Any leachate would be devastating to these birds. The diversion of the water supply would also be significant for an already delicate balance between drought conditions in the river and flooding.

I am shocked that this project was even considered by the Dunedin City Council as it goes against any logical environmental protection of wetlands, river balance and community beach. It saddens me that the environment that the Otokia river feeds and supports is now under threat.

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

Decline the application for the resource consent proposed by the Dunedin City Council. There is no conditions that could meet the safety of the local environment.

I/we:

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- 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
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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/** (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 not** (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 not** served a copy of my submission on the applicant.

Michele Newman

15 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