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Kia Ora I am not sure whether this is the place / time to raise my concerns as to "where Dunedin & its surroundings" is going to physically expand to over the long term future. I am a soil/water scientist who lectured at Otago University (Geography Department) during the 1970's. A very long "sabbatical" took me to the Bay of Plenty Plenty for the next 40 years. Our Family returned to to this wonderful part of the country about 5 years ago.(East Taieri) I have to say that the overall changes that have taken place during the intervening years are generally great - with one exception. The very sad loss of some of our most productive soils this fair city has allowed to be given over to "urban development". Council will be well aware of the areas alluded to. I do not intend to expand on the details - except to point out that ; \* food producing soils surrounding our city will have a more than significant impact on Dunedin as we head for the 22nd century. \* Dunedin & its rate payers will will bear the financial burden of having to "ship in" many of its basic food supplies The "carbon footprint" will definitely impact on this community . As with many other local authorities throughout NZ - the "real response" to this issue is little more than lip service. \* The long term issues of "water" appears to be taken on board in the long term plan for this community. That's great.How can this Council(s) ignore the value of soils that with water - will have to sustain our very existence . My immediate attention/concern is the proposed "urban expansion" that has been consented for the Taieri Plains . Abominable " has no scientific yardstick - but that is what it is. Bloody stupid! I would be happy to speak to this matter if the opportunity still exists. Harry Lagocki Ex Geog Dept .Univ Otago (soil / water) ILRI Fellow (Univ, Wageningen - Netherlands) Soil Drainage Publications (peer reviewed) including (Soil Trampling Effects - Otokia Silt loam)

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