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My name is

Colin Weatherall, and I reside at 1118 Brighton Rd. Brighton Dunedin

this is on the South Coast just beyond the landfill extension .

My history briefly / interests confirms that I've lived in the community for over 50 years and I was the Community Board chair since the inception of the Saddle hill Community Board when it was established in 1989 on local government reorganisation when 7 authorities within this greater city area became one under the cover of the Dunedin City Council .

In 1997 I joined the Dunedin Council as an elected member for the Green Island /Saddle hill area being ward location and I was their councillor over the duration for the next 15 years until I retired from council.

My coming before you today Sir with regard to my personal experiences and I won't attempt to dwell into too much technical information , but I will say this area / *landfill location* has been part of my local Government life for over 40 years

I place before you and seek your considerations of the following matters .

Re Locationadjacent to this particular landfill site was a *former site* that was run by Fulton Hogan and Enviro waste in the Fairfield community .for over 30 years .

It's on the western side of this location and it was a landfill that was brought to closure during the late 90s and in that regard I want to point out the benefits to that community as the landfill closed, the establishment of many native plants and vegetation / trees in particular they've

community .

community and the significant influence that this landfill had on this
As the developed is now closed and the land is actually *settling* in reduction of overall
height, quite an important element when we go into the closure of existing landfills is what
ultimately they leave in the Community.

First of Key matters

The wider area has high **recreational values** now and greater in the future , as a member /
warranted officer of the Fish and Game Otago /council , I can speak with some knowledge of
what happens in this catchment.

Game bird hunting (Duck shooting) particularly in the upper catchment ...and closer to the
sea (adjacent to the road bridge just South of the area) is a significant fishing location that
young anglers take out some well-conditioned /factored trout.

Over many years I've seen quality trout caught in this vicinity .

The game bird season used to produce significant game birds in the lower Estuary but now
hunting is mainly restricted to the upper quadrants (Map)

Most Critical is the **Leachate Management** now and in the futureis a **KEY**
Issue controls as of today are reported as marginal...but in future are **CRITICAL**

Increased mass/ bulk in the Landfill zone make this a Key Long-term matter .

Make-up of the Residential areas adjacent to the Landfill zone ..

Over the years the development of the residencies in an area known as WAVY Kouns a
lifestyle development that came in in the 90s early 2000s which had homes with Esplanade
overviews and a very pleasant and well established location Adjacent recreational values
include the adjacent **Island Park Golf Club** .

Initially I was surprised that no one from those adjacent Residential areas (including) Clarendon Avenue . .(other than Mr. Venerable and myself) have indicated a willingness to speak to you about some of the experiences we/they have had from the current landfill . They have experienced first-hand council actions /reactions of the earlier periods of the 90s including acquisitions of significant land in around the area which the council owns and now manages . I now acknowledge the Evidence of Council staff (including the Councils CEO) and consultant's confirming discussions and communications continues to be undertaken THIS IS CRITICAL ongoing .

The upgrades have been and continue to be applied to the **Green island Waste water plant**, this started off being nothing more than a large Shiff . significant upgrades as applied , now it is a state-of-the-art facility that serves a very large catchment and is the second largest processing component in the area.

With Council future plans for South Dunedin , this will continue to be critical for the city's infrastructure future, so the ultimate plans for the Landfill (Life) has to have this protection included ie (pipe line protection)

Future of . What will happen after the useable life has been expired.... because clearly in some of the documents of the (42 A report,) the report writer s) comments that waste will go from Green island to Smooth hill once the new location is established.

Smooth hill is yet to be established is subject to separate consents and the matters are reasonably well resolved but I suggest the key question is when **will** the Dunedin City Council allocate sufficient money to proceed with that.... as until that point and there's a potential of a crossover between extended life of this landfill and the new one or maybe the council considers alternative ways to dispose of waste that won't require it to go to Smooth Hill (short term / Longer term)

We will need to deal with that as we progress , as it's somewhat significant in the capital program for the council and its next nine year plan that's about to come out for consultation particularly the allocation of sufficient money and I think the last recall I saw it was an excess of \$70 million .

What happens if **this** landfill doesn't meet the needs of the city, or its physical life expires by the consent that you are most likely going to grant.

// here a gap does the community have to just stay in limbo while we find out.

I revert to the 42 A report and associated documents that were circulated with this application many of them talk about **future plans** and other things to be **yet** to be designed so we (Community) don't know with any certainty what the future may look like here on the extension of this site , but that is in your hands .

Generally, the parameters are set but the individual design doesn't show up... a Challenge for You Sir .

Other matters that concern me

Odour for the community that's close by.

Council has a reasonably good record of controlling litter on the site now ...

Community Values

I'm in favour of continuing to use this base asset that's been in the city's life since **Green island** facility first opened .

I am strongly in support of that it continues to be a **collection and distribution centre** for all sorts of waste that may come through and be needing of disposal or whatever form that may be. Its critical that we make sure that the employment that goes with **this asset** for the city remains available to the greater good of the community of Green island .

May I comment about the community liaison group that's recommended within the 42A / draft conditions report.

it is an excellent idea, I've been involved in a number of them in the community and the wider experience I've had then is they can have real good benefit , the ultimate will be that as it gets up and going . This ensures the matters of concern to the community are minimised **particularly at Early stages.**

To keep the "checks and balances" to ensure that the community **has a voice** in this project .
I would ask that in the membership of the community group , that includes a representative of
the recreational values .(Particularly Walking / biking/ access from upper reaches of
Kaikoura stream to the sea .

Council (DCC) in attached submissions to this application nominates **Funding** in the long term
Draft plan to facilitate this onwards as the Landfill reaches maturity / closure.

If we look around the city we can see a number of former landfills that have turned into
recreational parks and sports playing fields a classic example is the head of this catchment
which is the Sunnyvale Sports Complex and sports fields a huge asset for the community
because the plan was done right for the future use ... **All in this catchment .**

Well done we can all live together

Thankyou



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