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Mayor David Cull  
Dunedin City Council  
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Dear Mayor Cull

### **Dunedin Hospital Rebuild**

I write on behalf of the Councillors of the Central Otago District Council offering the support of Council to the rebuild of Dunedin Hospital.

Living at a distance from Dunedin; we cannot emphasise enough the importance of having a top-grade hospital within 1.5 to 2.5 hours driving time from our District. While Dunstan Hospital an excellent, albeit limited service; the next level of expertise and care that Dunedin Hospital offers are a vital part of the well-being of our community. The support given by Dunedin Hospital to Dunstan Hospital through specialist visits and so forth is also very important.

Of fundamental importance is the care that Dunedin Hospital provides our people in emergency situations through the Otago Rescue Helicopter service.

At a broader level; the Council also recognises the importance to Otago as a whole that the link between the Hospital and the Otago University School of Medicine remains intact; as the Medical School is internationally recognised as one of the jewels in our Provinces crown.

Yours sincerely



Tim Cadogan  
Mayor