

21 August 2026

Kia Ora

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 – South Dunedin Future

Thank you for your request of 30 June 2026, for information held by the Dunedin City Council (DCC) relating to South Dunedin Future. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

A table is provided which outlines expenditure on external consultants, advisors, or contractors for work related to the South Dunedin Future programme and St Clair / St Kilda Coastal Plan during the period 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2026.

Information relating to analysis of risks, potential response options, costs, benefits and related considerations is already publicly available in the Council material released in June 2026 ([here](#)), March 2025 ([here](#)), or in December 2023 ([here](#)).

In 2023, DCC began investigating proactive property acquisition in South Dunedin as part of its broader climate adaptation response, including the development of an indicative business case. This business case, together with the related September 2023 media release, is attached. DCC subsequently commissioned two further reports, prepared by PwC in 2025 and 2026 respectively. These reports, also attached, assess the potential property implications of natural hazards and climate change-related risks, and consider possible response options, including potential and proposed adaptation futures for South Dunedin.

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2026 11:09 a.m.

To: Official Information <officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz>

Subject: LGOIMA Request – South Dunedin Future programme: consultant expenditure and infrastructure vs managed retreat analysis (2022–2026)

Kia ora,

Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, I request the following information:

1. The total amount spent by Dunedin City Council on external consultants, advisors, or contractors for work related to the South Dunedin Future programme, coastal hazard assessment, managed retreat planning, or climate adaptation in South Dunedin from 1 July 2022 to the present date. Please provide a breakdown by financial year and by major project or workstream where possible.
2. Any reports, briefings, technical assessments, or analysis prepared since 2022 that compare or assess the costs, benefits, risks, or long-term outcomes of major infrastructure protection options (such as large-scale drainage upgrades, pumping stations, stopbanks, or land raising) versus managed retreat, property acquisition, or voluntary buyout pathways in South Dunedin.
3. Any modelling or advice on the long-term impacts on ratepayers, property values, or council revenue from large-scale property acquisition or managed retreat in South Dunedin.

I request that this information be provided free of charge. The request relates to matters of significant public interest concerning flood risk management and decision-making processes affecting South Dunedin residents.

Please let me know if you require any clarification.

Ngā mihi,

Expenditure on external consultants, advisors, or contractors for work related to the St Clair / St Kilda Coastal Plan during the period 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2026

FY	Vender	Contract	Value
2023/24	Jacobs New Zealand LTD	Technical Support Services for Modelling St Clair / St Kilda	\$79,957.88
	WSP New Zealand Limited	Coastal Hazard Screening	\$181,839.56
	Jacobs New Zealand LTD	Coastal Hazard Screening Peer Review Follow up	\$8,945.00
2023/24 Total			\$270,742.44
2024/25	Jacobs New Zealand LTD	Technical Support Services for Modelling St Clair / St Kilda	\$182,244.31
	2024/25 Total		\$182,244.31
2025/26	Tonkin and Taylor	Coastal Inundation Assessment from Dunedin System Failure	\$24,500.00
	Jacobs New Zealand LTD	Technical Support Services for Modelling St Clair / St Kilda	\$80,433.81
2025/26 Total			\$104,933.81