NZ First candidate Michael Laws has recently made comments in the media which cast aspersions on the appearance and behaviours of some female candidates of another political party.

As Mr Laws is also a councillor on the Otago Regional Council, we wish to make it clear that the comments and values expressed are in no way those of the Otago Regional Council.

We expect our Council table to be a place where everyone is treated with dignity, care and respect.

We consider it a privilege to have been chosen to lead the Otago Regional Council on your behalf and will continue to do so to the best of our abilities.

Chair Hilary Calvert
On behalf of Council