

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.

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(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: RM20.280

Location: Smooth Hill

Purpose: Landfill

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

- 1.) Discharge permit to discharge waste and leachate onto land, discharge gases, dust and odour to air for the pupose of a new landfill
- 2.) Diversion of Otokia Creek
- 3.) Land use permit to alter, reclaim and place structures bed of waterbodies und realignment of roads

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).

OPPOSITION to ALL following points:

- 1.) **Odour:** Winds are predominantly South to Southwest, which means the whole area up to Brighton and further will be covered in the landfill stink Odour control is not working, which can easily be experienced when passing the Green Island Landfill -

considering the wind coming from mostly southerly directions Brighton will be suffering under the smell as well. There is no sufficient natural barrier between the proposed landfill area and the surrounding houses up to Brighton and even Henley.

In addition to the landfill smell- the rubbish trucks will leave a distinct Diesel "cloud" in the area, which will further destroy the beautiful and recreational surroundings and quality of life of all people, flora & fauna of the area.

Noise: The constant driving of trucks will destroy the idyllic scenery. Sound travels extremely well in this area of Big Stone road- people can be heard talking even if they are several kilometers away. The winds mostly come from southerly directions, which will transfer the noise directly onto our property. The constant trucks arriving, machinery and diggers on the landfill, a never ending peeping sound of machines driving backwards- that is a nightmare to come true and will negatively effect all people living in the vicinity.

High fire risk: The area of the proposed landfill is very remote, and only accessible through winding gravel roads- either via Big Stone Road, or McLaren Gully Road. We have experienced first hand how quickly a fire can develop -we have been extremely lucky that it happened on a Saturday evening, as the volunteer fire brigade from Brighton was at our house within 15 minutes- if they had arrived only 5 minutes later, our new house would have been lost.. I addition we were extremely lucky that there was hardly any wind that evening- if the usual Southerly had been blowing, the house -and forrest- would have been in flames within minutes.

The fact that there is a landfill proposed in this remote area- with no adequate fire station in close proximity, in an area which is notorious for its high winds, surrounded by extensive Pine forests- quite frankly: it is absolutely careless. There are regular report about fires in landfills- it is not a question "IF" it happens, but only "WHEN". It is in our opinion utterly careless and neglectful to even consider a landfill in such an area. If a fire broke out- at night, with wind- the whole area would be engulfed in flames within no time.

Water/Air contamination and seagulls In addition to other direct contamination concerns caused by the landfill itself, the close proximity of a landfill will also attract a large amount of seagulls, which will add to the contamination concerns for our water supply (collected from our roof). In addition, the increased presence of seagulls and other birds will pose a risk to the often flying helicopters in the area, certainly as well as to the close by airport.

- 2.) As the proposed landfill is situated close to the Otokia Creek, there is a high possibility that the Creek, and subsequently the Brighton Beach area- will be contaminated. Brighton is one of the most popular beaches and seaside communities in Dunedin- this landfill poses a risk to the Creek, and certainly all people living there, by the potential contamination. The risk is real and cannot be downplayed. The impact on wildlife in and around all creeks will be devastating, as well as the quality of living for all close by residents.

3.) Apart from the fact that it does not make sense to establish a landfill in a difficult to access area, without power, without fire stations without proper roading, AND being close to one of the most popular scenic drives and Dunedin beach- suburbs, it increases overall traffic immensely in the Brighton/Kuri Bush area. All roads leading to the proposed landfill area are windy, partly steep gravel roads, which are being used by many people for recreational purposes. A serious accident is just waiting to happen. The costly establishment of new roads will also damage or eradicate neighbouring wetlands.
Considering the layout of McLaren Gully road- the economical implications in constantly maintaining the suggested new road to be suitable for rubbish trucks is also very questionable.

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

In summary- we feel this proposal should be declined in total, the disadvantages and severe risks for the people living in this area, and the environment, are immense.

There are better ways in tackling issues caused by high rubbish production, and Dunedin should stand up to this problem and fight its cause, work on improving recycling- and not "digging out" a decades old plan, which was flawed from day one, to quickly wipe symptoms of a failed rubbish policy under the carpet. This requires a far more intense plan and process, and an outside the box thinking, with an innovative plan which shows Dunedin is capable of developing an environmentally and sustainable plan in tackling its rubbish issues.

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)

12-11-21

(Date)