

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: Dunedin City Council

And/or Organisation:

Application Number:

Application No. RM20.280

Location:

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

Purpose:

The application (RM20.280) is for consent to undertake activities associated with the proposed Smooth Hill landfill

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

1. To discharge waste and leachate onto land
2. To alter, reclaim and place structures on, the bed of waterbodies and wetlands for road realignments

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 oppose the application for the following reasons:

1. I am a frequent visitor to Brighton because my daughter and her family live there. My family and their friends, and my grandchildren and their Brighton school friends love swimming, surfing, walking and enjoying recreational activities at the beach. Brighton beach is also

very popular with young families from Dunedin city and its environs. The effects of toxic leachate containing chemicals, known to cause cancer, leaking from the landfill into Brighton's creek and beach, would be harmful for the health and wellbeing of these families and could also affect future generations. The Dunedin City Council has an environmental strategy in which the Council confirms on its website that it will " reduce polluting discharges to the land, air and water" however the Council is not adhering to its own strategy by proposing "to discharge waste and leachate onto land" in the proposed Smooth Hill Landfill. In addition this proposal to undertake activities associated with landfill, which would be a risk to families' and children's health and wellbeing, does not align with the Local Governance Statement 2020 of the Otago Regional Council (ORC) as defined on the ORC website: "Regional Councils promote the sustainable development and enhancement of natural and physical resources for the benefit of present and future generations". Should this application be approved, it would render meaningless the environmental strategies, statements, goals and objectives of both Councils, and they should be removed from Council information.

2. As a retired farmer I am proud of the work being undertaken by farmers throughout Otago, Southland and New Zealand to protect and enhance wetlands on their properties in support of local and national environmental goals. Rural and urban New Zealanders are gaining an increasing appreciation of the importance of protecting wetlands to support the water systems and associated plant and animal life to increase biodiversity for the good of the natural environment. I am therefore very concerned, disappointed and astounded that the Dunedin City Council (DCC) is proposing to undertake activities which would be harmful to the bed of waterbodies and wetlands related to Ōtokia Creek and all associated wildlife. These harmful activities related to the proposed landfill application are in sharp contrast to the environmental objectives expressed on the DCC website that the Council will for example: "safeguard the life-supporting capacity (mauri) of indigenous and taoka species' habitats" and "protect important ecological areas". Additionally, the proposed landfill activities do not align with the objectives of the Otago Regional Council as defined on the ORC website, for example: "The future of our beautiful region starts with protecting and caring for it today". I would hope that the ORC will implement its vision of protecting and caring for the regional environment and refuse consent to the Dunedin City Council for this application.

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

That consent will not be given to the Dunedin City Council for Application No RM 20.280

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.*

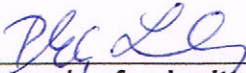
I, **am/am not** (choose one) directly affected by an effect as a result of the proposed activity in the application that:

- 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.



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

11 November 2021

(Date)