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Rt Hon Bill English
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister

DUNEDIN PUBLIC HOSPITAL

I am writing to express my support to the campaign to have Dunedin Public Hospital rebuilt in a central location in Dunedin, staffed and resourced at a level that will secure its future as the country's most highly regarded teaching hospital.

This is an opportunity for the Southern District Health Board to look at the needs of the whole of Otago-Southland. The Queenstown Lakes District Council is the fastest-growing region in the whole of the southern region and our residents and visitors rely on access to tertiary level care in Dunedin. For that reason we strongly support the retention and investment in specialist services in the city.

This is not to say that a Dunedin-focussed model is the only consideration. The Southern DHB has the opportunity to review the provision of services across the region in ways that are appropriate for the changing needs of the population. In this regard, the service delivery model may influence the form of the new hospital and there will be opportunities to take advantage of technology to provide services in innovative ways that are not necessarily tied to a hospital or based wholly in Dunedin.

I would hope that in confirming the future of the tertiary hospital in Dunedin, the Government through the DHB would also consider ways of strengthening and enlarging service delivery in the Queenstown area and the Upper Clutha, which are all experiencing growing demand for health services.

Yours sincerely



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