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Dunedin Skateboarding Association submission to 9 Year Plan 2025-2034

Dear Councillors,

We made a submission during the consultation on *Tō Tātou Eke Whakamuri The Future Of Us* in 2021 and were pleased to hear that the need to invest in our city's skatepark facilities resonated with you and that funding had been set aside as a result.

Funding was provided in the draft budget for 2022/23 to renew the Thomas Burns and Mornington skateparks as well as additional funding over the 10 years for renewals to smaller community facilities. This was reiterated in the Play Space Implementation Plan 2021-2024.

Unfortunately in the 4 years that have passed we have seen little progress. Plans were drafted for the Mornington skatepark after community consultation but unfortunately nothing has eventuated.

In the meantime our facilities have continued to deteriorate with no maintenance undertaken and long standing issues unresolved. We have fallen further behind the facilities offered in our neighboring regions, not just larger cities but also small towns like Wanaka, Winton and Kaitangata!.

We submitted to the Annual Plan process in 2024 and were pleased to hear in your discussions that investment would be considered during this 9 Year Plan yet the only mention is of "skate slabs" which alone won't meet the needs and desires of our cities skateboard, scooter, rollerblade and bike users.

We're aware of the constraints the current financial environment places on the city's resources but also feel that this environment puts even more emphasis on the value of our city having facilities where residents of all ages can engage in active recreation that Sport NZ research show our young people participating in at higher rates than most other sports and activities.

Our 2021 submission is attached which outlines the issues we face with our current facilities and our vision for the future of these facilities.

We remain committed to engaging with the council and the broader community in improving and developing inclusive facilities that our city can be proud of. We hope that the need to improve our city's facilities resonates with you in the same way it did in 2021 and that funding required to improve these facilities can be accommodated in our 9 Year Plan.

Sincerely,
Dunedin Skateboard Association