## STATEMENT OF INTENT

for the year ending 30 June 2025





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#### INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Intent (SOI) is prepared by the board of directors of Dunedin International Airport Limited (DIAL) in accordance with Section 64(1) of the Local Government Act 2002.

DIAL is a council-controlled trading organisation (CCTO) as defined in the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).

This SOI sets out the objectives, nature and scope of activities to be undertaken by DIAL and the performance targets and other measures by which the performance of the company may be judged in relation to its objectives.

DIAL's performance against these objectives will be reported against in the Statement of Service Performance (SSP) which forms part of its Annual Report.

The SOI is a public and legally required document, being created annually by its shareholders, and covers a three-year period. This SOI covers the period from 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2027.

The planned activities and performance measures take consideration of expectations outlined to DIAL by its shareholders.





#### **OWNERSHIP & GOVERNANCE**

DIAL is owned by two shareholders, made up of:

o Dunedin City Holdings (DCHL) - 50%

o The Crown - 50%

DIAL is governed by a board of 4 independent directors, with each shareholder entitled to appoint two directors.

As per Section 58 of the LGA, the role of a director of a CCTO is to assist the organisation to meets its objectives and any other requirements in its SOI. This does not limit or affect the other duties that a director of a CCTO has.

Additional to this, the directors are subject to the requirements of the Companies Act 1993 and govern the company in accordance with best practice.

The board is responsible for the preparation of the SOI. Under the LGA, shareholders of a CCTO may, by resolution, require the board to modify the SOI in accordance with the LGA.

As a company partly owned by Dunedin City Council (DCC), DIAL is mindful of DCC's strategic framework and city objectives. Further to this, DIAL will not accept sponsorship or give naming rights to companies involved in activities deemed to be inconsistent with DCC's ethical positions.

The board accepts that it is responsible for the overall control system operating within the company but recognises that no cost-effective internal control system will permanently preclude all errors or irregularities. The control systems reflect the specific risks associated with the business of the company.

Quarterly, six-monthly, and annual reports of financial and operational performance are provided to the shareholders.



#### **REGULATORY CONTEXT**

DIAL operates within a regulatory framework defined within legislation. In addition to the obligations of the Local Government Act 2002 and Companies Act 1993, DIAL is:

- An 'aerodrome operator' under Civil Aviation Rule Part 139 and the Civil Aviation Act 1990;
- o An 'airport authority' under the Airport Authorities Act 1966;
- o A 'lifeline utility' under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002;
- A 'network utility operator' and 'requiring authority' under the Resource Management Act 1991.

As an airport with more than \$10 million in annual revenue, DIAL is considered a specified airport company for the purposes of the Airport Authorities Act 1966. As such, DIAL complies with the Airport Authorities (Airport Companies Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999.

As an 'airport authority' under the Airport Authorities Act 1966, Dunedin Airport operates as a commercial undertaking.

The Civil Aviation Act 2023 received Royal assent on 05 April 2023 and will be in force from 5 April 2025. This new Act replaces the Civil Aviation Act 1990 and the Airport Authorities Act 1966.





#### NATURE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Dunedin Airport was established under the Airport Authorities Act 1966 and incorporated on 30 September 1988. DIAL's primary activity is the safe and efficient operation of Dunedin Airport, for the purposes of creating long term shareholder value and enabling air connectivity to the communities of Dunedin and the lower South Island.

Dunedin Airport is located approximately 30 minutes from the Dunedin CBD, serving the wider Otago Region made up of the Dunedin City, Waitaki, Central Otago and Clutha districts.



DIAL is made up of team of hardworking, dedicated, and skilled staff who bring the Airport to life whilst ensuring a safe, secure and memorable customer experience. As a respected employer, DIAL ensures all staff are paid at or above the Living Wage.



#### **Operations**

The operation of the airport includes the provision of "landside" and "airside" infrastructure and associated facilities across the airport campus:

- Landside functions include the provision of terminal facilities, carparking, and passenger transportation. This includes working with commercial tenants, business partners and government agencies.
- Airside functions include the provision of safe and secure aircraft and passenger facilities. DIAL is responsible for the provision of aeronautical infrastructure which includes runways, taxiways, aprons and associated facilities for the operation of the airport.



As a lifeline utility, DIAL ensures the operational resilience of Dunedin Airport, allowing the airport to function as efficiently as possible during, and after an emergency.

The company is also responsible for managing assets not currently used for airport activities, but which may be used in the future. For example, land held for airport expansion, environmental control purposes, or commercial operations inside the airport zone. This includes the operation of a dairy farm, a service station, and a residential property portfolio.



#### **Commercial Value**

The commercial value of the Shareholder's investment in the company is considered by the board to be not less than the Shareholder's funds as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position published in the last Annual Report.

As disclosed in the Company's 2023 Annual Report, as at 30 June 2023 the value of Shareholder's funds in the Statement of Financial Position is \$85,431,000.

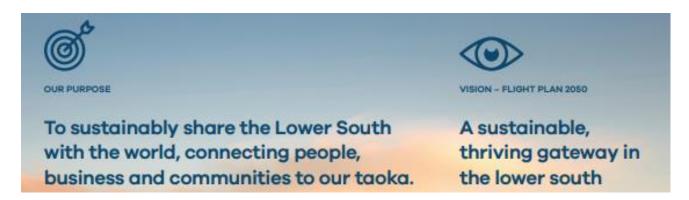
The commercial value will be considered annually when the Statement of Intent is completed.





## **OUR PURPOSE, VISION & STRATEGY**

In 2023 we reviewed and refreshed our strategy, culminating in the unveiling of Flight Plan 2050.





We will reimagine what our network can be, the connections we can put in place, where we can operate from, and what we can operate with. We will be ready to take action on opportunities when they arise.





Supporting our Strategic Pillars is our Foundation and the Values that guide us. These provide the strong base necessary to implement strategy and deliver on our vision.

The implementation of our strategy begins with our Governors. Good corporate governance has become a key focus area for our business as we position ourselves to achieve our strategic objectives.

In this regard our Directors have implemented improvements and efficiencies in governance processes through sub-committees, embracing board reporting technology, and the continued evolution in the quality of board papers. This continual improvement ensures our business's processes are aimed at producing results which optimise the strategic use of its available resources.

While understanding our internal confines is critical, we cannot achieve our goals or establish priorities without an awareness of the environment in which we are operating. This context is provided below.

#### The Economic Environment

In the coming FY25 and FY26 periods, we recognise the prevailing economic challenges that may impact on our operations. Foreseen headwinds include inflationary cost pressures, geopolitical uncertainties, and constraints within the New Zealand Airbus A320 NEO fleet, directly influencing seat capacity within our short-haul network.



#### **OBJECTIVES & PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Feeding into DIAL's business planning process, letters of expectations from shareholders have been considered in the development of the company's specific focus areas for 2024/2025.

#### This includes:

- Continue working toward re-establishment of trans-Tasman services and/or new domestic route development.
- o Continue building on our future-focussed relationship with mana whenua.
- Consistent with our target of net zero carbon by 2030, furthering our emissions reduction and decarbonisation efforts, ensuring Dunedin Airport drives down its Scope 1 & 2 emissions, and facilitates the necessary infrastructure requirements needed to support decarbonisation of aviation.
- o The creation of a Strategic Airport Development Plan, including climate change adaptation and decarbonisation of airport activities.

It is in this context that the revised SOI and associated Objectives & Performance Measures have been prepared by DIAL's board of directors and executive management team.





## **Key Objectives**

SAFETY				
We exceed expectations and never compromise on safety				
Objectives	Key Performance Measures			
Strive for 'Zero harm' to anyone as a result of our operations	Nil Serious harm to our staff, airports users or contactors			
	Nil Runway Incursions			
	Achieve FY25 DIAL Safety Plan targets			
Actively manage wildlife hazard and risk of bird strike	Strike rate <5 strikes per 10,000 on 12-month moving average			

SUSTAINABILITY				
To be considered one of New Zealand's most sustainable airports				
Objectives	Key Performance Measures			
Incoming on the DIAL /o. Constraint on the little of Character and	Achieve FY25 sustainability targets			
Implement DIAL's Sustainability Strategy	Achieve Airport Carbon Accreditation Level 4			
Implement DIAL's Carbon and Waste Reduction strategy	Measure and report our Carbon emissions and progress towards waste reduction in the Annual Report  Achieve FY25 Carbon and waste			
	reduction targets			

INFRASTRUCTURE				
Our infrastructure is fit for purpose now and for the future				
Objectives	Key Performance Measures			
Maintain our assets to ensure no delays caused by DIAL to scheduled passenger operations	Zero on time performance delays to regular passenger transport operations due to airport infrastructure			
Ensure we know our assets – Asset Management Plans are in place	All assets have been condition rated			



	Core three waters infrastructure renewals on programme
Develop a visionary airport master plan that has planned for future technologies and opportunities that may arise	Completion of Strategic Airport Development Plan

ROUTE DEVELOPMENT				
Nurture, expand, and grow the network				
Objectives	Key Performance Measures			
	New international air route			
Optimise and sustainably grow passenger volumes	New domestic air route			
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	passenger volumes, with			
	aggregated seat load factors in			
	excess of 80%			
Develop future network options for regional routes in the lower south utilising smaller aircraft	New regional air route			
	Year on year increase in net			
	Passenger Spend Rate			
Optimise non-aero revenue derived from passenger	Year on year increase in net			
traffic	Income per Passenger			
	Execute our access strategy			
	(ground transport)			

COMMERCIAL				
Leverage our commercial opportunities to provide a benefit of our business and the wider community				
Objectives	Key Performance Measures			
Increase commercial revenue	Year on year increase in net Passenger Spend Rate			
	Year on year increase in net Income per Passenger			
	Commercial related revenue represents >50% of total revenue			



PARTNERSHIPS					
Develop and strengthen our partnerships and deliver a world class customer experience					
Objectives	Key Performance Measures				
Implement initiatives to improve the performance of our-relationships.	Conduct stakeholder engagement surveys once a year with our strategic partners to review the strength of the relationships  Continue and build on our relationship with local iwi				
Provide sponsorship to community events and organisations.	Invest up to a total of \$30,000 in FY25 in sponsorship or donations  Work with DCHL on aligning the sponsorship policy where practicable with the DCC's strategic framework				
Provide a high standard of service to our customers	Achieve "good" or "very good" across all areas of our Customer Satisfaction Survey				

PEOPLE				
A great place to work with a high performing team that understands our goals and the role they play				
Objectives	Key Performance Measures			
Support the wellbeing of our people	Wellbeing programme maintained throughout the year			
Ensure that our people are engaged with the company's Vision, Purpose, and Values	Average of >75% staff satisfaction result on employee surveys completed during the year			

Our performance against these key objectives will be reported annually in the Statement of Service Performance which forms part of the company's annual report.



#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE & FORECASTS

The events of the past four years with respect to the impacts the global pandemic and a recovering aviation system had on global aviation and tourism, created considerable challenges for DIAL and its business partners. During this period DIAL's primary objective was to safeguard its people and maintain an operational airport to support connectivity.

DIAL navigated through this period well, and emerged in a relativity secure, and sustainable position. The company is well financed, with a stable workforce and diverse revenue streams. Strong pent-up demand domestically has also limited Dunedin Airport's exposure to the disruption to inbound international visitors.

Notwithstanding the macroeconomic context and geopolitical issues, the forward outlook has become more optimistic as the aviation sector, and tourism is getting back on its feet with passenger volumes at Dunedin Airport now at circa 90% of pre pandemic levels.

International services have yet to be reinstated, however this has been and will remain a focus for DIAL moving forward as we continue our engagement and partnerships with airlines.

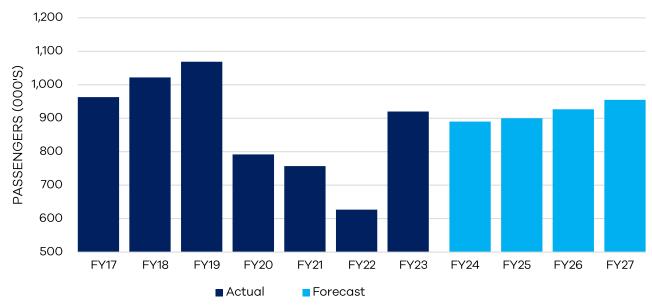
The tables below summarise key financial performance indicators information relating to financial metrics and passenger volumes. The tables provide actual as well as budget data for the period to 2026/27.

The impacts on the airports financial performance as a result of the pandemic are not insignificant, as shown in the passenger numbers table below.



## **Aircraft and Passenger Movements**





	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27
PASSENGERS (000'S)	ACTUAL	FORECAST		BUDGET	
Total Passengers	920	890	900	927	955
Percentage Change from Prior Year	47%	-3%	1%	3%	3%



#### **Financial Performance**

Airport revenue and operating cashflows correlate closely with passenger numbers, both directly from Airport Charges but also indirectly from carparking, terminal concession sales, and Momona petrol station sales.

Accordingly, the impacts of the reduced passenger numbers shown above significantly influence financial performance.

	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27
(\$000'S)	ACTUAL	FORECAST		BUDGET	
Revenue (incl. sundry income)	20,648	20,674	24,313	26,046	29,365
EBITDA	10,711	9,310	10,530	12,637	15,508
Net Profit after Taxation (NPAT)	4,316	3,067	3,019	2,964	4,551
Shareholders' Funds (average)	83,764	85,712	86,584	87,750	89,713
Cash Flow from Operations	9,263	6,030	8,449	10,008	9,941
Capital Expenditure	4,660	20,907	21,081	8,385	6,125
Term Borrowings	9,000	11,500	26,350	39,350	39,750
Dividend Paid**	1,023	2,500	1,840	1,811	1,779

<sup>\*\*</sup> The dividend Paid is calculated by reference to the prior financial years Net Profit after Taxation, in line with the Dividend Policy outlined in this document.

	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27
MEASURE	ACTUAL	FORECAST		BUDGET	
Profitability/Efficiency					
Return on Assets	3.8%	2.7%	2.3%	2.0%	3.1%
Return on Capital Employed	73.8%	55.9%	63.1%	70.7%	102.0%
Operating Margin	51.9%	45.0%	43.3%	48.5%	52.8%
Leverage/Solvency					
Equity Ratio	74.7%	75.1%	66.6%	60.6%	61.5%
Earnings Ratio (Interest Cover X)	17.0	12.9	7.8	5.8	6.0
Gearing Ratio (net %)	9.53	11.80	23.21	30.82	30.38
Shareholders Return					
Dividend Pay-out ratio	0.20	1.53	0.53	0.50	0.52
Return on equity	5.2%	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	5.1%
Return on equity adjusted for IFRS fair value movements and asset revelations	12.4%	8.4%	8.0%	7.7%	11.2%



#### **Notes**

- 1. Return on assets = (Net profit after tax / Total Assets)
- 2. Return on Capital Employed = (EBIT adjusted for IFRS fair value movements / Average capital employed)
- 3. Operating Margin = (EBITDA / Revenue)
- 4. Equity Ratio = (Total shareholders' funds / Total assets)
  - Shareholders Funds = share capital, plus retained earnings, plus hedge and property plant and equipment revaluation reserves.
  - Total Assets = the aggregate of the carrying value all current and non-current assets.
- 5. Earnings Ratio (interest cover) = (EBITDA (less dividends) / Interest paid)
- 6. Gearing ratio = (net debt / net debt plus equity)
- 7. Dividend Pay-out = (Dividends paid / Net cash flow from operating activities less depreciation expense)
- 8. Return on equity = (Net profit after tax / Average equity)
- 9. Return on equity (adjusted) = Net profit after tax adjusted for IFRS fair value movements (net of tax) / Average of share capital plus retained earnings.

#### **Forecast Assumptions**

The following are assumptions made throughout the forecast:

- o The budget assumes 2024-25 passengers of 900,000.
- Notwithstanding a landing charge consultation on 1 July 2024, which may lead to changes in landing charge revenue, airfield and terminal landing charges are based on the charges proposed to Airlines in our Initial Pricing Proposal.
- We have assumed no increase in current flight schedules, that is, we have assumed no additional domestic services other than those published at date of budget development.
- Landings/PAX have been assumed to grow by 3% and 3% respectively for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 budget periods.
- Runway, apron and taxiway OPEX and CAPEX forecasts are based on a defined maintenance program. As a result of inspection, our maintenance plan may be subject to change.
- The 2024-25 budget has assumes no increase to the current carparking charges.
- Wages and Salaries have been budgeted based on current rates plus an 4% average yearly increase across all staff.
- An interest rate of 6.3% (including Westpac's 1.3% margin) has been applied to budgeted debt. Interest rate swaps derivatives are included based on the age profile of swaps in place at time of forecast.
- No fair value movement has been budgeted for interest rate hedge instruments, nor the airport's investments.
- No infrastructural asset revaluations have been budgeted.
- o Inflation allowance for 2024/25 to 2025/26 and 2025/26 2026/27 is 3% for each year for both non-aeronautical income and expenditure items apart from



landing charges, carpark and garage revenue which grows in line with the percentage change in forecast passenger numbers.

This excludes apron, runway, and taxiway operational expenditure which is based on defined maintenance plans.

o The cash flow statement assumes a 1-month lag between recognition of a capital addition, and payment. As such, additions per the cashflow may not equal additions per fixed assets.



#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **General Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies recognised by the External Reporting Board ('XRB') for the measurement and reporting of financial performance, and financial position, will be adopted by Dunedin International Airport Limited.

#### **Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies which materially affect the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in previous years.

The accounting policies are listed in full in the annual report of the company and on the company website; <a href="www.dunedinairport.co.nz">www.dunedinairport.co.nz</a>.

#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

The company's dividend policy is to pay between 50% to 70% of the forecast operating surplus after tax, adjusting for fair value movements in any investments in equity securities. The actual level of dividend will be determined by the directors each year in light of the circumstances that then exist.

In arriving at a dividend recommendation, directors will take into account:

- The company's financial performance and, in particular, the cash flows generated by the company from operations.
- o The ratio of the company's Shareholders funds to the assets.
- o The company's investment proposals and profitability thereof.
- The company's ability to raise loans and the terms thereof.
- o The company's capital expenditure programme.
- The current cost of borrowings to the company.
- The risks associated with the uncertainty of airline schedules in the short and medium term.
- o The Debt/Equity ratio.
- o Any views held by shareholders in respect of dividend payments.

Any final dividend will be paid no later than 30 November.



#### REPORTING TO SHAREHOLDERS

Annually – January, a draft Statement of Intent.

Annually – 30 June, a finalised Statement of Intent agreed by the shareholders.

The Directors will deliver to the shareholders an annual report and audited financial statements, which will consist of no less than:

- A Director's Report including
  - o a review of operations,
  - o a comparison of actual performance with targeted performance recommendation in respect of dividend (if any).
- o Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Disclosures;
- Statement of Financial Position;
- o Statement of Comprehensive Income & Statement of Movements in Equity;
- o Statement of Cash flows;
- o Notes to the financial statements;
- o Auditor's Report.

All reporting requirements noted above will be delivered within legislative timeframe deadlines.

#### **Quarterly Reporting**

Within 30 days of the end of each quarter, including Half Yearly, the directors will deliver to the shareholders a report consisting of:

- Financial review detailing actual performance against budget for revenue,
   expenditure, and taxation. This will include a Statement of Comprehensive Income, a
   Statement of Financial Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows.
- o Aircraft and passenger activity.
- o Commentary on any matters relating to the performance of the company.

#### **Working with the Shareholders**

The Company will undertake to keep the shareholders informed of all substantive matters, as set out in the performance targets above. The Company will work to build a culture of accountability and constructive working practices between the shareholder and/or its subsidiaries, and the Company. It is expected that any conflicts that may arise between the shareholder and/or its subsidiaries, and the Company will be resolved directly between the shareholder the Company, in accordance with appropriate governance practices.



# ACQUISITION OF SHARES IN ANY COMPANY OR ORGANISATION

The Company will only invest in the shares of another company or invest in an entity if the investment is considered to be likely to produce added value to the Company. In order to maximise benefit to the Shareholder, shares or assets may also be sold in response to, or in anticipation of, on-going changes in the marketplace.

If the Directors intend that the Company:

- o carry on any business other than the management and operation of DIAL;
- o form any subsidiary company; or
- o acquire more than 20% of the shares in any other company,

the Company will obtain prior approval of the Shareholder through special resolution, or the transaction must be contingent on a special resolution of Shareholders.

### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The shareholders of Dunedin International Airport Limited are Dunedin City Holdings Limited and the Crown - each holding 50%.

#### **DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL**

The Dunedin City Council is the sole shareholder in Dunedin City Holdings Limited. Transactions between related parties will be on a wholly commercial basis. Charges from Dunedin City Council and its other companies and charges to Dunedin City Council and its other companies will be made for services provided as part of the normal trading activities of Dunedin International Airport Limited.

A summary of related parties, and transaction type are noted in the table below:

Related Party	Transaction Type
Dunedin City Council	Rates and Licences
Delta Limited	Maintenance Contracts
Dunedin Venues Management Limited	Corporate Membership
Dunedin City Treasury Limited	Specific Treasury Services