

Submission on proposed variations to the Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 – 2021

Dear Sirs

I am writing with serious concern about the state of the South end of Dublin Bay Rd Wanaka.

Most of Dublin Bay Rd was sealed some time back, as it is an extremely busy Rd particularly in the Summer months, as many locals, holiday makers and tourists come to see and use one of the most beautiful Bays on Lake Wanaka. However for some obscure reason about 500M of the road at the South end was left unsealed and the result is clouds of fine dust continuously in the air dangerously blocking visibility and coating cars, people and surrounding land. The road is a disgrace and embarrassment really, not to mention the danger to all users. Lately the road has been so bad that everyone has taken to driving on the grass and silt verge as the corrugations are so bad it is almost impossible to drive on the road.

I did see a grader parked on the side of the highway yesterday so hopefully the intention is to grade that part of Dublin Bay road which if it happens will be a temporary improvement.

But that is not the answer – there is a real safety issue with this road especially in the summer as there is continuous traffic passing in clouds of dust and it is just a matter of time before people get seriously hurt if that short piece of the road is not sealed. I'm sure it is inefficient having to send graders out to do that small piece of road which is probably why it hasn't been getting maintained as it should. Surely getting that part of the road sealed is more efficient for Council as minimal maintenance required after that – it would remove the safety issue and the many Lake users that go to Dublin Bay can arrive safely in comfort without being covered in dust and juddered – a much more pleasant experience.

I Look forward to a positive response

Sincerely

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