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	<p>Hi, It is still the 31 August 🤔🌑 I hope this feedback arrives before midnight 👍📎 Attached are 2 separate feedback items for you to add to your hopefully long list of responses. I would like to thank the people who manned the drop in days around the district, and would also like to say your approach was very friendly and helpful. Sorry for being probably the last to respond, I had more to say, but "ran out of time" Only had 12 weeks to do it !!! Cheers Errol Wills Duntroon</p>

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## **Subject: Rural towns and villages**

Part of the privilege I have in living in North Otago is the space that we have and the choices of what part of the district we want to live in. Often this is decided on where we work, but also there is a trend for people to choose where to live and then make a living from that place. Working from home, remote working, and technology has created more choices for residents to live in rural villages and the smaller towns, and this is great for those areas.

These towns need consideration when deciding on future infrastructure developments. Water power, sewage, communication services and roading are all part of the progression of development for these villages. In the early days these areas were support villages for the surrounding farming communities. Grocer, railway station, policeman, butcher and blacksmith. The changes over the years have seen a decline in many of these services, and the change has seen many of the houses formally required to service these occupations, now occupied by people who have other requirements. The urbanisation of the rural community's has resulted in the expectation that what people take for granted in the towns they come from, they expect the same type of infrastructure in the rural towns. So do the long term residents. Duntroon in particular is in need of a sewerage system if it is to grow. The current use of septic tanks is becoming more difficult to get consents for new installations, and the trucking of sewage from containment tanks to the Oamaru sewage treatment plant, while may be the short term solution, has an on-going and increasing cost.

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### **Subject: Business 4 Zoning**

I would like to comment on the current business 4 zoning, to retain it, and how it could be impacted with the increasing residential housing that may occur along its boundaries. One of the attributes of operating from a Business 4 zone is the ability to operate heavy machinery, trucks and other industrial type machines. While there is currently a noise limit on such operations, the location of the zones means they are well away from residential properties. In particular, the Redcastle Road/Shortland Road is a Business 4 zoned area. This area from the Waitaki Boys High School boundary northward is alongside the industrial area of Lean Meats. This is an ideal location for businesses to operate from.

I would be very disappointed to see any changes to this zoning as it stands at present.

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## **Subject: SNA's and Outstand Landscapes.**

For my two bobs worth, I would hope that the Waitaki District Council recognise that future developments may be at odds with the council's planning rules. I use the example of the Upper Waitaki power canals as a development that possibly under today's rules would not have been consented. They provide not only electricity generation, but also a recreational amenity for fishermen and others.

Farming in North Otago has changed over the years, from the early days of extensive dryland sheep properties, to today's irrigated farms that produce a variety of products. From grain, dairy, beef, and many other enterprises, individual farmers have taken advantage of the irrigation schemes that have provided the water to previously dry areas, and developed their farms that would have been difficult in a dryland situation, and provided the North Otago area with increased job opportunities and increased production.

What I am concerned about is that if large areas of the North Otago landscape are classified into areas that are "locked in time" by way of designation, future opportunities may be restricted because this land cannot be changed without costly court proceedings. Looking at other regions where "environmental lobby groups" object to all and any developments in their areas, forgetting that the land owners are the ones who pay the rates, because in their opinions "It changes the landscape", brings me back to my statement regarding the Upper Waitaki power canals. If you ask anyone under 40 years of age what they think of that landscape, they would look at you and question why the canals should not be there. We talk about generational change, but in two generations, people's perspective on what is acceptable also changes. Tourism opportunities may come about because of the North Otago location, such as Night Sky viewing from hill top observatories, where landowners may be able to diversify their income streams to a more sustainable footing. As a North Otago resident, we take for granted seeing the night sky, but others from large cities have never experienced such. If the district rules will not allow such a building to be built, because someone objects, that landowners potential to add to the local economy is restricted.

Who would ever thought that centre pivot irrigators were to be part of the North Otago landscape 60 years ago, who would have thought that people could dance naked under the water from these pivots, and who would have thought that Oamaru's prosperity would

change from sheep and grain to now include tourism, dairy and transport services. Give a thought to the railway network that was part of the North Otago landscape 100 years ago, the massive work that must have gone into building these cuttings and embankments, that are now redundant and have been superseded with better method of moving our good and people around the district. Change to our landscape is ongoing, do not restrict future developments because today you think that this is all we need.