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Dear Mayor Cull

## **Dunedin Hospital Rebuild**

On behalf of the residents of the Gore District, I want to express support for the campaign to secure a central city Dunedin hospital rebuild.

The sustainability and viability of any community is dependent on many factors. One factor constant in any sustainability matrix is the need for a capable, dependable and accessible health care service. The Otago/Southland community is no exception. Given the large geographical size of the region and the remote nature of its many corners, it is arguably more critical to our future than most other regions of our nation.

A critical piece in the jigsaw puzzle that makes up our health service network in the south is that of a top flight tertiary hospital sited in central Dunedin. A hospital that is easily accessible to patients and practitioners alike, as well as one strategically located to enable easy connection with the Otago University and Dunedin Medical School.

Much has changed over the last century in the delivery of health care, however, the need for Dunedin to be the site of the pre-eminent tertiary health facility to service the lower South Island remains constant.

I urge those who have influence in the eventual design and siting of the replacement for the current Dunedin Hospital to bear in mind the points I have mentioned. The huge importance the large number of tourists from across the globe have on the nation's economy and the need they have for quality health care also needs to be considered.

I wish the campaign led by Dunedin City all the best as it strives to gain the best services possible for both Dunedin City residents and the thousands of southerners scattered across the region.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'THS', written in a cursive style.

Tracy Hicks JP  
**Gore District Mayor**