

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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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:

Permits and consent for the construction and operation of a proposed landfill
at Smooth Hill

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

The application in its entirety which covers:

Discharges to land air and water

Diversion of surface water in the Otakia Creek Catchment

Damming of water for the construction and operation of a landfill

Alteration, reclamation and the placing of structures on waterbodies and wetlands for road
realignment works

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)*.

We oppose the application in its entirety. The development of a rubbish dump in the gully at the top of Brighton Creek threatens the environmental future of the Otakia Creek and associated wetlands and the safe swimming areas of Brighton Creek and potentially, extending to Brighton Beach.

The application is in direct conflict with the stated goal of the Government to improve water quality within one generation and with the goals, aspirations and indeed the responsibilities of the Otago Regional Council with regard to the protection of wetlands and freshwater management.

It is ironic that while significant efforts are being made by landholders and others to restore our unique wetlands and ecosystems, the DCC appears to consider it acceptable to work toward their degradation and the degradation of water quality.

Our view is that the DCC has not sufficiently investigated alternatives to this proposal which would include assessing more suitable locations and promoting and assisting with measures to achieve improved waste minimisation and recycling. We should also not forget that the DCC lodged this application for consent just four days prior to the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020, which would have prohibited this activity, coming into effect.

We note that we may not be directly affected by the potentially negative environmental outcomes of this proposal proceeding. However, our children and grandchildren who currently enjoy, respect and work to enhance the environment in the affected area most definitely will be. Not a legacy that we would wish for them.

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

That the consent application is declined in its entirety

we:

- Do Not wish to be heard in support of our submission

If others make a similar submission, I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

- No

We are **are 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.

We **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.

We **have** served a copy of our submission on the applicant.



Signature/s of submitter/s
(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter/s)

12 November 2021

(Date)