

---

**From:** Rachel Askew <rachel.askew@Cluthadc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 April 2017 11:30 a.m.  
**To:** b.english@ministers.govt.nz  
**Cc:** Dave Cull  
**Subject:** Letter from Clutha District Mayor regarding Dunedin Hospital

**To the Rt Hon Bill English**

**20 April 2017**

Dear Prime Minister,

I wish to express my support for Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull's call to end the procrastination and uncertainty about the future of Dunedin Hospital.

First and foremost, the lower South Island needs a strong, modern medical facility in Dunedin and the patience of the wider populace has come to an end.

It is absolutely untenable that after years and years of discussion we now find ourselves right back where we started, discussing location!

I would have thought it blindingly obvious that if its present location is not suitable then it at least needs to be functionally close enough to the medical school and city/university hub to be practical.

I appreciate this is a huge project and we have to get it right, but the present rate of progress is leaving the public frustrated, confused and increasingly worried about the issue.

If residents in the Clutha District need access to Dunedin Hospital, it usually means their health matter is already serious.

Their confidence about the current level of service at Dunedin Hospital that central government sees fit to provide is already low and the future of the hospital is becoming an increasingly common discussion point.

It's time for some certainty and leadership.

Yours sincerely  
Bryan Cadogan  
Clutha District Mayor

**Sent on behalf of Mayor Cadogan by:**

**Rachel Askew**

**Communications Coordinator/Executive Assistant to Mayor**

**Clutha District Council**

1 Rosebank Terrace, PO Box 25, Balclutha 9240

P: (03) 419 0200 | Free: 0800 801 350 | DD: (03) 419 0228 | M: 027 345 1000

[rachel.askew@cluthadc.govt.nz](mailto:rachel.askew@cluthadc.govt.nz)

For more information about Council visit [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz)