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Subject: Response to Local Government Official Information request - 1076808 Documents related to Save our Southern Hospital Campaign.
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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you again for your patience in receiving the information requested on the Save the Dunedin hospital campaign.

We advise in regard to the first part of your request for **“any and all documents the Dunedin City Council holds on the decision to rename their hospital cuts campaign to 'Save Our Southern Hospital' .**

For your information, I advise that the internal Communications and Marketing team staff meeting on the hospital campaign was held on 3 and 10 October, at which the decision to rename the campaign was made. Elected members were involved in discussion for the campaign name, which sought to reflect the larger scope of the campaign for the Southern region.

We advise that no meeting notes or minutes are held for these internal meetings, and therefore this part of your request is declined, pursuant to section 17 (e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 - as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot found.

Your request for **“any and all documents the Dunedin City Council holds on any discussions between the City Council, City Councillors, the Mayor, with members of the National Party, and the Labour Party, from 1 January 2017 to 12 October 2024”** and also **“any and all documents the Dunedin City Council holds on any discussions between the Mayor, Jules Radich, and any member of the National Party or Government Ministers”**. On checking for documents held in relation to the change of name for Reverse the Cuts/Save our Hospital community based campaign, we advise correspondence held on file are the email exchanges between Kathryn van Beek (DCC Communications Team Manager) and yourself as the organiser of the protest. Copies of this correspondence occurring in the period 18 – 24 September 2024 are attached together with copies of correspondence held between the Mayor’s Office and central Government Ministers.

I trust that this now completes your information request.

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Office of the Mayor



23 December 2022

Hon Andrew Little
Minister of Health

a.little@ministers.govt.nz

Dear Minister Little

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The announcement from your department this week spells out to the community of Dunedin and Otago that you will maintain momentum on this project and thus avoid any substantial delays.

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Kind regards

Jules Radich
MAYOR OF DUNEDIN

Office of the Mayor



6 January 2023

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
Via email: jacinda.ardern@parliament.govt.nz

Tenā koe Prime Minister

Request for an urgent meeting - proposed cuts to new Dunedin Hospital

I write on behalf of the Mayors and Chairs of the Otago/Southland region to request an urgent meeting to discuss recently announced cuts to the new Dunedin Hospital.

Public sentiment throughout the lower South Island is very much aligned on this issue as everyone relies on Dunedin hospital for tertiary care and their expectation is for a “state-of-the-art” and “fit-for-purpose” facility as promised.

We acknowledge the Government must be fiscally prudent but reject the rationale for what is now being proposed, because of the impact these cuts will have on our communities.

We therefore seek an urgent meeting with you and relevant Ministers to discuss this key issue for the South. Our delegation of elected representatives is ready to travel to Wellington immediately for such a meeting.

Alternatively, we would welcome the opportunity to host you in Dunedin and show you first-hand the importance of a fit-for-purpose facility to our respective regions.

Copies of this letter have also been provided to Ministers Grant Robertson, Andrew Little, and our local Labour MPs.

I have also attached the letter I wrote to Minister Little before Christmas, raising concerns about this issue, and a statement from the region’s Mayors and Chairs for your information.

My office can be contacted on telephone 03 474 3455 or email mayor@dcc.govt.nz to coordinate diaries and find a suitable date for us to meet.

I trust you have had a restful and restorative holiday break and I look forward to meeting with you as soon as possible.

Kā mihi



Jules Radich

MAYOR OF DUNEDIN/TE KOROMATUA ŌTEPOTI

Encl

cc Hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance
Hon Andrew Little, Minister of Health
Hon David Clark, Minister of State Owned Enterprises
Hon Rachel Brooking MP
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MAYOR OF DUNEDIN

Media release 3 Jan 2023

Mayors and Chairs join forces

Mayors and Regional Chairs from throughout Otago and Southland are joining together to protest Health Minister Andrew Little's announced cuts to the New Dunedin Hospital build.

His announcement on 20 December, just before the Christmas holiday season, has triggered an outcry across the south despite peoples' general focus on summer fun.

Minister Little's proposal trims \$90 million from the latest build cost of \$1.67 billion, a saving of 5.39%.

Southern regional leaders believe that the consequences of these proposed cuts far outweigh any of the supposed savings.

In addition to slashing 12 beds, 2 Operating Theatres and 2 scanners from the opening capacity, an important link bridge and a vital pavilion have been sliced from the "Final detailed business case" released in March 2021 and approved by Cabinet.

Waitaki Mayor Gary Kircher expects that although the proposed changes may save a little bit of up-front capital costs, the ongoing implications and operating costs will supersede any of these savings. "This hospital has to serve the tertiary health needs of all of the regions' communities and it needs the capability and capacity to do just that, whether you are in Oamaru, Queenstown or Gore," he said.

The collective Mayors & Regional Chair from Southland, Nobby Clark, Rob Scott, Ben Bell and Nicol Horrell raised concerns that they are going to see a repeat of the same mistakes made with the Southland Hospital rebuild 20 years ago which is simply too small, resulting in ongoing inefficiencies and dissatisfaction.

Clutha Mayor Bryan Cadogan made his and others view quite clear: "This is the south's only Tertiary Hospital and is a multigenerational asset servicing Otago and Southland. We need to get it right first time."

Dunedin Mayor Jules Radich commented "I am very concerned that deleting the pavilion and reformatting the inpatient building will end up costing more in redesign, materials inflation and time delay expenses than the anticipated savings"

ORC Chair Gretchen Roberston observed: "Experts have participated in a needs analysis process already. Reductions, redesign and delay will adversely impact long-awaited lower South Island infrastructure".

The leaders liken the proposal to trying to make savings in a house build by removing the living room, passageway and bathroom fitout.

The Mayors and Chairs will be writing to the Ministers of Health and Finance as well as the Prime Minister to voice their concerns and request an urgent meeting.



Mayor Jules Radich
PO Box 5045
DUNEDIN, 9054

Dear Jules,

RE: New Dunedin Hospital

Thank you for your letter of 1/3/23. We are replying as one.

You have sought our 'commitment to delivering the full suite of services as promised in the Detailed Business Case'. We happily make that commitment. We know with certainty that the full suite of services will be delivered as promised. The savings announced in December save the taxpayer money but do not reduce services, at all.

We think it is how a responsible government should act; allow us to explain why.

There were two broad ways in which the savings were made. Easily the larger chunk of the money was saved by making the hospital design more efficient, and by shifting some functions off site. This includes making better use of the bottom part of the light well, removing the triangular shaped pavilion, making savings in façade design, making some savings in engineering plant, requiring the private sector pathology provider to undertake more of their analysis offsite, and by utilising the adjacent and historic dairy building, which will be conserved in the process.

We are not sure why you might oppose any of those changes. We think they are sensible.

The second, much smaller, chunk of the money was saved by deferring expenditure on some clinical facilities, because there may well not be a need for those facilities on opening day. This is normal practice in hospital construction; it allows for an increase in future capacity just by fitting out shelled spaces. The detailed business case already allows for 10 of 40 specialist ICU beds to be shelled, along with some of the additional surgical theatres. The savings announced in December shelled 12 more beds (of 410), and one (of three) MRI scans. This does not result in the reduction of any services. It merely delays the provision of extra capacity until that capacity is needed. Admittedly the savings are small, but that means the cost of 'turning on' that capacity is also small.

Again, we do not see why you might oppose this more efficient use of capital expenditure.

In addition, the single PET scan will be shelled. The private sector will be providing PET scanning in Dunedin before the new hospital opens in 2028. Therefore, the second PET scanner won't be needed until sometime after opening day.

From the Offices of

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Authorised by David Clark MP,
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That leaves the only real 'cut' in the whole package – the permanent reduction of acute, elective and day surgery theatres from 20 to 18. Yet even this creates absolutely no reduction in service, because the trend these days is towards a 10-hour surgical day rather than an 8-hour day. It means we make more efficient use of expensive equipment, something we feel sure you would endorse. We hope that also means that some surgical staff might enjoy a 4-day week not a 5-day week. For comparison the current hospital has 12 theatres.

In summary, we are a bit bemused by your opposition. We don't get it. It is true that redesigning the hospital costs time and money. But those costs are known and the savings still deliver good value to the taxpayer. It is also true that we may well face future design challenges and cost increases. But that is no reason to oppose good quality savings now.

We understand, and share, the sadness of losing the pavilion as an architectural feature, especially the loss of the korowai on the façade. However, we understand that Aukaha have been re-engaged to help design a suitable substitute.

Confusingly, there were earlier plans by officials last year to make deeper cuts that would indeed have affected clinical services. These plans were not progressed, and as local MPs we are of one mind that they must never be.

We think there are other things that you, and we, should be a lot more concerned about. We are anxious to know that the accompanying IT capacity will be up to scratch; we are not yet sure that the necessary training and recruitment of the various health professionals is adequate, and we are very keen that the interprofessional learning centre is approved and funded by our University, Polytech and the health system. We urge you to direct your attention to these areas.

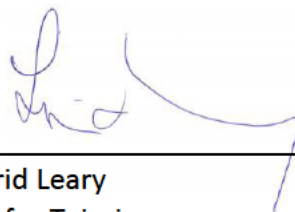
Lastly, we wish to acknowledge the remarkable assistance and support that the DCC has provided in the past 5 years. There has always been free dialogue, an honest exchange of views, consistent professionalism and responsiveness during the consenting processes, and plenty of respect.

As members of the Government that finally got this well overdue project underway we would like to offer the DCC our heartfelt thanks.

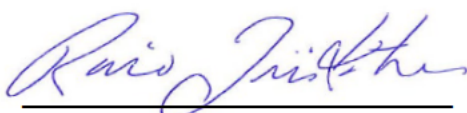
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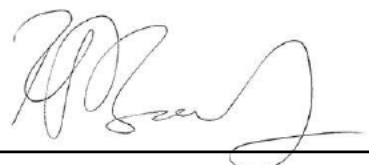
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To: [Jules Radich](#)
Cc: [Sandy Graham](#); [Leanne Mash](#)
Subject: FW: Meeting with Dunedin Mayor Jules Radich
Date: Wednesday, 5 April 2023 01:54:25 p.m.
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FYI – meeting request has been sent to Minister of Health

From: Mark Hathaway
Sent: Wednesday, 5 April 2023 1:53 p.m.
To: a.verrall@ministers.govt.nz
Cc: Jules Radich <Jules.Radich@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Meeting with Dunedin Mayor Jules Radich

Kia ora Dr Verrall,

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We look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Mark

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From: Angela Bray <angela.bray@parliament.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 3 April 2023 9:15 a.m.

To: Mark Hathaway <Mark.Hathaway@dcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Meeting with Dunedin Mayor Jules Radich and Chief Executive Sandy Graham

Good morning Mark

On behalf of Minister Robertson, thank you for your email.

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Regards

Angela

Angela Bray | Senior Private Secretary | Office of Hon Grant Robertson MP

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From: Mark Hathaway [<mailto:Mark.Hathaway@dcc.govt.nz>]

Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 11:51 AM

To: G Robertson (MIN) <G.Robertson@ministers.govt.nz>

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Subject: FW: Meeting with Dunedin Mayor Jules Radich and Chief Executive Sandy Graham
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FYI – Finance Minister declines to meet, suggests corresponding with Minister of Health.

Kind regards,

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Subject: FW: SRC-627 Letter from the Mayor of Dunedin
Date: Monday, 19 February 2024 11:37:11 a.m.
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FYI below.

Ngā manaakitanga

[Jess Dunn](#)

Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Dunedin

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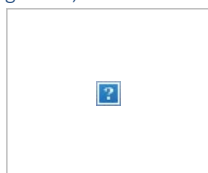
From: Shane Reti (MIN) <S.Reti@ministers.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 19 February 2024 11:35 a.m.
To: Office Of The Mayor <Office.Mayor@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: SRC-627 Letter from the Mayor of Dunedin

Kia ora Mayor Jules Radich

On behalf of Hon Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Health, thank you for your email of 1 February 2024. We apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Minister has noted your letter and has asked his officials for advice on the matters you have raised. You can expect a response from the Minister in due course.

Ngā mihi,



Office of Hon Dr Shane Reti
Minister of Health
Minister for Pacific Peoples

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From: Office Of The Mayor [<mailto:Office.Mayor@dcc.govt.nz>]
Sent: Thursday, 1 February 2024 1:41 PM
To: Shane Reti (MIN) <S.Reti@ministers.govt.nz>
Subject: Letter from the Mayor of Dunedin

Tēnā koe Minister Reti

Please find attached a letter from Jules Radich, Mayor of Dunedin.

Ngā manaakitanga

[Jess Dunn](#)

Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Dunedin

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Mayor Jules Radich
Email: mayor@dcc.govt.nz

Ref. 2023-1202942799495348

Tēnā koe Mayor Radich

New Dunedin Hospital

Thank you to you and your team, and Mayor Clark, for taking the time to meet with me recently to discuss the New Dunedin Hospital project. I also understand that useful meetings have occurred in Dunedin this week, both directly with you and more widely through the LAG. I am very pleased to hear that.

I want to reiterate the Government's and my support for the people of Dunedin and the Southern region to receive improved access to services through the \$1.58bn investment in hospital and specialist capacity. This is currently the largest investment in hospital capacity across the country. I am excited about the opportunity this presents to modernise healthcare delivery in the region, including a state-of-the-art day surgery unit, outpatient clinics spaces supporting multi-disciplinary practice, and additional radiology equipment.

I also want to acknowledge the history of engagement that local teams and groups have been committed to, now for many years. The project has been co-designed with mana whenua and both local community patient and clinical user groups. It is essential that these good connections and collaborative approach continue.

In terms of engagement, I'm informed that local clinical teams were involved in the creation of options for design modification considered by Ministers in December 2022, including issues raised in the document *Clinical and Operational Impact Statement – Te Whatu Ora, Southern*. In commissioning options, Ministers asked that the original aspirations of the business case were maintained, while better exploring other ways to meet service needs. This work was done prior to the Minister of Finance and previous Minister of Health making a final decision.

I have reviewed your earlier written questions and am advised that many of these – and others – were the focus of discussions in Dunedin this week. If there are outstanding specific queries, please be in touch with Te Whatu Ora as soon as you can. I have made clear to Te Whatu Ora that I expect high quality engagement with you.

I know that project communications have not been sufficient to build confidence with some parts of the community; and I have made my expectation clear to Te Whatu Ora that communications need to improve.

Based on the discussions this week, I understand Te Whatu Ora would like to talk with you further, and with other key stakeholders, about four specific aspects. These are:

- providing a fuller overview of pathology service provision and how this reflects the needs of the community, including interface with private providers;
- the rationale for 'shelling' (building space now to enable future service delivery), and why specific investments are appropriately timed for future dates;
- an overview of plans for the development of a national approach for radiology service provision, including PET scanning, that meets regional and local needs; and
- how regional planning is conducted to provide high-quality services in different areas, while also making effective use of the network of health facilities locally, regionally and nationally.

Te Whatu Ora has assured me that the approved redesign does not compromise local or regional health services, because there are other ways to ensure service access. This includes providing more care in community settings (such as related to mental health and care of older persons), outsourcing services where it makes sense (e.g. PET scanning), and strengthening networks with primary and community care to provide some health services closer to home. In other words, it is critical to see the hospital investment in the context of the region's wider healthcare system, including important services provided outside hospital settings.

In closing, I want to assure you that the Government remains committed to building a hospital that meets the needs of the Dunedin and Southern region, now and in the future. This is a very exciting investment, and one I hope, with further information and engagement, you feel you can fully support. Thank you again for your feedback and engagement with me.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via my office.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Minister of Health

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Kia Ora Mark

On behalf of Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall, thank you for the meeting request for the Mayor of Dunedin. We will be in touch shortly.

Ngā mihi

Paul Moir
Private Secretary (Executive Support) | Office of Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
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From: Angela Bray <angela.bray@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 3 April 2023 9:15 a.m.
To: Mark Hathaway <Mark.Hathaway@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Meeting with Dunedin Mayor Jules Radich and Chief Executive Sandy Graham

Good morning Mark

On behalf of Minister Robertson, thank you for your email.

Due to diary pressures over the coming weeks, Minister Robertson is not able to meet. Minister urges the Council to continue to work with the Minister of Health in the meantime.

Regards

Angela

Angela Bray | Senior Private Secretary | Office of Hon Grant Robertson MP
Member of Parliament for Wellington Central
Minister of Finance | Minister for Sport and Recreation | Leader of the House | Minister for Cyclone Recovery
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From: Mark Hathaway [<mailto:Mark.Hathaway@dcc.govt.nz>]
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 11:51 AM
To: G Robertson (MIN) <G.Robertson@ministers.govt.nz>
Cc: Jules Radich <Jules.Radich@dcc.govt.nz>; Sandy Graham <Sandy.Graham@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Meeting with Dunedin Mayor Jules Radich and Chief Executive Sandy Graham

Kia ora Mr Robertson,

Dunedin Mayor Jules Radich, and Dunedin City Council Chief Executive Sandy Graham, are eager to meet with you to hear your perspective on health funding – specifically in regard to the new Dunedin Hospital.

We hope to meet with you as soon as possible, and are happy to host you in Dunedin if you are due down here soon or we would be happy to meet in Wellington if that is more preferable?
An online Teams meeting would also suffice.

If you could float some potential times I'm sure we can find a good opportunity.

Kind regards,

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From: [Rachel Brooking](#)
To: [Wendy Collard](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from the Mayor of Dunedin
Date: Saturday, 7 January 2023 09:14:49 a.m.
Attachments: [0.png](#)

Thanks Wendy

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From: Wendy Collard <Wendy.Collard@dcc.govt.nz>
Date: Friday, 06 Jan 2023 at 5:35 PM
To: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern <Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Hon Andrew Little <Andrew.Little@parliament.govt.nz>, Hon Grant Robertson <Grant.Robertson@parliament.govt.nz>, Hon Dr David Clark <David.Clark@parliament.govt.nz>, Rachel Brooking <Rachel.Brooking@parliament.govt.nz>, Ingrid Leary <Ingrid.Leary@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Letter from the Mayor of Dunedin

Tenā koe Prime Minister

Please find attached a letter from the Mayor of Dunedin regarding the budget cuts for the new Dunedin Hospital.

Kā mihi

Wendy Collard

Mana Whakahaere Kairuruku / Governance Support Officer
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On behalf of Mayor Jules Radich

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1 February 2023

Jules Radich
Mayor of Dunedin
mayor@dcc.govt.nz

Kia ora Mayor Radich

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the proposed changes to the New Dunedin Hospital (NDH) as announced 20 December 2022.

The additional \$110 million granted by the Government for the NDH means that we can continue and complete the project without substantial delays. Some changes, which incorporate design flexibility to increase capacity in the future, have been made. However, these modifications do not impact on the core objectives of the build which is to provide the Southern region with a fit-for-purpose, state-of-the-art facility that supports the needs of the community now and in the future.

Why a review of NDH was required

Te Whatu Ora is currently planning or delivering around 100 infrastructure projects across the motu. Government infrastructure projects do not get an exemption from the construction cost pressures being felt here in New Zealand and, Te Whatu Ora was asked to review the cost of all health infrastructure projects - we are required to be fiscally responsible with each and every infrastructure project that is under consideration.

Faced with a \$200 million cost increase to the budgeted costs to complete NDH, we had to optimise the build by making some design efficiencies.

Firstly, we worked closely with the Design Team, local Dunedin clinicians, and Aukaha to achieve the best outcome possible for the new hospital and the services it will provide. Our focus was to preserve as much clinical capacity as possible, thereby not impacting the delivery of health services. The agreed amendments meant we could save \$90 million of the projected \$200 million escalation.

The differences from the Detailed Business Case for the NDH to the updated design, which meet the projected demand for health services to 2043, are as follows:

- a. Twelve less beds on opening day but space available for later fitout
- b. Two less operating theatres
- c. One less MRI but with shell space built for one in the future
- d. No PET CT but a space built for one in the future.

The removal of the Pavilion building and one link bridge was a substantial part of the cost-saving to the project. The decision to make this change was not taken lightly by any means but the construction, labour and resources required for one building instead of two was also a practical compromise.

The Pavilion Building was going to provide a collaborative staff workspace and other staff amenities like a staff café, bike storage and changing facilities. Collaborative workspaces and staff amenities will now be incorporated into the Inpatient building and across the facility.

The design of the Inpatient building workspace is utilising an activity-based working environment philosophy to provide a variety of settings to support the different types of work activities a staff member is doing on any particular day. Non-clinical workspaces will be distributed throughout the facility to enable staff to access workspace near their clinical area. Types of spaces include workstations, quiet booths and meeting rooms in a range of sizes to support one-on-one meetings up to those with 30 people. The physical workspace design will be digitally enabled with facilities to support virtual meetings and telehealth.

The remaining cost savings were made by optimising the construction to reduce costs, providing shell areas (providing space for but not fitting out) for three theatres, one MRI, one PET and 12 beds, and incorporating the logistics functions of the Bow Lane site into the Inpatient Building site. This was carefully considered on the needs of the population requirements through to 2043. Those spaces can be fitted out with the appropriate specialist equipment when demand requires.

The bridge that has been removed was a public bridge. The bridge retained is for staff use and this would include the transfer of patients between the two buildings, so the approach to patient transport has not changed. We are working with the DCC, Waka Kotahi and the Design Team to ensure there are safe and accessible routes for the public to travel between the buildings.

To clarify, the Clinical and Operational Impact Statement was written in response to an earlier proposal, known as Option 4.3. Since September 2022, the Project Team has

continued to revise the design, in collaboration with clinicians and key stakeholders, to respond to the key clinical risks identified in that statement. The risks have been mitigated to a point that they are no longer considered critical.

Te Whatu Ora HNZ's commitment to the Southern region

The focus of Te Whatu Ora is to provide a range of inter-connected health services across the Southern region to meet the health needs of all.

The \$1.58 billion NDH is and continues to be the largest infrastructure project that Te Whatu Ora is undertaking in the country however it has been designed to provide services alongside a range of community health services. New Zealand's health and disability system is multifaceted, the standard of care a community receives does not rest solely on the infrastructure it operates within or the floorplan it rests within.

For your information, the Minister of Health has approved an additional \$55 million to infrastructure projects in the Southern region including interim works and essential maintenance at Dunedin Hospital, a Rural Primary Birthing Unit in Central Otago and purchase of Linear Accelerators.

Ngā mihi



Daniel Pallister-Coward

Regional Director Hospital and Specialist Services

Te Waipounamu (South Island)

cc:

Sophie Barker

David Benson-Pope

Jim O'Malley

Rachel Brooking

David Clark

Ingrid Leary

Office of the Mayor



23 March 2023

Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Minister of Health
Labour Party

Tēnā koe Minister

Thank you for your letter received 17 February regarding the New Dunedin Hospital.

My Councillors remain united in our position to pursue completion of the New Dunedin Hospital and its services as documented in the Detailed Business Case, as agreed to by Cabinet.

While Te Whatu Ora representatives have spoken at length with Councillors and senior officers, we remain unconvinced that our significant underlying concerns have been addressed.

Council's concern is not centred on the trivial. At the heart of our concern lies the very real fact that the compromise position now being presented has given rise to a facility that does not fundamentally offer a fit-for-purpose, state-of-the-art hospital.

I feel your letter raises more concerns than it answers for the Council. The level of uncertainty remaining over key services will not be put to rest by the unquantifiable notion that future, as yet unspecified, investment will be appropriately timed to save the day.

Our collective fear is typified by the move away from the original provision of services and facilities designated for critical elements such as pathology, mental health services for our elderly, PET scan delivery and collaborative workspaces. We clearly see this an unacceptable risk to our community and a failing by the government to build what was deemed appropriate in the first instance.

No one has explained to our satisfaction the rationale for moving away from the Detailed Business Case design in terms of space, services and amenity previously agreed as fit-for-purpose after 4 years of consultation and now seen as not required. This is not about a particular building style; it is all about suitability and service delivery for our community.

Based on Councillor conversations with our residents I can confirm that there is significant unease amongst the community and allied health professionals. This will only grow with time as uncertainty abounds and Council pursues a far more public approach to our advocacy. This will include a public campaign to unite the residents of the South into action.

The New Dunedin Hospital is the biggest issue currently facing southern regions. Scepticism, distrust and disappointment are all emotions I am seeing on a daily basis in relation to the New Dunedin Hospital and the government's refusal to build what was promised.

As we move into the active public phase of our advocacy, and on behalf of my Councillors and the community we answer to, I seek a genuine commitment from your government to build what was promised.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jules Radich".

Jules Radich
Mayor of Dunedin

Lauren Riddle

From: Kathryn van Beek
Sent: Tuesday, 24 September 2024 11:29 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Quote requested for special edition of the Council's FYI magazine

Perfect, thanks [REDACTED]

Kā mihi
Kathryn.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 September 2024 11:25 a.m.
To: Kathryn van Beek <Kathryn.vanBeek@dcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Samuel White <Samuel.White@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Quote requested for special edition of the Council's FYI magazine

Kia Ora Kathryn,

Please find my short quote below:

"The hospital cuts would hurt me and my community as we all have serious medical conditions that, when issues arise, require immediate and adequate treatment. Anything less risks my life, and the lives of my community."

You can credit it to:

[REDACTED]
Let me know if there's any issues with that :)

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

On 24 Sep 2024, at 11:22, Kathryn van Beek <Kathryn.vanBeek@dcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

It was great to catch up with you this morning.
We're putting together a special digital edition of our FYI magazine with a focus on the hospital march. (I've cc'd Samuel, our FYI editor, to this email.)

We're including some snippets from people explaining why hospital cuts hurt them.
If you are interested in being included and get time before midday, could you please send us a sentence about how the hospital cuts would hurt you?

Eg: 'Hospital cuts would hurt me / my whānau / my community because.....'

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From: Kathryn van Beek
Sent: Thursday, 19 September 2024 06:44 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Kim Barnes
Subject: Re: Reverse the Cuts march

Thanks [REDACTED] how about 10am Tuesday at the Corner Store Cafe on lower Stuart St? I'll bring a size L t-shirt with me 😊

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 6:41:27 pm
To: Kathryn van Beek <Kathryn.vanBeek@dcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Kim Barnes <Kim.Barnes@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Reverse the Cuts march

Kia ora Kathryn,

I appreciate all of the links and images provided, I will use them when I find an appropriate time to do so :)

I wouldn't mind a branded t-shirt, I am a size Large. That'd be excellent, thank you very much!

It would be great to catch up sometime next week to discuss the details of the March, especially Reverse The Cuts role within it. I have a pretty free schedule next week, I am only **unavailable** on Monday morning, so I'll be free after 12 noon. Other than that, I should be free to meet.

Thanks again,

On Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 5:13 PM Kathryn van Beek <Kathryn.vanBeek@dcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thanks so much for your time today.

We have created a They Save We Pay: Stop the Cuts march Facebook event: [\(1\) They Save We Pay Dunedin Hospital public march | Facebook](#)

We will also save useful campaign links here as they become available: [theysavewepay | Facebook](#) | [Linktree](#)

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 September 2024 5:56 p.m.
To: Kathryn van Beek <Kathryn.vanBeek@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Reverse the Cuts march

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My number is [REDACTED] I'm usually free for a call anytime, I do have commitments tomorrow 12:45 to 2pm, so I won't be available. Any other time I will always aim to answer :)

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

[REDACTED]

On Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 4:59 PM Kathryn van Beek <Kathryn.vanBeek@dcc.govt.nz> wrote:

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I'm interested in learning more about the Reverse the Cuts march and if the DCC may be able to support it in any way.

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Thanks heaps

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