

**SUBMISSION TO DCC ON 9YR LONG TERM PLAN PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF GREY POWER
OTAGO INC MAY 2025**

There are areas of the 9 year long term plan which we ask the Mayor and Councillors to reassess, as we believe there are some areas which are nice to have but are not essential to the city at this time.

Our first criticism is the removal of any community housing for 9 years. It is beyond belief that no-one seems to still see the impact of what happened to jobs, properties, relationships and rebuilding peoples lives after covid. The major concern is that residents of Dunedin should have the ability to access community housing and with the current culling of jobs at present who knows what people will find themselves in over the next 9 years.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

No problems with the maintenance of current playground but cannot endorse \$11.2 million for the building of new playgrounds.

STADIUM MAJOR EVENTS FUNDING

DHCL have employed a person to attract events etc to the Stadium and we do not believe that this employee should be subsidised by ratepayers.

SMOOTH HILL LANDFILL

It would be very helpful if Council can prove this is the best option considering they are looking at a cost \$92.4 million. There seems to be another opinion that extra trucks would cost considerably less in the long term.

MOANA POOL UPGRADES

We ask that you relook at this proposal. The major concern here is that in your own report you refer to the upgrading of changing rooms but have allocated \$1.9million in 2026/27 for upgrading changing rooms. Why was this not done to a satisfactory standard over the last three years.

DCC Council Staff

The bureaucracy which has grown over the last few years is alarming.

In October 2018 the DCC had a CEO, personal assistant to CEO; Team Leader Civic; 4 General Managers; Director Organisational, Development and Performance; Director Enterprise Dunedin and 22 Managers or Leaders.

In January 2024 we had CEO; Chief of Staff; Special Projects Lead; 8 General Managers and 36 people with various titles.

Since this increase in managerial staff we have been refused official documents which have been paid for by the ratepayer, access to council staff if non existent and the only way if you can get an answer on the phone in the call centre is to spend upwards of 20 minutes while they relay your queries to the appropriate department and then come back with the answer before relaying the next question. An emails are consigned to File 13.

Is this seriously a genuine accountability of the DCC managerial staff and perhaps whilst looking at the long term plan the Mayor and Councillors could justify to the people of Dunedin that they are getting value for their rates money.

It is to be hoped that serious consideration will be given to the above submission so that we who pay the every increasing rates get a fair and honest report.

In closing please once again on behalf of many of my members ask you to reconsider community housing.