

25th March 2025

**Subject: Submission on the Dunedin City Council 9-Year Plan**

Dear Dunedin City Council,

On behalf of the Waikouaiti community and the Progress of Waikouaiti Area (POWA), I would like to submit our recommendations for improvements to Waikouaiti's Main Street as part of the Dunedin City Council's 9-year plan. As the birthplace of Otago, Waikouaiti has a rich history and serves as a key service hub for both residents and visitors. However, the current state of our Main Street does not fully reflect the significance of the area. Small-scale improvements could greatly enhance its functionality and visual appeal while fostering community engagement and economic vitality.

**Proposed Improvements:**

1. Bike
2. Three-Bay Rubbish Bins
3. Tree Planting and Landscaping
4. Pedestrian-Friendly Enhancements

POWA is hosting a **Community Hui on May 18, 2025**, to engage with the community through a consultation process. This event will allow residents to discuss key issues and provide valuable feedback on the improvements most needed for Waikouaiti's Main Street.

We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Dunedin City Council to ensure that any planned enhancements align with the needs and aspirations of Waikouaiti residents. To support this, we request funding to develop a concept plan that will guide improvements over the next 9–10 years.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge and appreciate the **Dunedin City Council's ongoing support** for POWA and all Place-based groups in the area.

Thank you for considering this submission. We look forward to working together to ensure Waikouaiti's Main Street remains a vibrant and welcoming space for years to come.

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