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My name is Lisa Boshard I oppose the Smooth Hill dump site. ~~I don't want repeat them~~

I read some of the other submissions + agree with them all I've lived on 270 Otokia K B Rd East, a few minutes Str West of the site since 2005.

I love my home and have dedicated my life to caring for the environment & its wildlife. I plant, I protect the 3 ha forest remnant on ~~my~~ ^{this} property. Basically I'm trying to be a good citizen of this earth.

As a landscape designer, I am not an ecologist but like other locals who have an awareness of the environment I can see that the DCC's proposal and their mitigation plans are totally inappropriate; and I hope you will agree.

This area is my backyard. I drive ~~daily~~ ^{3x/weeks} to work this way. I moved here because it was not part of town. Now I have neighbors, and soon possibly a dump. Town is moving to me. I create little robbish and I ~~don't~~ am appalled that ~~togetts~~ ^{DUNEDIN} robbish may soon be right next door.

Because this proposal would no longer be legal I believe Otago Reg Council only has one option and that is to say no, & send the DCC back to the drawing board & come up with some 2022 solutions that are clean & green. They can be found.

In my submission I discussed options for all types of rubbish. This is not my job, but if I can come up with solutions they can too.

These options cost, but so does a big bag waiting to burst, and that also has an environmental cost; forever.

We all create rubbish, I accept that. But prior to plastic and toxic materials rubbish had not been a problem for thousands of years. I think longterm the DCC has the responsibility to wind back the clock and push for change at supermarkets + manufacturing level + ban plastic from packaging in this city. It has been done.

I am a NIMBY I don't want Dunedin's rubbish in my backyard, but I don't want it in anyone else's either. We have to grow up, and be responsible.

The landfill site itself, apart from the remnant bush block and the wetlands is pretty unimpressive. It has been used and neglected from forestry. But you would be very surprised at what lives there, visits and hunts there on a daily basis.

I would like to talk about the general environment and the proposals impact on that but I also need to tell you how

distressing this is and how angry I am

That nobody from the DCC has ever approached me, in fact I heard about this a few years ago from a forestry contractor who cares about the land. When I approached ORC, you weren't even aware of this yourselves.

I am shocked that people I once considered personal friends are set to ruin my community and my environment.

I have read the proposal and Boffa Miskells site survey and am still appalled at how simplistic & mistaken it is. But then that is all about money.

This landfill is a potential ecological disaster for the local environment and the wildlife that live at some sort of balance within it.

Brighton / Otokia Creek / and the wetlands I understand have been discussed. I agree they are seriously endangered as I have said in my submission.

But there is much more. I want to talk about the rest of the locality. It is full of springs and wet land, this water moves -
I understand

The environment includes rare lowland forest remnants - McLaren Gully Forest Reserve, many gullies in Kuri Bush as well as wetlands Otokia Creek, Henley, Sinclair Wetland, Takitoo wetlands & those on the site itself.

These most rare and vulnerable ecosystems should not be further isolated & damaged by adding a ~~dump~~ landfill on their doorstep.

The trees in these bush remnants are not scrub they include 500 yrs old plus huge rimu, miro, totara and kawakatea. Birds and other native wildlife are abundant and include nectar feeders, insectivores - the brown creeper, ~~the~~ cuckoos, hawks, falcons, morepork as well as sea and waterbirds. There are also insects, spiders, leaf veined slugs, native ~~pea~~ swails, skinkes + geckos.

We should be protecting them not ruining their environment.

The small wetland edging McLaren Gully Rd, prior to (I assume) the DCC logging the pine forest on Smoother Hill was beautiful and full of insects, frogs, *Carex secta*, and regenerating wetland species.

The DCC is responsible for its degradation, it is illegal what they did to it, and I think they should be made to restore it, not damage it further.

The bush remnants on my property and my neighbours are under a landscape covenant put there by the DCC. The DCC approached my community and wanted us to give them these bush blocks so they could protect them. This shows the importance the DCC put on them - ironic.

As far as the native wildlife are concerned I have 3 main concerns.

1. Poisoning of rodents and insects.

- this poison will spread into the environment transferred by rodents and pigs as well as small birds and insects that are the food of falcon, hawks, insect eaters and more park that will visit the site.
- last week I watched ^{5 birds} a small part of the local falcon population ~~or~~ calling & circling over my ~~the~~ neighbouring forestry block. I've never seen this before and if the dump goes ahead this growing population of endangered falcon will like die. They can get to the site in

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Other visiting birds - moreparus, hawks, gulls, pukekos, paradise duck, teal and plovers will all likely get secondary poisoning from baited animals or toxic leachate. I have seen all these species on or near Surotu Hill.

2. The site

As soon as the diggers move in small species insects, fish, ~~frogs~~, spiders, skinks, native slugs and snails, geckos, ~~skinks~~ as well as non-native frogs all who have their home in these remnant patches will die.

3. Fire

Fire in this forest seriously terrifies me. After the Saddle Hill fire I now realise what a danger it is. We have a local arsonist, & ones nose becomes very sensitive to the smell of smoke.

This area is waiting to explode into flames. To add further fire risk to it is madness.

Everything that I have loved, created or cared for would be gone - dead. Including the forest remnants - like Sarah Rausey said we may not have time to escape or evacuate our animals. The DCC's response to this fear is laughable, with no concern or understanding of the risk to life they are creating. To minimise the spread of fire is not always possible in a high wind zone.

I live just a couple km from the Smoot Hill site.

I love my home, it 6.5 ha half of which is lowland bush which I intend to covenant. There are trees in forest I cannot reach around their trunks 500+ years old. What changes they have witnessed.

I promised I would do everything I can to protect this land, and that is what I am doing now. I never dreamt it would be against a rubbish dump.

Not only does this land, its water tables + inhabitants deserve not to have a pile of rubbish sitting in it; but it deserves protection from NOISE, FIRE, ODOUR and continuous daily vehicle activity all which resound and echo across the valleys and change the whole environment forever. This in turn will effect native wildlife and their populations may disappear.

I plant trees and wildlife habitat, I treasure the insects, ^{reptiles} and birds and do all I can to minimize my negative impact on this earth. At night I walk up my drive w a torch and see hundreds of eyes reflected back at me from the rank grass - spiders invisible at any other time. Boffa miskall wouldnt have seen this, but they will be there.

This dump and its risk is my worst nightmare. Our neighborhood puts up with a lot more than most

- fly dumping
- drunks most weekends on the road with guns shooting anything that moves
- poaching
- spotlighting on private land from the road
- carcasses of farm animals, pigs, deer and fish dumped in the forestry.

A dump on top of all this is simply unfair. I don't want the dump here, I also don't want it anywhere else either

Please turn this application down.

Thankyou.