

Your Comment on the New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu

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2. *We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment

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3. Please provide your comments on this application

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu (**Site** or **NDH**). The Proposal is being pursued under the fast-track consenting process in two stages. This first stage is the enabling works that generally consisting of foundations and infrastructure / servicing. These comments are limited to the enabling works.

The University of Otago is generally supportive of the New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu. The University of Otago seeks to be fully informed of the potential effects of the NDH. The construction of the NDH could directly adversely affect the University's Te Rangi Hiroa residential college if it is not managed carefully and appropriately.

The University of Otago owns and operates the Te Rangi Hiroa College, which is immediately north of the Site, at 184 – 194 Castle Street with the legal description of Section 52 and Part Section 53 Block XXI TN OF Dunedin. This residential college caters for up to 120 full-time, first year students at the University of Otago. This college is the most modern of the University Residential Colleges and boasts excellent facilities, including modern ensuite bathrooms, a theatre, large common room, full dining room service, games area. The college runs an excellent in-house academic programme primarily designed to complement University teaching and allow for further understanding of relevant core concepts.

The Noise and Vibration Assessment (NVA) concludes that it may not be practical to always comply with noise limits, even when the best practicable options have been identified and applied to minimise the level and duration of noise emissions. Higher noise activities are proposed to be limited within 0730-1800 hours Monday- Friday and 730 to 1400 hours on Saturday.

The Te Rangi Hiroa College has been identified as areas expected to receive loud noise (up to 71-76 dB LAeq). We note the acoustic report states for the Quest, that has less and more transient occupancy than our residents, *“how the noise affects the occupiers of the residential units depends on how the internal spaces of the building are used. In some cases, residents will be away from home during the ‘weekday’ hours that the piling to be undertaken. If occupants are home the noise may cause annoyance, or interference with anyone attempting to sleep during the daytime”*.

The University believes that noise will cause annoyance to our students trying to study, especially during mid-year or end of year exam time.

The University seeks:

- amend the proposed conditions of consent to specifically identify Te Rangi Hiroa as a building for which specific mitigation measures for the management of noise will be required
- mitigation measures must be included in the Noise and Vibration Management Plan prior to works commencing on the site
- include procedures for communication with surrounding activities and stakeholders in the Noise and Vibration Management Plan.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Concerns raised above should be specifically included in conditions. If any clarification or further information would assist, please do not hesitate to contact the University.

Thank you for your comments