

Social media comments on Aurora Energy Proposal (including Annual Plan 2024 comments)	
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Dunedin City Council	<p>You might have heard that Council is proposing to sell Aurora Energy Ltd, pay off its debt, and invest the proceeds into an investment fund - but we want to hear your views before making this important decision. For more information and to make a submission, head to our website: dunedin.govt.nz/aurora</p> <p>If you want to speak with someone face-to-face, head to one of the following drop-in sessions where Councillors will be available to have a chat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday, 28 March, 10am-12noon - Ground floor of the Civic Centre - Saturday, 30 March, 8am-12.30pm - Otago Farmers Market - Tuesday, 2 April, 2pm-4pm - Ground floor of the Civic Centre <p>You'll be able to find a full list of drop-in sessions and more information at our webpage: dunedin.govt.nz/aurora</p> <p>Submissions close on 2 May at 12noon.</p>
Mark Baldwin	Don't do it, private companies hike up prices in UK to make a fat profit- basically a tax on everyone using power.
Martha Hollick	I think a Referendum should be held regarding this issue using the same population base as for Local Government elections. That way everybody gets a say, not just those who feel strongly enough to make a submission.
Maro Tini	No way, why would you privatise it?
Debbie Wilson	Martha Hollick agreed
Jennifer Shulzitski	No. No. No. No. What a stupid idea. This has never worked for the public benefit in the long run. https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/132841291/big-four-power-companies-earning-7-million-every-day
David Solomon	Get this, just released financials for Dunedin City Holdings Ltd, show Aurora made the greatest single contribution to DCHL profit. Why sell the "Golden Goose" that will keep laying "Golden Eggs?"
Liz Stein	Totally against this
Pat Stedman	Wish we had more financial expertise on our council. Are they going to get some outsource of financial help with this.
Dene McDonald	Mark Baldwin the prices are governed and they can't just increase it for no reason.
Dene McDonald	Take the money and pay down debt. Sell other assets and get us to nil debt.
Dene McDonald	David Solomon this will mean that debt is paid down and the savings will be well in excess of what they make in profit. There will be an excess of 500+ million which will be invested, and potentially make a lot more than Aurora returns. Putting it in the bank would return 25 million a year alone. This is a win win, less debt, lower repayments, more income leading to lower rates for us all.
Dene McDonald	Martha Hollick only the people who feel strongly enough would vote. A referendum would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars for the same result.

Mark Baldwin	Dene McDonald would that be enshrined in law to prevent private companies doing that? It failed in UK for power and water, high prices, massive profits and divided to shareholders paid for by ordinary households.
David Solomon	Dene McDonald Send me the full numbers, as I am yet to see any cost/benefit analysis. If I could obtain all the information, I could do a full analysis, but the information is not forthcoming. Under the BCG matrix, Aurora would be moving from a Dog, to being a Cash Cow. So the new owners will get that benefit, if sold. That would be "Goodwill." What value would that be?
Dene McDonald	David Solomon I only have what has been reported, sale price of in excess of \$1 billion, \$576 million debt. So that would clear \$500+ million dollars to reinvest. I have no idea what the repayments would be on \$576 million debt but it would be significant.
David Solomon	Dene McDonald Yes, well that is a very crude analysis. Some drilling down of numbers needs to be undertaken by professional Business Advisors, not adhoc numbers bandied about by guess work. Could be a Case Study for the University of Otago Business School to offer to Phd graduates?
Paul Mack	Why when you'll do whatever you want anyway
Brett Sinclair	Sell Aurora to whom?, anybody who comes up with the money?. What about selling 49%?, at least then ratepayers can keep some sort of control. What's to say the buyer won't jack up the prices to people who buy from them?, Aurora maybe a regulated company but you only need to look at the selling of the state owned electricity companies and what happened to the cost of electricity. Will there be some sort of oversight to prevent that from happening?, the Commerce Commission and Electricity Authority as we all know are relatively toothless (bark worse than bite). Who will be managing the sale proceeds?, mates of council members?. What's this "diversified investment fund" and "sustainable income stream" really mean?, who will manage that, how much will they want for managing it, where will they invest and what does that mean for the ordinary ratepayer? (pet projects?). Who gets to decide on the value of Aurora?, as the council blurb states "The alternative is to keep Aurora Energy, which is likely to increase in capital value over time". Would be better off selling the stadium imo, at least the buyer will be incentivized to profit from it and make it pay for them by holding more concerts, rugby matches etc and it will be used more than it is now. So keep Aurora and watch the capital grow over time (with the proviso we will be in financial pain for some time) or sell it and invest the proceeds in some "diversified investment fund" the results of which we may or may not see?. Remember, once you sell an asset you generally will never get it back.
Lisa Yonker	Dene McDonald but our rates won't be reduced and we will pay more to whatever outfit buys Aurora
Sonia Kilner	there's that word again....PROPOSED, we all know the new meaning of that! ðŸ˜–ðŸ˜–
Peter Read	Why not sell the stadium instead ?
Duncan Ross	And then we just have to pay higher power prices. Short-term book balancing at the expense of the future.
Duncan Ross	Dene McDonald they just invent reasons to hike it by the maximum every time
Duncan Ross	Dene McDonald and everyone has to pay a bunch extra money that they didn't use to.
Duncan Ross	But at least we made the books look shiny in the here and now, right? ðŸ˜–!â€™ĭ,

Duncan Ross	David Solomon how about the people who think this will work pays the money to produce the research to prove it (the research already shows it doesn't).
	<p>Dene McDonald selling Aurora to private interests will be a short-term boost that makes the books look great now only. In 25, 50 years, we will be worse off than if we had kept Aurora. We need the focus to be on providing the service, not turning a profit.</p> <p>This is the power grid we're talking about.</p> <p>Instead of being provided as a service by the city, we end up with a corporation using the energy grid to achieve the maximum profits possible.</p> <p>Cut corners wherever possible, outsource whatever you can, buy the cheapest parts, try to get the most out of your workers while giving them the least....</p>
Duncan Ross	Sounds like a recipe for a dodgy electricity supply. Great!
Duncan Ross	Peter Read have we even broken even on it yet? Probably no one would buy it as they'd just be buying a huge chunk of debt.
Floris Wouters	Maro Tini Because that really worked in the past with other things they sold off. (like railroads to name one)
Raewyn Young	No!
AlanRoz Henderson	Isn't this the only business turning a profit? Very short sighted selling it.
Vickie Cross	David Solomon before expenditure, sure. But there is a lot of expenditure to come out of that profit.
Irie Simpson	Kris Nicolau oh no.. there has to be a better way
Dunedin City Council	Kia ora koutou - Thanks for all your comments and feedback about the proposal. To ensure your voices and opinions are heard, remember to go to our website to make a formal submission on the proposal. There's also plenty of information to help you understand what council is considering. Head to: dunedin.govt.nz/aurora
Laufrin Marie	Ohh, here we go...
	<p>Aurora is revenue generating asset, providing essential services to people of Dunedin, Otago and Southland . Selling this asset is clearly unwise. The asset is most likely to be purchased by the hedge fund which will load it with more debt, reduce costs by cutting maintenance and investment in new assets, increase prices which will affect every one of us, and especially people who are already struggling with energy costs. And all of these to pay debts created by irrational spending .</p>
Galiya Ismakova	Absolutely NO!
Galiya Ismakova	Martha Hollick I agree !
Galiya Ismakova	Mark Baldwin I agree ! We should all oppose the sale of Aurora

Galiya Ismakova	Dene McDonald this is not going to happen. They are increasing rates by 17.5 %. They run out of excuses to cover their financial stupidity and now want to sell revenue generating asset to pay for vanity projects
Galiya Ismakova	Duncan Ross we should absolutely oppose this
Dene McDonald	Galiya Ismakova it barely generates any revenue. The idea is to sell, pay debt, and then buy something that generates more revenue.
	Dene McDonald check annual report
Galiya Ismakova	https://www.auroraenergy.co.nz/media/fwvnhdb/aurora-energy-2023-annual-report.pdf
Galiya Ismakova	Dene McDonald this is the screenshot from the annual report. I encourage you to check the facts
Duncan Ross	Galiya Ismakova agreed! Unfortunately the only accepted opposition before council is submissions. So if you haven't, then you should submit in opposition!
John Corboy	Take a good look at the history of Thames water London A total disaster after privatization strip the assets forget about maintenance up the prices and dump it .A few get very rich the public loose control.
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Keith Dickson	LEE is the man , go with his call
Marie Kirkwood	I'm unclear how this proposed sale will impact the costs to the public for electricity after the sale. Will the company continue to operate as it has been, albeit under new ownership? Will there be likely to be new costs involved which will be passed on to the public?
Ronny Hayes	Marie Kirkwood good questions. I am interested to hear these also.
Sue Lavender	Very short sighted. Knee jerk reaction. Stop the unnecessary spending.
Jerome Wigger	Can council be trusted to manage a wealth fund better than their terrible management of the electricity grid?

George Gibson	You screwed Aurora years back by demanding huge dividends to pay for that bloody white elephant of a stadium. Aurora could not even afford to the statutory maintenance on its power poles. Someone should have been jailed for this level of corruption.
Dunedin City Council	Marie Kirkwood the information you are seeking is here https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/council-projects/aurora-energy-proposal
David Solomon	Dunedin City Council This is the most inept case for selling a public asset ever. We need a better financial analysis.
	<p>Marie Kirkwood look at it this way, take a company that's being run as a service, now change this to being run to maximize profits.</p> <p>Do you think that change will result in higher costs to consumers?</p> <p>Do you think corners will be cut as cost-saving measures?</p> <p>What other cost-saving measures are typically used by private businesses and do you think those would affect quality of service?</p>
Duncan Ross	I'm confident that this sale will result in higher costs for a lower quality service.
	<p>Jerome Wigger council isn't allowed to manage it. That's why it's being run by an independent business, which is owned by an umbrella corporation that is owned by the DCC.</p> <p>The mismanagement the electrical grid is a direct result of a private business running it.</p> <p>Think about how poorly it's been managed by a private business that is supposed to be managing it for the people of Dunedin, now think about how poorly managed it will be when it's purely for profits and providing the service is secondary</p>
Duncan Ross	George Gibson are there even any councillors on the council these days from that time?
Marie Kirkwood	Exactly!
Marie Kirkwood	I can't find any reference to my question in the link above.
George Gibson	Yes but it took quite a while for the lack of mtce issues on Power Poles to make itself known, so the problems caused by robbing Peter to pay Paul are relatively new.
Philippa Jamieson	Don't sell Aurora! Costs to us will only increase if owned by a private profit-making company that exists to make money for its shareholders.
Samuel Bucca	Aurora is a community asset that should not be sold! Stop sending so much of our money on street redesigns and other vanity projects so we have something left for the next generation. NOT YOURS TO SELL!

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Sonia Kilner	there's that word again.. Proposal ōŷ™„ōŷ™„
Grace Freeman	What matters is that DCC & ORC stop pretending to be interested in seeking community feedback The drapes don't match the carpet
Dunedin City Council	Councillors now at a drop in session at the top of the escalators in the Civic Centre. Here till 2pm. #auroraenergyproposal Come and say gday and grab the consultation document to make a submission. #jointheconversation
Philippa Jamieson	Don't sell Aurora! If it goes into private hands, costs to us will go up.
Samuel Bucca	Not yours to sell - belongs to the community!
Sonia Kilner	Can we as ratepayers be confident our feedback will be taken seriously or does the word proposal really mean we have publicly notified all it is happening?
Dunedin City Council	From 12.30 - 2.30 today you can head to the top of the escalators at the Civic Centre, kōrero with Councillors, and get a copy of the Aurora Energy consultation document so you can make a submission and join the conversation. This is just one of several drop-in sessions we're running. You can view the full list and read more about the proposal on our website: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/aurora
Colin Francis	For goodness sake, if you are speaking in English, keep it in English. Don't mix it with other languages. I have no idea what you are wanting us to do.
	Colin Francis when did you decide to stop learning new things? or did you forget where you live? "english" is about 7 different languages wearing an overcoat, full of borrowed words. you live in a world were you carry pretty much the ENTIRITY of the world knowledge in your pocket out of sixty four words, ONE was in te reo (an official language of the country you live in just by the by), and that triggered you to such a degree that you've decided to make it very clear to everyone that you're ignorant.
Mike Chewie Bennett	kōrero means talk. hope that helps
Mike Chewie Bennett	oh, and OF COURSE you're an anti vax nutter as well. one more and I get a bingo
Jasmine Maddren	Colin Francis only one word was not in english, if you can't decipher the message then that's on you.
Colin Francis	Mike Chewie Bennett I gather from your comments that the "nutter" is you.

Mike Chewie Bennett	jesus...that was pitiful colin.
Colin Francis	Mike Chewie Bennett As you have chosen to engage in personal insults then you have lost credibility. Pleased to know I have pushed your buttons but I really can't be bothered wasting time on someone with values like yours. Bye
	nah mate, plenty of other criticism towards you disgraceful attitude and ignorance before I even mentioned anything else.
Mike Chewie Bennett	funny how you're ducking that eh. be uncomfortable in your bigotry
Colin Francis	Mike Chewie Bennett Bless you. Thank you. I gave you a chance to reply and you didn't disappoint, further entrenching yourself into your defensive corner. Thank you for endorsing my comments about you. Bye
Mike Chewie Bennett	you already said bye
Colin Francis	Jasmine Maddren And further, this communication from the DCC, is "Tokenism". PC, woke influence at work. Nothing wrong with the Maori language but it is being used for political gain.
Dunedin City Council	Waikouaiti Coast community members are invited to attend a drop-in session with Councillors at the Surf Club Social Rooms, Warrington Domain, from 4.30 - 5.15pm this evening. You'll be able to kōrero about current consultations including the Annual Plan and the Aurora Energy Proposal. All Community Boards will have drop-in sessions over the next week or so. You can find the full schedule here: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/2024AP
Dunedin City Council	Saddle Hill community members are invited to attend a drop-in session with Councillors at the Village Green Caf� and Bar, Sunnyvale, from 2 - 2.45pm this afternoon. You'll be able to kōrero about current consultations including the Annual Plan and the Aurora Energy Proposal. All Community Boards will have drop-in sessions over the next week or so. You can find the full schedule here: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/2024AP
Colin Francis	Here you go again. Mixing up languages. If everybody understands English then keep your communication in English. Your post displays "Tokenism". Maybe you have to appease your superiors by displaying a pc woke presentation.
	Colin Francis It's posts like yours that I don't agree with in the slightest. Nothing wrong with using Māori words alongside English words. Aotearoa NZ has a diverse range of cultures.
Josh Sime	I'm sorry to say but it always seems to be the older generation that likes to be a bit racist. Our generation will change that.
Malcolm Diack	Colin Francis calm down racist
Colin Francis	Josh Sime You've obviously been brainwashed. Nothing racist about my comments. Yes, New Zealand does have a diverse range of cultures which I fully embrace. Thank you for acknowledging my post.
Colin Francis	Malcolm Diack You are wide of the mark there Malcolm. Obviously I have touched a raw nerve. Maybe you are the one to calm down.

	Colin Francis Brainwashed how? And your post was racist, you want a council to speak in only English because why?
Josh Sime	It just shouts racism.
Malcolm Diack	Colin Francis au contraire, I think I hit the nail right on the head. Maybe it's time to learn some new tricks, you might enjoy it
	Colin Francis Maybe don't come on a council post trying to spread your unwanted racially motivated attack on the Māori language? Food for thought. You've just broadcasted to everyone that may see this comment thread that you're an elderly man who condemns the usage of English and Māori words.
Josh Sime	I wouldn't want to be a relative of yours if this is how you behave.
Colin Francis	Josh Sime What a sad post. Obviously you have got a bee in your bonnet. Your attack on my personality/values displays your lack of understanding of who I really am. Personal slurs have no place and you undermine your own credibility. Nothing wrong with the Maori language. But it is being used for political gain.
Colin Francis	Malcolm Diack I think I am the one who hit the nail on the head. You have little to no idea about me and you have the audacity to cast aspersions. Shame on you. What a nasty person you portray yourself to be. Slink back into your corner. I shan't waste any more time on a person like you.
Liz Rox	If only we had a Community Board in Central Dunedin which has the most residents. Other cities do.
Raymond Johnson	.Great picture
Kerianne McLeod	Would like if these were held out of the normal working hours, can't attend as will be at work
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Peter Crossan	No offence intended, but, what is a korero?
Darren Stedman	Peter Crossan a form of intercourse
Peter Crossan	Darren Stedman Thanks âœ...
Mike Chewie Bennett	Peter Crossan it means to discuss
Colin Francis	Goodness, you're still doing it. Mixing up languages. If you are going to communicate in English then keep it in English. Stop appeasing your pc, woke superiors with your tokenism.
Zachariah Hardy	Peter Crossan a form of conversation. It means to discuss.
Phil Taylor	Dosnt matter.... they never listen any way
Samantha Cavanagh	Peter Crossan talk

Murray Hastie	Colin Francis honestly if you can't accept the culture of the land & it's people, of which we are all very much part of, then go back to your Pommiland, as we are not racists as you appear to be.
Murray Hastie	Peter Crossan Ffs Te Reo is even being taught in our schools to help those ignorant people to align themselves to OUR awesome culture!
Donna Cameron	Murray Hastie he's asking a legitimate question, this wasn't necessary. The older generation didn't have the learning we did.
Murray Hastie	Donna Cameron and I'm giving a legitimate response. I realise that the older generation was failed by political idealism but there are many other ways to recognise OUR culture. Try starting off at Otakou, as the Marae there is very obliging. Laziness is no excuse
Colin Francis	Murray Hastie Interesting. This is not the culture of most of the people, just those who are trying make political gain from inserting the Maori language wherever they can. Maybe the DCC has a required quota to meet in order to maintain it's pc woke agenda.
Anne Thwaites	Colin Francis I'm assuming you know that Maori along with sign and English are the official languages
Colin Francis	Anne Thwaites Thank you Anne. Yes, I am aware of that. (Although English is not actually an official language of New Zealand strangely). I quite like the Maori language but my objection is the use of it for political gain.
Anne Thwaites	Colin Francis that's an interesting concept, but I think I see where you're coming from
Pete Hynes	Colin Francis It seems to be a random, woke, virtue-signalling media relations worker at council that's responsible for the inclusion of gibberish. Hopefully job cuts will include DCC.
Murray Hastie	Colin Francis If it's not the culture of the land, then what is? Surely being ignorant to the fact that the 'original' name of Otepoti is just that? Political gain from the indigenous peoples? They were here long before this utterly ridiculous Westminster system of governance was established. How idiotic is that we even swear allegiance to a foreign nation on the other side of the world. So obviously your still tied in with your Pom past?
Donna Cameron	Murray Hastie I know its OUR culture, no need to be passive aggressive. Asking the question isn't laziness, it's shows a willingness to learn. So maybe try to be a little more open minded.
Murray Hastie	Donna Cameron then you should do the same, before trolling others about legitimate questions? Try again!
Colin Francis	Murray Hastie No Pom past. I'm a fully-fledged Dunedinite and avid Otago/Highlander supporter. Very proud of the Scottish settlers who made Dunedin what it is today. The culture to which you refer does not represent that of the majority of New Zealanders.
Donna Cameron	Murray Hastie you didn't ask a question, you're the one trolling mate
Mike Chewie Bennett	Murray Hastie dude, I'm all for calling out ignorance, but Peter didn't deserve this.
George Gibson	Colin Francis Absolutely!
Daniel Pryde	Murray Hastie why is it being used in an English conversation? That's where there's confusion.
Murray Hastie	Daniel Pryde confusion? Then why is it used in a Maori conversation? Same thing, even though our culture is of the land & it's people, not of a foreign nation. That to is confusing!
Daniel Pryde	Murray Hastie why is Māori used in Māori conversation? You tell me.

Murray Hastie	Daniel Pryde English, is sometimes referred to! As with other foreign languages it's the same!
Murray Hastie	Daniel Pryde Do you know there are many dialects of original Maori, from the iwi from North to South. It's only just over the last few decades that there has been put in place a unification of the languages of different iwi's. Same as English from north to south, if you've noticed.
Dunedin City Council	Mosgiel Taieri community members are invited to attend a drop-in session with Councillors at the Downes Room, Mosgiel Public Library, from 3 - 3.45pm this afternoon. You'll be able to kōrero about current consultations including the Annual Plan and the Aurora Energy Proposal. You can learn more about our current consultations on our website: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/currently-consulting-on
Bonnie Smith	Stu Nicholson
Colin Francis	Goodness, more pc/woke tokenism.
Dunedin City Council	West Harbour community members are invited to attend a drop-in session with Councillors at the Rolfe Room, Port Chalmers Library, from 4.30 - 5.15pm this evening. You'll be able to kōrero about current consultations including the Annual Plan and the Aurora Energy Proposal. You can learn more about our current consultations on our website: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/currently-consulting-on
Dunedin City Council	Otago Peninsula community members are invited to attend a drop-in session with Councillors at the Portobello Bowling Club from 9 - 9.45am tomorrow morning. You'll be able to kōrero about current consultations including the Annual Plan and the Aurora Energy Proposal. You can learn more about our current consultations on our website: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/currently-consulting-on
Colin Francis	Oh dear, more pc/woke tokenism. Please learn to communicate properly.
Pauline Dicker	Are you going to run something in the lower Peninsula, i e. Tomahawk/Ocean Grove?
Johanna JW	Colin Francis do you think people complained as much as you do when Shakespeare dropped French into his plays? "Shakespeare gave the use of French words a new vogue; moreover, that Shakespeare employs French vocabulary when there are English words that could otherwise be used: "sans" for "without" in Hamlet, "sans eyes, sans teeth" in As You Like It; "gouts (Fr. gouttes: drops) of blood" on the dagger over which Macbeth hallucinates." 160 The OXFORDIAN Volume 21 2019 A Reassessment of the French Influence in Shakespeare

Dunedin City Council	Kia ora Pauline Dicker, we're not running any further Community Board sessions, but two more drop-in sessions are being held at the Civic Centre: on 22 April from 12 - 2pm, and on 1 May from 12 - 2pm. You can find drop-in session details here: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/council-projects/aurora-energy-proposal
Dunedin City Council	Strath Taieri community members are invited to attend a drop-in session with Councillors at the Supper Room, Middlemarch Community Hall, from 1 - 1.45pm this afternoon. You'll be able to kōrero about current consultations including the Annual Plan and the Aurora Energy Proposal. You can learn more about our current consultations on our website: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/currently-consulting-on
David van Gameren	Wow! 45 mins that's it Don't get much time
Pauline Dicker	Butch Hyslop chat, natter ...
Butch Hyslop	The art of communication LOL. I wonder how many people in Middlemarch understood that word? I have seen people come out of the Middlemarch pub barely able to speak English. Maybe post in ALL one language, or the other, mixing it is just confusing. The very small token gesture of something the minority can't understand just does not cut it.
Sue Bidrose	Butch Hyslop would have been quicker for you to just google it.
Butch Hyslop	Sue Bidrose I should not need to.
Johanna JW	Butch Hyslop do you know the meaning of pizza, chardonnay, or zucchini?? All non-English but I imagine you've learnt what they mean, no problem. Kōrero can now be added to the list.
Sue Bidrose	Butch Hyslop I agree - it is one of our official languages and there is enough use of words like kōrero, motu, Kia ora, ka pai, hangi, whanau, whare, tangi, marae - not to mention dozens and dozens of place names, for you to have learned some of them by now just by being open minded!!
Michael Swanson	Butch Hyslop "something the minority can't understand" well that's fine then, seeing as the majority can understand it..
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Brian Kelly	What if I want a conversation with a councillor?
Dunedin City Council	Hi Brian Kelly, contact details of the councillors can be found here: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/mayor-and-councillors

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Craig Fraser	<p>Effing pricks Dunedin City Council</p> <p>You should pay the proceeds back to all the consumers that you ripped off for years by not keeping the upkeep of the network in a proper fashion which is now costing us consumers millions of dollars to rectify</p>
Carol Keen	Craig Fraser not to mention all the power outages....
KerryJim McKelvie	A really dumb idea selling the family jewelry.
Alan Merriman	I would second that. New Plymouth did the same, disaster
Lynette Lyders	More of the same as is always. Sell and we end up worse off. Don't we ever learn. ðŸ’†
Kenny Frisby	Sell the asset. Prices go up. Rate payers cash-flow negative on the deal in no time. But all good, the boffins get their brown envelope full of cash for making the deal. Deals for the boys. This is NZ councils 101. You're clearly learning from QLDC.
Peter Coppens	Mayor and supporting councillors know perfectly well , that if they sell.That retail electric prices will only go up and up But do they care F...K no,because they want to spend spend spend.
Simon Moses	Fast buck for a poorer future.
Steve Chalmers	I'm confused they expecting to pay off all their debt and invest? How much do they think they're selling Aurora for?
Paul McCauley	<p>Selling assets to pay debts only works if you learn from the mistakes that makes it necessary.</p> <p>I have zero faith that is the case here.</p> <p>By the way, it's not a DCC asset, it's the ratepayers, so you are wanting to sell our asset to settle your debt, and we will lose both ways.</p> <p>No thanks, just do better.</p>
Brian Lesley Templeton	Before we make a submission â€¦â€¦. DCC we need some financial information. What was the dividend benefit to the council over the past ten years, What is the expected net balance available to invest if a sale takes place, and what is the anticipated investment return on the balance (after inflation adjustment) over the next ten years ?
Peter Allison	Steve Chalmers A \$1.00 price come to mind.

Carolyn McArthur	Please email a submission say NO to sale. They need a clean out of all directors of Holding Co. Ratepayers and Householders Assn warned Dunedin public 25 to 30 years ago the Holding Co would put the debt up to unaffordable levels. Council need to listen to their voters. Election year this year (I hope)
Southern Noah	My ancestors already paid for Dunedin's own electrical system. Now the councillors want to sell it to pay off debt? A debt Calvin Oaten warned us about. What crooks.
Carrie Cafe-Williams	No
Brian Lesley Templeton	Yooohoo DCC. are you listening â€¦â€¦â€¦
Dave Thompson	Kenny Frisby you took the words out of my mouth
Bruce Mckenzie	Peter Coppens Aurora are only in Debt because the Council stole 400 million from them to help pay for the Stadium
Neil Brass	Time they employ another 10 consultants to Guide it along the suffering ratepayers will be the Poorer for it sn no don't sell.
Jenny Evington	Brian Lesley Templeton apparently not ðŸ™ˆ
Brian Lesley Templeton	Don't want to commit ðŸ™ˆ. Just a 'ballpark' would give us a clue. How can we make a decision if we are kept in the dark.
Dunedin City Council	From 12noon - 2pm today you can head to the top of the escalators at the Civic Centre, kōrero with Councillors, and get a copy of the Aurora Energy consultation document so you can make a submission and join the conversation. â€œ%ï¿½Ÿ'»â€œï¿½, This is just one of several drop-in sessions we're running. You can view the full list and read more about the proposal on our website: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/aurora

Social media comments on Town Belt and Harbour Reserves consultation including Aurora and Annual Plan 2024 comments	
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<p>Dunedin City Council: HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE TOWN BELT AND HARBOUR RESERVES: Help us plan for the future by letting us know what you think about the Town Belt and the DCC reserves around Otago Harbour.</p> <p>We want to know . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the best uses of these areas - What you like and don't like about them -What are their biggest issues - What activities you'd like here in the future <p>Your feedback will help us make good decisions about how we manage and protect these areas. It's important that what we do reflects what you value about these spaces. Let us know what you think before Monday, 1 April 2024 by going to</p>	
Catherine Bradley	City Sanctuary
Duncan Ross	Deal to the weeds in them!
Nic Powell	Pay off your debt first thanks
Brice McKay	Deborah Bay marina
Sandra Bassford	Preserve the Town Belt. Lovely to walk along there. Harbour Basin is an eye sore & once debts paid off then look at the basin.
Jeremy Lemmens	We can credit David Tannock for the preservation of Dunedins town belt and establishment of reserves and parks ensuring his influence, ethos and ideals be known and improved upon for the best future preservation maintenance and development of Dunedins parks and reserves for their amenity value and as places for people to enjoy nature as solace and reprieve into a future which entails a rapidly densifying suburbia and urban population growth. https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies/3t3/tannock-david
Elliot Dixon	Jeremy Lemmens great - thanks for this
Peter Crossan	Pay off debt first. Ratepayers don't have endless supplies of money
Alan Stout	Yes start developing it into hotels and housing !
Philip Rohtmets	Peter Crossan Most of us won't be alive when that happens considering the council's always spending money there increase debt at the moment
Boyce Whangapirita	Peter Crossan
Darrell Piere	Stop spending money!
Brian Taylor	Stop spending and start listening. Pay off your debt.

Phil Taylor	Stick to basics and fix the city's infrastructure first before all these nice to have projects.... the city is in a mess
Susan Davies	<p>Would love to see a proper pedestrian crossing between Macandrew Bay park and the beach. Kids walk to school along the shared path and have to huddle in the middle of the road to cross to the school, beach-goers park across from the beach and same problem getting to the beach with armloads of gear.</p> <p>Currently some cars stop and let pedestrians cross, others hoon through as it is only a raised speed measure.</p>
Penelope Scott	Phil Taylor how is it a mess? The current work is necessary.
Phil Taylor	Penelope Scott roads and foot paths, drainage , just to start
Penelope Scott	Phil Taylor looks to me like that is in the process of being fixed.
Richard Healey	Penelope Scott sounds to me like you don't have a good grasp of infrastructure.
Jim Smith	Stop wasting our bloody money!!
Rob Penman	Cut the grass around the for a start.
Penelope Scott	Richard Healey rubbish
Jan Taita	Susan Davies totally agree should have had one years ago
Richard Healey	<p>Penelope Scott really. Let's take the main Street. The cables feeding every building with power are approaching 70 years old and have not even been looked at in the \$60M of spend on "surface treatments". Tell us all, what is the average age of the water reticulation assets - after the upgrade. What percentage of the assets past rider main level were not replaced. What percentage of waste water assets were replaced, including premise connections? What is the age of the oldest remaining waste, storm or reticulated water assets?</p> <p>What percentage of the total spend went towards subsurface infrastructure replacement?</p>
Penelope Scott	Richard Healey and have you approached the DCC for answers to these questions as any responsible citizen would do ?
Aron Murtagh	<p>Keep employing consultants, they love taking money from the rate payers, what's our new rates increase? What's our Debt? How much of the interest do rate payers pay back a month? How much does the principle of the debt go down? Who loans us debt (get the pun)? Now answer those questions 1st</p>

Richard Healey	<p>Penelope Scott have you ever tried to get any answer, let alone an honest one out of the DCC over anything? Much better to ask you, with your superior knowledge of infrastructure issues. Clearly you have looked into this in depth and are confident that you have a good grasp of the problem.</p> <p>Repairs being "necessary" doesn't mean that the repair process turns out to be adequate, logical or cost efficient.</p> <p>You're also, obviously, a responsible citizen - so you must already have received these answers</p>
Mathew Zacharias	Wasting people's time - they ask for suggestions and then file them in the round filing receptacle under the desk!
Peter Crossan	Aron Murtagh I'm surprised you haven't been kicked off Aron for asking awkward questions
Barry Gazeley	Penelope Scott Your right after years of neglect. By all previous Councils and that's a fact.
Barry Gazeley	Aron Murtagh Good Post Aron.
Barry Gazeley	But are you listening to the people, You know your employers The Ratepayers.????
Nic Powell	Barry Gazeley 100%
Jason Norrish	Not like the Dunedin City Council will listen. They will make up their own decision, which will be COMPLETELY against what the people want.
Neville Duggan	Jason Norrish exactly as well said
Roslyn Pearce	<p>Richard Healey you can go and inspect the plans and the budgets at the DCC offices for yourself if you care to! Cables? That's surely Aurora or other services providers domain!</p> <p>If you wish the council to address all the city's needs at once, which would be impossible, you would see an enormous rate hike to cover those costs, that is why planned maintenance or construction is exactly that, planned, to be done in order of importance and necessity!</p>
Richard Healey	<p>Roslyn Pearce that's great Roslyn. I shouldn't need to. To take the position she has Penelope clearly has all the answers to hand. There is also the issue of the complete misalignment of planned costs with final project costs and the council's habit of hiding the true costs of finished projects</p> <p>Yes, the cables are Aurora's - a company 100% owned by the council. If the council are interested in having their extremely expensive surface treatments undisturbed, even in the short term, then they needed to reach out to everyone with buried assets.</p> <p>You're are completely wrong of course. Failure to address all of the services before upgrading the street surface simply means you'll be ripping up that expensive work over and over again.</p>

Roslyn Pearce	<p>Richard Healey well maybe Penelope has done the footwork and knows more about it than you. She doesn't have to prove anything, you need to do that for yourself because you're not going to believe her anyway!</p> <p>Re Aurora, as an independent company within the DCC portfolio, you'd have to find out if they are working hand in hand with the current drainage and roading modifications, as this would have been a prime time if it "could" be put in underground!</p> <p>And as you seem to know everything, maybe you should enlighten us with actual known facts, because as you put it "I am completely wrong of course"!</p>
Richard Healey	<p>Roslyn Pearce maybe she does, in which case she will be able to helpfully point me to the information online - because I've wanted through masses of council verbage, but certainly can't find the answers to my questions or a definitive budget. Why wouldn't I believe her? I'm sure she will be able to point me to supporting data - if it exists.</p> <p>As to Aurora, the infrastructure is already underground. As I mentioned, it is largely exactly at the end of its design life (70Y). It has not been upgraded or replaced. On every corner in the redeveloped area there is an underground substation. Those substations are now difficult to operate and maintain because of changed safety rules. They are large rooms (app 20m²) full of equipment all of which is end of life. They were not addressed at all by the plan. The aurora assets run down both sides of the street in the footpath. Ducting was installed during the upgrade, but it will be of limited use during cable replacement because it will still be necessary to dig laterals at every building to install a new supply cable.</p> <p>Why is it you say " you seem to know everything", when most of my comment here have been based around asking questions?</p> <p>When I said you were completely wrong I was referring to your suggestion that fixing everything at once would result in a "tremendous rates hike". What causes tremendous rates hikes is a failure to fix everything in a timely and opportune manner. Instead of facing a large bill up front we will now have many large bills in coming years to pull up and replace the very expensive surface treatments that have been applied in George St. I'm sure that most of us have already witnessed many examples of this phenomenon.</p>
Rs Mt	Why bother the council does not listern
Elizabeth Todd	Jason Norrish exactly what I thought to
Nicky Booth	Do not touch the town belt. It was put there for a reason
Phil Taylor	Roslyn Pearce Clearly you have no idea who Richard Healey is

Roslyn Pearce	Phil Taylor and he doesn't know me either, but he puts together a sensible argument, which is always a good sign!
Suzie Murphy	We are so lucky to have it. It needs to be kept and maintained .. we have native birds in the center of town .. how amazing is that!! The town belt is as important to the wildlife as it is for our human residents.
Rs Mt	<p>Roslyn Pearce who do you think owns aurora ?</p> <p>Main street in town water pipes and other services where needed and have been replaced we just did not need the st going to one lane with new paving stones when the old ones where fine not to mention buying forbury raceway and stupid cycle lanes along with building eg Sammy's that did not need rate payers input</p> <p>Already we are looking as rate payers maybe a 20 % increase in rates thanks to stupid projects while roads , waterlines and sewage lines go without</p> <p>Eg George st water infulstructre for building feeds</p> <p>Not been replaced past Rob Roy dairy</p> <p>Suggest you ask the council on the state of that pipe because the ones that work near this infulstructre will paint a very diff picture to what the council does</p>
Roslyn Pearce	Rs Mt I knowthe DCC owns Aurora, but it runs as an independent company!
Rs Mt	<p>Roslyn Pearce so would you think it would be a sensible option for the council to get auroa to change the cables out been that the council.own it</p> <p>Think of the money wasted when say in 10 years time the road is dug up again to replace the cables</p> <p>After all the people from the council sit on the board of auroa</p>
Roslyn Pearce	It may seem to you and I that way, but we are not privy to the Aurora company's planning or decision making, we are only privy to what the DCC make public!
Rs Mt	Roslyn Pearce in fact according to Lee vanderlis the rates should be going up to over 30 % this year to cover the stupid non important projects the council wants
Roslyn Pearce	Rs Mt I wouldn't say replacing the pipes were non-important, as are many things that are not so obvious or well known. Making plans and purchases for future things may not seem like a good investment now, but will in time turn out to be fortuitous. I agree, there are many things that obviously should take priority, but I would say making the list of priorities is not as simple as it sounds!

Rs Mt	<p>Roslyn Pearce have no issue with replacing pipes ,roads or maintaining gardens</p> <p>The issue is projects we can't afford that are not infulstrutre related</p> <p>One would think</p> <p>Roads</p> <p>Pipes</p> <p>And existing infulstrutre should come first eg needs before wants</p>
Rs Mt	<p>Roslyn Pearce it's the whole reason power network got in a bad way for a start because the council demanded money from it company's to pay for a stadium rate payers did not want at the expense to the power grid and maintenance was not carried out to what it should have been on the network</p>
Roslyn Pearce	<p>Rs Mt - however, everybody's opinion of essential infrastructure (based on safety) will be slightly different!</p>
Gaynor Henderson	<p>Donâ€™t worry the council wonâ€™t listen anyway</p>
Sandy Lotus	<p>I like them as they are. Leave them alone</p>
Donna Marie	<p>Leave it alone ...</p>
Carol Anne	<p>Donna Marie Amenities Society say DCC can't touch it</p>
Jeremy Lemmens	<p>Caversham Valley bush should really be added to be put under the town belts protections as well.</p> <p>Needs funding in there with conservation of the endemic native flatworm, conservation preservation of flora fauna and fresh water springs.</p> <p>Its a bushline visible from the whole of South Dunedin afterall., and especially with expanding and intensifying roading and subdivisions eating up ex orchard and farmland buffers encroaching upon the bushline.</p> <p>The big old gum and pine trees up there are as old as Orokonui and do already make great habitat for Kereru wood pigeon and Korimako bellebird, while Kaka would also thrive if introduced.</p> <p>A traverse trail would be an asset to the city especially historic Caversham, along side the opening of the cycleway tunnel.</p> <p>A traverse trail could be Tribute to the maori significance of Ko Raka-a-runga-te-raki while noting significant sites in the story of early dunedin.</p>
Jeremy Lemmens	<p>Looks like the logging boys need to scratch up on their silviculture history and not look a gifthorse in the mouth.</p> <p>You wouldnt have trees filling your pockets with dosh if it werent for those who established the city forests parks and reserves.</p> <p>Definately the first industry we should tax to fund it. https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies/3t3/tannock-david?fbclid=IwAR09zEkJNR7r7_f_DXpVJtsrWAZyz4eQCBxPFTeuaD839J-JHucFn_Fi6K0</p>
Hayden Kelliher	<p>Get rid of the sycamore trees.</p>

Tonyj Walker	Leave the town belt alone..infrastructure you need to be looking at..takes them long enough to finish other work around town.
Les Ingram	Hayden Kelliher that was my suggestion for the millennium project, replant with native plants. It would take a few generations for all the seed to grow and be removed but the little seedlings are easily pulled out.
Lynda Evelyn	Your roads around Dunedin are some of the worst in the South Island!
Les Ingram	Hayden Kelliher unfortunately the town is broke
Penelope Scott	Rs Mt however I think most Dunedinites would agree the Stadium is an asset.
Rs Mt	Penelope Scott not when it costs money and has not been paid back no matter what the council says Stadiums are never paid off world wide Not to mention it was built on reclaimed land against the rate payers wishes who did not want a new one and now there's hardly any main events happening at the stadium It was built at the expense of Dunedin's electricity grid which auroa had to raise line charges to cover costs because they had hardly any money to cover the upgrade
Waihora Lenny	What happened to that wonderful forward thinking, beautiful harbour development which was modelled and showcased a few years ago.
Tonyj Walker	They want to spend money they haven't got.
Pete Hynes	Maybe give them new gibberish names.
Dale Forsyth	Leave town belt alone unless it becomes a hazard or safety issue... just leave them alone don't touch, go away leave...exit even
MÄrama Grant	Protect and preserve the town belt. It is such an asset to the city. Working on sycamore eradication and replanting more natives would be money well spent.
Barry Oats	The Andersonâ€™s Bay needs to be reclaimed as you can see itâ€™s becoming very silted up and getting shallower at low tides having hot weeds increases sits and rots causing a hell of a smell not good for Marne St hospital
Chris Ebbett	Dale Forsyth sycamore trees will overtake the entire bush unless it's kept under control.
Karen Greenhow	Waihora Lenny I would also like to know what happened to those projections.
Dale Forsyth	Chris Ebbett that's not what I am meaning ... and that is not what the dcc mean either... else they wouldn't be asking and just continue to maintain
Paul Allan Symons	Get rid of it, build more new houses
Di Macleod-Pihama	Paul Allan Symons little boxes on the Hillside, all made out of ticky tacky, but they'll be either black or white. No thanks, not that I'll be here to see it.
Murray Renton	Susan Davies it's already a 30kph zone with multiple speed bumps, when was the last time a child was hit?

Susan Davies	Murray Renton So what difference would putting in a proper pedestrian crossing make then? If some cars stop and some don't, it just causes confusion. Is it not worth waiting 20 more seconds to avoid anyone to get injured because drivers react differently to kids standing in the middle of the road.
Murray Renton	Susan Davies put in the crossing then and remove the speed bumps and speed restriction that starts before Glenfalloch and ends after Company Bay. A lot of people have to drive places for their jobs and smothering the peninsula in 30-40 kph zones that are unnecessarily long does not help. Speed restrictions should be in the school zone only.
Susan Davies	Murray Renton I agree that the 40km goes much too long and should start closer to the built up areas.
Philip Rohtmetts	Karen Greenhow "money"the dcc have none
Allan Marks	Karen Greenhow unaffordable for a city of this size..
Philip Rohtmetts	Now what's the dcc up too?
Paul Mielnik	What idiots want to sell Dunedin (ratepayers assets) ?. Short term gain for long term continuous loss is short sighted and foolish. Have you not learned from governments mistakes of asset selling?. Loss of revenue, continued increases of costs to people, loss of jobs, when you cut your revenue you put costs up to cover those losses in many areas and do it continuously. Stop. If anything sell the millstone around ratepayers necks, the stadium that's caused much of our debt as was forewarned. Stop wasting ratepayers money on vanity projects instead of core reasons of council duties. Businesses create business not councils heavily extorted ratepayers money.
Tonyj Walker	What money are they going to use for that.borrow again no doubt.
Andrew Perkins	Why are they asking? Surely it's obvious people want them preserved?
Dennis Kyle	Have a bad feeling about this. Hope these areas aren't going to be open to development
Martin Cardno	Jason Norrish this is so they can say we asked for your ideas and we came up with what we were going to do because it cost more and took longer like we new it would