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SUBMISSION ON: Notified Plan Change DIS-2021-1 (Variation 2) on the Second Generation District Plan

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Introduction

Southern District Health Board (SDHB) presents this submission through its public health service, Public Health South (PHS). This Service is the principal source of expert advice within Southern DHB regarding matters concerning Public Health. Southern DHB has responsibility under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities. Additionally, there is a responsibility to promote the reduction of adverse social and environmental effects on the health of people and communities. With 4,250 staff, we are located in the lower South Island (South of the Waitaki River) and deliver health services to a population of 306,500.

Public health services are offered to populations rather than individuals and are considered a “public good”. They fall into two broad categories – health protection and health promotion. They aim to create or advocate for healthy social, physical and cultural environments.

This submission is intended to provide general commentary to the Dunedin City Council relating to the proposed amendments to the Second Generation District Plan (2GP Variation 2).

General Comments

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CITY COUNCILS VARIATION 2 TO THE SECOND GENERATION DISTRICT PLAN (2GP)

Submission introduction

1. The specific provisions of the proposal our Submission relates to are shown in the attached schedule together with a statement whether we support or oppose the specific provision or wish it to be amended.
2. The decision we seek from the local authority is set out below or in the attached schedule together with reasons. Where we provide new words to be inserted into the Proposal or seek amendments to the wording of specific parts of the Proposal, we assert that the scope of our Submissions is intended to also cover words to the like effect in the specific section or in any other plan section which might be consequentially amended, or added.
3. The broad reason for these submissions is to provide helpful, objective and independent input so as to promote the reduction of adverse effects on the health of people and communities pursuant to the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956. Public Health South has statutory obligations for public health within the Central Otago district under Crown funding agreements with the Ministry of Health for the Southern District Health Board. The Ministry of Health requires public health services to reduce any potential health risks by means including Submissions and Further Submissions on any proposed Policy Statement or Plan, Changes to Plans, or Variations to Proposed Plan Changes to ensure matters of public health significance are considered by the Authority. The Dunedin City Council Variation 2 to the Second Generation District Plan includes matters with the potential to impact on the health of people and communities.
4. This submitter could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

Specific submissions

5. Submissions on specific plan provisions are shown below under the heading "Specific submissions on Dunedin City Council Proposed Variation 2 to the 2GP" that appear as Appendix 1
6. This submitter will wish to be heard in support of its submissions and will not consider presenting a joint case with any other submitter.

Dated at Dunedin this 5th day of March 2021

{no signature required –electronic submission}

For and on behalf of Public Health South, Southern District Health Board

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Appendix 1: General Submissions on Variation 2 to the Second Generation District Plan (2GP)

1. Submission 1 – Infrastructure

The specific provision is:	The ability for Dunedin City Council to provide reticulated services for all expanded and green fields areas identified for future housing growth and increased density
<p>Our Submission is: The Proposal is supported</p> <p>Dunedin City and Towns population is expected to grow in the medium to short term (moderate growth). The applicant had stated that there is expected to be additional housing demand for up to 1300 new houses over the short term, 2850 additional homes over the medium term and 6200 by 2018 – 2048. Therefore, there is a need for Dunedin City to identify further areas for housing development and building platforms in a revised 2GP. As we understand it, to do this the DCC will have to change/relax some residential area building rules to allow for increased density within existing/defined residential areas (e.g. allowing duplex development) and also to allow rezoning of some existing (other) areas into residential. Public Health South want to be assured that should this take place, that new residential development and intensification can only take place if there is either existing capacity within Council's reticulated services or additional capacity will be in place beforehand. We now understand that this variation has been a very 'Infrastructure lead' initiative, housing standards will be maintained, and therefore we give our full support to the variation as advertised.</p>	
The decision required is : Supported in total	