

## **Intro:**

Hi, My name is Ramsey Ashworth, I'm a 12 year old from Fairfield school and I oppose the development of the smooth hill landfill.

How would you like to live right next to a landfill, the first thing you see AND smell when you wake up and the last thing when you go to sleep, and when people ask "Oh, where do you live again?, that's right the house next to the tip". You say that the tip will '...' hold on, what are the pros again? Google can answer almost any question, but not that.

## **1st: Sports**

The land fill would effect many sports including horse riding, motor cross, motor racing, cycling, running, triathlon training, dog walking, fishing, ocean swimming, orienteering, boating and bird watching and those are just the ones that i can think of, Dunedin is known for being a very sport friendly city, and this change will impact your reputation. And would there for impact at appeal of purchasing a house in the vicinity of the landfill.

## **2nd: Fire risk**

There are over 7.5 million trees spanning from Taieri Mouth to Macintosh road, this land passes by smooth hill, how would you like to be responsible to the potential decimation of hundreds of houses and millions of trees. There is no reticulated water sources so the only way to put out the fire would be to cart water from Mosgiel or use private rural water tanks, this means that the fire could potentially spread to more densely populated areas like Mosgiel. House fires cause harmful pollution to the environment and peoples health.

Fires desamate ecosystems and ruin the land that native animals depend on.

## **3rd: Pollution**

popular beaches, swimming areas and fishing spots are already being invaded by pollution, the tip will make this 100 times worse.

Microplastics are easily transmitted by leachate, microplastics kill hundreds of thousands of sealife each day, leachate from the tip will hit our already endangered native species that hardest, this will kill thousands and thousands and will drive our extinction rate through the roof, millions of animals will die, animals that you will NEVER get back, animals deaths that could make entire ecosystems fall to pieces, animals that will never be seen in any life time again. There is a reason these animals are already endangered.

#### **4th: bird strikes**

Black back gulls are a common sight at the green island land fill and will easily relocate to the new landfill, two buffe's rather than one! With this there is an increased risk of bird strike at Momona airport. I have read online that to reduce this risk you will attempt to inalate all bird populations within 6.5 KM radius no matter what spices and the airport is only 4.5KM away from the tip. There have been 173 instances in which birds have struck a plane in the past 10 years at the Momona.

#### **Con:**

In convolution you have picked

The worst place to put a land fill

The worst place to drive the rubbish trucks

The worst impact on the airport

The worst impact on the environment

You are abandoning your children, your grand children, and every generation to come with this ever lasting non reversible issue.

I suggest that you consider alternatives as your decision for the tip location was made in 2015. There are other ways of dealing with waste, such as compulsory recycling, banning single use plastics and a container deposit scheme such as they have in south Australia.

Even when your six-feet under you will have never have another chance to repair this total disaster.