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Dear Prime Minister

Dunedin Hospital Rebuild

The Otago Chamber of Commerce would like to support the recent letter from Dunedin City Council, advocating for:

- a) Communicating to Government its complete opposition to a rebuild of Dunedin Hospital outside the central city
- b) Expresses a preference for the hospital to remain as close as possible to its current location

We would also like to convey our concern about the delay in progressing this essential project, and concerns about other locations under consideration.

The importance of our University, its Medical School and the associated medical precinct is vital to our ongoing reputation for excellence in education and businesses, as well as underpinning the social fabric of our City.

I'm sure your colleagues will have updated you on the strength of local feeling on this issue. I hope your office will help progress the work to provide the people of Dunedin and its hinterland with the facilities they rightfully expect, while ensuring that the hospital remains in the central Dunedin area alongside easily accessible complementary services.

I would be pleased to discuss these issues further at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to continuing to add to the ongoing debate and consultation.

Yours sincerely



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