

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 **OPPOSE** / the application of:

Applicant's Name: Dunedin City Council

And/or Organisation:

Application Number: RM20.280

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

Purpose: Construction and operation of a Class 1 landfill

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

The location of the proposed Smooth Hill landfill and its proximity to Otokia Creek and Brighton Beach.

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 environmental reasons. The impact of the landfill on water quality in Otokia Creek, Brighton Beach and the surrounding coastline will have a direct effect on recreational activities in the area – swimming, surfing, kayaking, fishing and collection of kaimoana. If the water is not safe, the main attraction of Brighton to its residents and visitors will be lost.

Toxic leachate and the attraction of pests will have catastrophic consequences to the local wildlife, flora and fauna. The south coast of Dunedin is home to unique species such as the Hooker's sea lion and little blue penguin; Otokia Creek hosts 2 endangered fish species (Longfin Eel and Redfin Bully) and 2 endangered bird species (White Heron and Black Stilt). It is in our best interests to provide the local wildlife with a clean and safe environment in which they thrive and to nurture the overall ecosystem of the area.

Brighton village will be inundated with noise and odour from the proposed landfill, especially in a south-westerly wind, which is a prevailing wind direction for the area. In turn, Brighton will become a less desirable place to live and visit; devaluation of property is inevitable.

I also have concern over the increase in traffic along what is already a fragile piece of coastal road. Waste overflowing from rubbish trucks while they drive is a common occurrence and the location of the proposed landfill will increase the risk of rubbish ending up on our beaches and in the ocean.

One of the unique attractions of Dunedin as a city and a district is the ability to take a short drive from the CBD and experience truly wild places. The proposed location of the landfill will reduce Brighton and the whole south coast to a toxic wasteland; a natural scenic area will be wiped off the map.

I understand that the location of the proposed Smooth Hill landfill site was based off an area assessment completed in 1992. In 29 years, Brighton has transformed significantly. It is now a flourishing small community, popular with young families, retirees and those who enjoy the natural beauty and outdoor recreational activities the area has to offer. The degradation of the natural environment will lead to a degradation of the social, economic and mental health of the community.

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

I seek that the ORC outright decline the Dunedin City Council's application for the Smooth Hill landfill.

I/we:

- 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.

- 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/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 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.

Becky Lawrence

14/11/2021

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:

Otago Regional Council, Private Bag 1954, Dunedin, 9054
or by email to submissions@orc.govt.nz