

**BEFORE THE OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL
AND THE DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act
1991 (Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER Resource Consent Applications
ORC RM19.441 and DCC LUC-
2019-658 – Port Otago Ltd Te
Rauone Beach Rock Groynes and
Sand Re-nourishment

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF KEVIN GERARD WINDERS
ON BEHALF OF PORT OTAGO LTD**

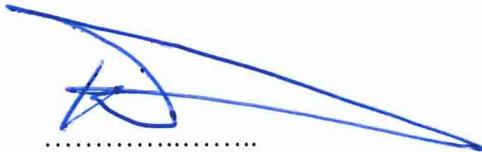
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I, **Kevin Gerard Winders** of Dunedin, Chief Executive state:

1. I am the Chief Executive of Port Otago Ltd.
2. Port Otago Ltd has made application for coastal permits and land use consent for the work proposed to be carried out at Te Rauone Beach.
3. Port Otago Ltd has been involved in discussions with iwi and community groups in relation to proposals to improve the beach at Te Rauone since at least 2004. It is recognised in the Third Schedule of the Regional Plan: Coast as a coastal hazard area, with sandy beach erosion placing the beach, road and property at risk.
4. There is strong community support (reflected in 383 submissions supporting the application) for the beach to be improved and I note the proposed work will have to avoid adverse effects through the use of the Environment Management Plan (EMP) and the Lizard Management Plan (LMP) (to mitigate effects on the Southern Grass Skink).
5. There have been a number of concepts and designs which were originally prepared on the basis that Port Otago Ltd would provide and deliver the sand at its cost and the balance of the cost would be paid by residents and the councils. This was at a time when the project was estimated to cost about \$1 million whereas the current cost is likely to be at least 3 times that amount.
6. It became apparent to me that in order for the project to go ahead Port Otago Ltd would need to finance it.
7. Accordingly, Port Otago Ltd has taken responsibility for the project to create a new public amenity and:
 - (a) It has listened to the iwi and the community but is responsible for the final plans which provide a beach amenity with a high tide beach width of at least 5 metres;
 - (b) It accepts the financial responsibility for carrying out the work involved in the resource consent applications; and
 - (c) It will maintain the structures after construction which will include recycling and/or further renourishment of the beach and rock replacement and relocation.
8. There is considerable cost to Port Otago Ltd in taking responsibility for the project and it is prepared to meet this cost as a contribution to the wider community. I note that the community has raised \$300,000 and there will be discussion with the Te Rauone Beach Coast Care Committee as to how that money will be spent.

9. While Port Otago Ltd is prepared to accept financial responsibility for the project and maintenance of the structures, it is not prepared to accept a condition that would require it to remove the structures at some time in the future. The reasons for this are:
- (a) The evidence from Becca is that the project should be reassessed in 2035 to take into account climate change and again in 2050 and it will be a community decision as to what is required at that time;
 - (b) The structures are intended to be provided as a community asset with no commercial value to Port Otago Ltd; and
 - (c) I have been advised that the structures could not be removed without resource consents being obtained.

Dated: 1 December 2020

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K G Winders

