

SUBMISSION: DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2017/2018

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GENERAL COMMENT

We are generally in agreement with planned projects. In particular the **South Dunedin Community Hub**. **Street Lights** – dark sky city is important, however we be avoid any lighting system that might cause light pollution. **Cycleways:** we are happy with the efforts being made for safer city cycling and also for lowering carbon emissions. **Mosgiel Pool:** We agree with the development of a new pool however, the primary importance of the pool should be to ensure that people has access to swimming and children learn to swim – the emphasis on waterslides etc are secondary.

HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD SPEND ON OUR ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY IN THE 2017/18 YEAR.

\$200,000

3) LONG TERM PLANNING

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES:

To be resilient Dunedin will need access to local food. We could facilitate the return of market gardening to the Taieri – (start a Land Trust which would allow young growers to lease land to get started). The DCC could facilitate this through the Good Food programme and in partnership with Taieri communities. Production of food from currently unused backyard could also be facilitated especially for families wishing to do this. Community input and involvement would be required. Supporting communities that are looking to encourage resilience through community gardening, and supporting suburb groups those organizations which wish to do this –
Community Development YOUTH:

Create more opportunities for young people to be involved in their community so that they feel they have value and are contributing something. Eg: YouthGrow

Community Facilities – Provision of Barbeque:

Barbeques in community spaces/ parks for the south of town. Particularly Corstorphine and Green Island – helps build a sense of community. Sense of community is a sense of well-being.

Street and Park Seating:

More Seating within the city and suburbs especially with ageing population – makes the city more accessible for those who are disabled and infirm.

Tree Planting / Enhancement of Berms / Edible Plantings – develop and increase these areas. Put with resilient communities.

LOCAL CURRENCY : SCAN has had strong discussion around the introduction of a local currency and would like to suggest that the DCC facilitate the introduction of a Dunedin Dollar. Groundwork would require consultation with Dunedin businesses and groups such as our own could assist.

WALKABLE/CYCLABLE CITIES / RETROFITTING SUBURBIA FOR A MORE LIVABLE CITY:

Longterm planning is essential for more livable cities which build community.

https://www.ted.com/talks/jeff_speck_4_ways_to_make_a_city_more_walkable

https://www.ted.com/talks/ellen_dunham_jones_retrofitting_suburbia

https://www.ted.com/talks/james_howard_kunstler_dissects_suburbia#t-1168844

There are a few talks on this topic- examples are often cities bigger Dunedin.

4) THINGS WE COULD DO BETTER

WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Dunedin could be more innovative with waste management. There is disappointment that the waste charges at the tip and transfer stations have been put up again. It is understood that we are trying to keep to a 'user-pays' regime – this takes enormous energy and cost for many citizens. We suggest implementing a GREEN COLLECTION and encouraging composting at the landfill. Christchurch has a green collection. In Auckland there is an annual inorganic collection <http://www.makethemostofwaste.co.nz/inorganic-collection/frequently-asked-questions/> – Dunedin could try something similar.

BROKEN GLASS IN THE STREETS:

Encourage the use of aluminium containers (far less energy is required to recycle aluminium, and it is less dangerous), and revisiting the use of container deposit schemes as well as GLASS COLLECTION BINS in suburbs especially NEV and student area.

PLASTIC RECYCLING - Vested interest groups - Suggest that DCC work with Local Government NZ to lobby the Government to approach the industry to regulate for more responsibility for packing. Plastic packing should always be recyclable. Industry should also be encouraged or regulated, to reduce or not use plastic containers.

5b) Things we could do more of:

DEVELOPMENT OF DCC ELECTRIC VEHICLE FLEET - DCC has a plan to introduce electric vehicles - promote a more aggressive plan. Suggest the DCC plan for more assertive action on EVs.

EV RECHARGING POINTS - Plan for an increase in recharging point.

REDUCTION AND ELIMINATION coal use in the city.

CONGRATULATIONS to the DCC on being the first council to divest from Fossil Fuels. As a city we have come so far with divestment of the DCC and the University from investing in fossil fuels, however, right in the centre of Dunedin we burn lignite coal for heating the hospital, university, Greggs and Cadburys. With Cadburys plan to close, the timing is right to wean ourselves off coal. With NZ's commitment to the Paris Climate agreement we could do better to transition to renewable fuels.

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