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Dear Sir

I wish to respond to the statement from the SDHB administration regarding the proposed Southland and Otago Health Board merger proposal.

The New Zealand Nurses Organisation has forwarded a submission to the proposal which is supported by Nurses. In any fiscal climate it is imperative to optimise savings wherever possible; however this must not be to the detriment/reduction of services to the local/wider community. I wish to reiterate the submission that Nurses see the retention of Nursing Leadership in Southland as a pivotal part of any administration proposal.

Nurses have not had an opportunity to comment on the proposal for a merger of the two District Health Boards as there is no detail available in the public arena, to make any decision or recommendation.

We support the Medical staff in their concerns regarding the consultation process. We would like to see more representative dialogue taking place to ensure good decision making occurs.

Yours sincerely
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