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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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: RM 20.280

Location: Smooth Hill

Purpose: Landfill

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

The choice of this site for a landfill is wrong on so many levels. The consent is asking to discharge leachate and waste water onto land that directly feeds into a source that feeds into Brighton beach. The wetlands that lead to the beach are very special and should never be put at risk. The beach is unique to Dunedin and used by many, cars are triple parked on the busy days.

The consent is asking to remove water from a natural water sources. This water is precious and scarce and should remain exclusively for the flora, fora and wild life in the area to allow them to continue to thrive.

The area is full of planted forest and native bush. Industry in this area increases the chances of a fire, especially the gas. The local fire brigade attended a recent house fire in the area and this was a huge challenge for them.

The site is to close too the international airport and the risk of bird strike and potential loss of life is incomprehensible.

The social impact assessment is completely inadequate and not at the standard of international best practice. The impacts mentioned only relate to jobs. This is inadequate with current environmental risk assessment requirements. The health and well being of the community has not been considered.

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*).

I do not support any aspect of the application. It is harmful; to the native flora and fauna, the people and well being of the people wider Dunedin community.

The application is based on information gathered 30 years ago. This is no longer applicable to today, we know better than this, we need to base our discissions on todays evidence.

There is no serious consideration of the alternatives. If I was putting forward a business change proposal I would need to show adequate consideration of all the options, Otherwise I would be accused of stacking the deck in my favor.

The kind of refuse management proposed is outdated and no longer suitable to todays environment or the future. The ability to contain and manage the proposed landfill without harming the environment is impossible. We have been given no information on the durability of materials and linings to be used, no information on the success or risks involved. Other councils are using the AB lime site to the south while actively promoting waste reduction. What could we achieve if we put the money for this proposal into waste reduction?

Some of the recent patches to the application are in adequality based on one days observation, The area has a yearly cycle, information from one day is not sufficient; especially considering the impact such a proposal will have.

The application claims that the road is primarily used by logging trucks. I have lived in the area for 12 years and there have only been two occasions when these trucks used the roads. The roads are used very frequently by cyclists, walkers, horse riders, motor cyclists, dog walkers, hunters. The other day I spoke to a bird watcher who told me that there are native birds in the area that he has not heard elsewhere. The road is also used in the world class Otago motor rally. Any changes would put an end to these activities in this unique coastal environment.

The application allows for up to 50+ truck movements to and fro. This calculates to around one every 15 minutes. The primary route being McLaren Gully road. The intersection with SH1 is a known serious harm accident site. Any increase in traffic, turning, slowing and stopping, is too much. While predications on Dunedin's rubbish have been provided. There is nothing stopping the council getting income by taking other areas rubbish. Thus increasing the truck movements beyond what is predicted from Dunedin refuse.

The application also allows for Brighton road and Big stone road to be a secondary route. This may well be the case when the McLaren Gully road and SH1 intersection proves to be too hazardous. Any extra use of the secondary route would severely impact on the safety, enjoyment and wellbeing of those who live there, those who use that route and the amenities along the way. The application allows for at least one truck every 15 minutes, the impact on the roads condition and need for maintenance would be another factor.

It is disingenuous that the council did not have information about the proposal in the LIM reports. As purchasers we are required to check the LIM as due diligence. The construction of a landfill will considerably devalue our property. A property where we protect native bush, have replanted 100s of native trees, encourage bird life, keep free of introduced pests. We chose this location for the life style, to contribute to the betterment of the environment, for our children to live closer to nature, to grow our own produce, to live more sustainably. (we collect our own water, manage our own waster water, make our own compost, build nutrient dense soils, and use solar heating.) I am severely offended by the proposal to build a rubbish dump close by, with no indication of the councils intent. It seems that the council tried to avoid consultation and public submissions on the proposal.

I am very concerned, I feel stressed, and I am angry that what we have built up, what we have invested time and money in is in jeopardy due to this ill-conceived and detrimental landfill. Any capital value we had considered using for our future and to support our children is under threat. This is causing me undue stress and concern.

I am disappointed that the enjoyment of the beach, the costal surrounds, the trees and the bird life will be greatly diminished if this proposal is accepted. This is a very special and unique part of the country. When you walk northward along Big stone road and the trees clear, the smell of the forest is replaced by the sea air, you get the view of the Pacific ocean, of the coastline, the landscape extending right out to the peninsula; this is nothing short of remarkable. Preeminent New Zealand artist Colin McCahon has even captured the images in his painting of the 1930s. We need to preserve this unique part of the world for our future generations, not have them view the world through another's memory. Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua.

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

***No consent** to this proposal. I recommend that the council fully investigate alternative options of waste management, waste reduction, recycling, composting, and future proofed environmentally sound alternatives in a mature, environmentally conscious, transparent and open manner.*

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☐ 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.

☐ No

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** served a copy of my submission on the applicant.

14/11/21

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:

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or by email to submissions@orc.govt.nz