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To the owner(s) and/or the occupier(s) of this property,

The Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora, is overseeing the development of the New Dunedin Hospital (**NDH**) on the former Cadbury site, the former Wilsons car-parking site, and the old Cadbury staff car park site (now known as the Bow Lane block). A map of the overall NDH site is shown below.



The design of the new Hospital is now well advanced, and demolition of existing buildings on site to make way for the new Hospital buildings is progressing rapidly.

Alongside these works, the Ministry of Health is currently preparing consent applications to authorise all activities associated with the construction and operation of the new Hospital. A consent application covering the enabling works (earthworks, piling and associated foundation works etc) required across all three sites will be lodged in August 2021. Subject to consent being granted, these works are scheduled to commence in early 2022.

The resource consent application will be lodged with the Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA**) in accordance with the requirements of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track) Consenting Act 2020 (**FT Act**). The FT Act was passed last year to accelerate the consenting of projects which would support New Zealand's recovery from the economic and social impacts of COVID-19. In March 2021, the NDH was approved as a qualifying (or "referred") project under the FT Act. More information about the FT Act, its processes, and the approval of the NDH as a "referred project" under the FT Act can be accessed here. <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/fast-track-consenting/dunedin-hospital>

The enabling works resource consent application will be considered by an expert consenting panel appointed under the FT Act. As an adjacent owner and/or occupier of the NDH site, you will be given the opportunity to provide comment on that consent application. To assist the EPA and the expert consenting panel in providing you with that opportunity, I would be grateful if you could send your full name and contact address to the following email address: newdunedinhospital@health.govt.nz

You are under no obligation to provide your contact details, nor are you under any obligation to engage with the EPA, the expert consenting panel or the Ministry of Health, if you do. If you provide those contact details, they will only be given to the EPA as part of the resource consent application for the enabling works. They will not be made publicly available by the Ministry or the EPA, nor will they be released in response to any requests under the Official Information Act 1982.

Finally, if you are an owner, I would also appreciate if you could provide this letter to any occupiers of your property.

If you have any questions regarding the provision of your contact details or the NDH generally, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Mike Barns
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Ministry of Health*