



Tēnā koutou katoa,

We are Eva and Jett from Generation Zero - a rangatahi-led climate justice organisation.

We mobilise New Zealanders to support and campaign for intergenerational climate justice.

As the student-led Dunedin branch of Generation Zero we are particularly concerned with environmental issues that will continue to affect our generation in future years. Smooth Hill is unfortunately such an example of a short term solution that will only cause more damage for future generations. We must focus on viable long term solutions to protect our environments.

This proposed action could jeopardise the future livelihood and health of Otago residents. We can't stand by and allow this to happen.

We are here today because we do not support this application which we believe will result in numerous negative impacts on the surrounding environment and community.

Simply put, the effects of this application are well more than minor. There is no justifiable circumstance under the RMA in which this application should be approved.

Firstly, The application does not reflect long term environmental planning and waste minimisation goals outlined in the DCC and ORC Ten Year Plans.

Generation Zero gave a submission regarding both plans last year and were impressed by the level of transparency and commitment to sustainable development shown by both councils.

The ORC's commitments toward freshwater and wildlife were particularly impressive. Specific ORC plans include improving water quality and restoring biodiversity in waterways. The proposed landfill clearly goes against this, with multiple major potential



impacts on these environments. The negative impact that the landfill will have on the black backed gull is a clear example of this. Lethal control measures proposed are of particular concern.

Smooth Hill flies in the face of this commitment, and jeopardises the ability of the ORC and DCC to reach their environmental goals. The application is blatantly unsustainable, and is distracting from a greater issue of inadequate waste management and culture in the Otago region. Smooth Hill only provides a short term solution to waste, it is not an efficient or well thought out proposal to safeguard our futures in time of climate crisis.

Furthermore to be considered is the potential negative effects of the dump on the wider Brighton community. The Class One landfill that is proposed includes many dangerous substances including asbestos, which will have potentially serious consequences for the surrounding community.

We heard Andrew Rumsby speak to bio-accumulates on Friday. It really highlighted just one of the many risks that this landfill poses to the health of Brighton residents.

Environment is defined in the RMA as encompassing physical *and* human environments. The Smoothhill landfill has potential to cause severe impacts on both these environments.

The community has been vocal in expressing their discontentment with this plan, citing the many potential negative impacts on their welfare.

You've seen many community members in the past few days of hearings. They wouldn't be here if they believed the DCC was managing this consent application genuinely. We need only look at the timeline of the resource consent application. Only a few days later, new freshwater policy statements would've shut down the application as a whole.

These are concerns surrounding potential odour, risk of fire, increased pests and decrease in property values in the area in close proximity. Also mentioned are the impacts on



members of the community with underlying health conditions in terms of water and air quality, which will be disproportionate.

The ORC has a responsibility to listen to the general population, and more so the vulnerable population in Dunedin- and the community has spoken. Listen.

Put into summary, this application fails to meet a number of grounds under the RMA that the ORC must consider.

The non- environmental impacts are significant, and, most importantly, Smoothhill does not fit ORC's long term environmental planning and waste management goals set out in the ORC Ten Year Plan.

Environmental effects are more than minor and will cause harm to the Brighton community. We can't support such an application.

Thank you so much for listening

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