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Dunedin City Council
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Dear Sir

Submission on DCC Nine Year Plan 2025 – 34 – Smooth Hill Landfill

This submission is in support of the proposal in the 9 year plan for the DCC to build a landfill at Smooth Hill.

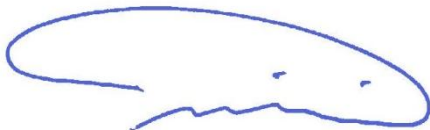
Willowridge considers that the management of a District's waste is a core Council function. While there has been a noticeable focus in recent years on waste minimisation and recycling, the requirement to landfill endures as an essential component of waste management.

Willowridge is fully supportive of the District managing its own waste in its own District. Disposal of waste to other Districts (as currently occurs for yellow and green lidded bins) is an inefficient, risky and unsustainable means of dealing with a District's waste, both in financial (transport costs, beholding to external fee's) and environmental terms (transport emissions).

Significant investment has gone in to planning for a new landfill at Smooth Hill. The issuing of a resource consent shows that this is an appropriate location for such, in terms of the ability to avoid, manage or mitigate the effects of such an operation. The development and operation of this landfill will allow Council to retain financial and environmental responsibility for the management of the city's waste.

Waste management and landfill is indeed a fascinating subject. Continually advancing practices and technology improves the environmental impact and efficiency of landfills and this is something the DCC should be at the forefront of for the benefit of the District.

Yours faithfully



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