



Southland District Council
Mayor's Office - Invercargill - New Zealand

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To whom it may concern

On behalf of the Southland Mayoral Forum, we offer support to the HWCP Management inner-city redevelopment project in Invercargill.

This project is identified as a key priority in the Southland Regional Development Strategy (SoRDS) Action Plan where Southland's wish is to achieve the goal of 10,000 more people living in Southland by 2025. SoRDS is a region-wide initiative focused on building a thriving and prosperous future for Southland and was initiated by the Southland Mayoral Forum to address the problem of depopulation threatening the region's social and economic viability. Led by the Southland Mayoral Forum working collectively with iwi, business and community leaders, SoRDS is a unified Southland approach, building on local energy and leadership to address the static, ageing population to develop a more diverse and resilient regional economy.

The efforts to date have proved that Southland is capable of achieving the vision while at the same time creating a working and living environment that is beneficial to all. This large-scale inner-city project requires a collective local effort and support from central government to ensure delivery of a project that will have transformational benefits for the region.

Yours in Southland

Mayor Gary Tong
Chair of the Southland Mayoral Forum