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Submission to the Dunedin City Council Draft 2025-2034 9 -Year Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the 9-year plan, the board acknowledge the difficult situation the council is in financially but also acknowledges that the rates rise is difficult for all residents.

We would like to make some comments on the plan and put forward a few suggested improvements for the West Harbour Community. These are not big expensive projects but would make a huge difference to the lives of West Harbour residents along with the thousands of visitors we have between October to April due to the Cruise Ship season.

The 9 Year plan is very detailed and so we will get straight to the point.

In the draft 9 Year Plan the Urban Centre Upgrade proposes to start with minor improvements in small centres. As the Gateway to Dunedin and Otago, the West Harbour Community Board asks that a share of this funding is spent in our West Harbour area:

- We request that the George Street Port Chalmers Public Carpark be repaired, there are major potholes in this carpark, which are a health and safety hazard, especially at night due to the lack of lighting and is stopping the public and retailers from using it, hence parking on George St, which means less parking for visitors and locals on the main street. Recently we lost two parks one on either side of the road by the George St bus stops at the bottom of the main road which had never been an issue with road users, an issue we will take-up with the Otago Regional Council. The improvement to the public carpark would certainly improve the parking situation.
- Council recommended that a Disability Park is installed in the Public Carpark off George Street Port Chalmers, to provide safer parking for those needing a disability park to access the Chemist and the local dairy. We ask that this Disability Park be installed as soon as possible.
- The main street is looking shabby and has done for several years. Given the amount of foot traffic Port Chalmers receives from visiting tourists and now many more cyclists due to the shared path, we ask for some footpath and streetscape improvements, such as more simple wooden seating on the main street, adjacent to the library, and outside other retailers who are happy to host these.
- Some street plantings are maintained by adjacent retailers and local residents, others not, so some improvements there would also be welcomed.
- The completion for the carpark at the Aramoana Destination Playground should be completed as promised.
- Other safety issues we would like to see addressed include traffic calming on Peninsula Beach Road. I.e. 3 – 4 speed bumps. This road has many dog walkers, independent walkers,



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including visiting cruise ship passengers and now an increase in more cyclists. Local users of this road are concerned about the safety of this stretch of road. This would have a big positive impact for road users for a small cost. We also do not want to see Cruise ship shuttles or other tour buses using this road.

- The West Harbour Community Board asks that the Council reiterate their commitment to provide toilets at Pūrākaunui and St Leonards on the shared path. Council committed to funding both of these toilets following Targetted public consultation, and the St Leonards Toilets is around 3 years overdue. As such, we need assurance that they will proceed as planned.
- On Blueskin Road a lot of money has been spent repairing the slip on this difficult road, but the traffic mirror at the Scott Memorial Lookout corner has disappeared. Being able to see traffic coming up the hill towards the narrow blind corner, is especially important. We ask this mirror be reinstated urgently.
- In terms of Water Done Well, the Board supports keeping this inhouse. We consider this a more cost-effective option for ratepayers. It means we have local control over our water assets and uses the in-house expertise of staff who are familiar with our water assets and what needs to be done to manage assets appropriately for Dunedin.

We also wish to comment on the proposal to place shower/toilet facilities at the Railway Station in town. We are unclear who this proposed facility is for, and why it is going ahead at the same time as funding for new toilets within ratepayer communities could be cut.

The Board feels that Council needs to diversify its income stream, and we support the proposed increase to development contributions.

The Board supports the reinstatement of the previous service levels for the cutting of verges and public areas alongside roads. In many parts of the city these are not accessible for adjoining property owners to do if they are on a slope, and to do so is a health and safety risk for many residents especially in hill suburbs or alongside busy roads.

To recap:

- Improvements to the George St Port Chalmers Public carpark including proper repair of potholes that are a health and Safety hazard, a tripping hazard for users and we want the installation of the Mobility Park in the carpark, to be completed.
- Completion of the carpark at the Aramoana playground adjacent to the hall.
- Council continues to commit to the toilets for Pūrākaunui and St Leonards.
- Safety improvements to the Back Beach area including ensuring the carpark is in good condition and parking is appropriate for the use by the public including yacht trailers and local visitors. There is safe access for pedestrians in this area.
- That Safety improvements are made to Peninsula Beach Road, such as traffic calming and pothole maintenance.



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- The missing safety mirror at the Scott Memorial corner is replaced urgently.
- Retention of the Water Done Well as an inhouse activity.
- Reinstate grass verge cutting as it is a health and safety issue for older residents to access.

We also request:

- Increased focus on climate resilience for our coastal and exposed communities.
- In the short term we would like the two decommissioned local dams to at least be retained for firefighting and recreational purposes, while the impact of this decommissioning on the Citywide and West Harbour water supplies can be assessed.

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