

# Submission to 9 Year Plan



Taieri Network is submitting only on topics that have been raised within our community or by individuals through our networks. Our comments reflect the real needs and priorities we are hearing from the Taieri community.

As residents and ratepayers, we value being part of Dunedin City, but we also want to ensure that investment reflects the contributions and realities of communities beyond the central city.

We submit the following feedback:

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## **By-pass Road for Trucks**

We ask that DCC give serious consideration to Community Board recommendations regarding a truck bypass. Heavy traffic through residential areas poses ongoing safety, noise, and pollution concerns. A dedicated bypass would improve wellbeing for many residents and future-proof our transport network.

In general, we support infrastructure (transport and Three Waters) upgrades that are required across the city to improve performance or address assets near the end of their useful life.

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## **Taieri Events and Festivals**

We seek financial support for Taieri events such as *A Very Taieri Christmas*, *Matariki Celebrations*, and *Festival of the Plain*.

Our communities are part of Dunedin City, yet many find it challenging to travel to city-based events. These festivals build community spirit, celebrate local culture, and create positive social and economic impacts.

As ratepayers, we ask that DCC continue to invest in local events that bring direct value to our area.

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### **Tracks, Trails, and Tunnels – Wingatui Tunnel Trail**

We strongly support the development of the Wingatui Tunnel Trail. This project has huge potential for recreation, tourism, and community wellbeing.

Completing this trail would provide a safe, accessible, and heritage-rich attraction for both residents and visitors.

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### **Funding Community Partnerships**

We advocate for an increase of \$300,000 in Community Partnerships funding over the next two years, as well as reinstating previous reductions.

Grassroots organisations deliver critical services, strengthen social cohesion, and fill important gaps across the city, particularly in growing areas like Mosgiel-Taieri. Supporting them is a cost-effective way to strengthen civic-community engagement.

We also urge Council to ensure that the Community Partnerships team is properly resourced – in staffing and operational support – so that they can effectively support the mahi of these groups. Strong community partnerships underpin a resilient, thriving Dunedin.

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### **Changing Places Bathroom**

We agree with the principle of installing a Changing Places bathroom to support accessibility needs.

However, we recommend reviewing the location to ensure it is in a more practical and cost-effective setting, accessible to the people who most need it, without excessive build or maintenance costs.

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### **Mountain Biking Track for Teens at Willow Park**

We request development of a mountain biking facility at Willow Park (or other

suitable location) with three levels of difficulty, similar to Signal Hill.

There are limited spaces for young people (particularly 15 - 19yrs) to engage in active recreation in our area. A well-designed track would meet growing demand, support youth wellbeing, and provide a healthy outlet for local teens.

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### **Dog Parks**

Mosgiel urgently needs two additional dog parks, with adequate parking provided.

The Cemetery Road dog park currently has insufficient parking, creating safety issues and limiting usability. We ask the Council to work with the Mosgiel Taieri Community Board and other relevant staff to identify and invest in suitable additional locations.

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### **Public Toilets and Drinking Fountain at Taieri BMX Track**

We request the installation of public toilets and a drinking fountain at the Taieri BMX Track.

This is a highly used facility, particularly by young people and families. Access to basic amenities would significantly improve health, safety, and comfort for users. We also note that the nearby sports field is used by other sporting codes such as cricket and soccer, further increasing demand for public facilities in this area.

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### **DCC Internal Systems Update**

We support ongoing improvements to DCC's internal systems, including:

- Ability for rates invoices to be emailed to property owners
  - Greater compatibility of IT and data management across Council departments ie systems used by different teams (e.g., Parks and Recreation, Property, Finance) actually talk to each other.
  - Better streamline funding/granting systems
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### **Working with mana whenua**

Taieri Networks supports the Dunedin City Council's continued commitment to working with mana whenua to embed Māori principles and values in the city's initiatives, particularly in relation to Māori wellbeing. We believe that a strong, collaborative partnership with mana whenua is essential for ensuring that the DCC's strategies reflect the aspirations and needs of Māori communities in Ōtepoti Dunedin. By honoring these principles, we help to foster a future that values sustainability, cultural heritage, and the wellbeing of future generations, from a te ao Māori perspective.

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