

Labour's plan for Dunedin and Otago



HIGHLIGHTS

Labour will:

- Invest in growth and jobs in Otago through our \$200 million Regional Development Fund for projects such as establishing, re-opening and upgrading parts of the Hillside workshop as a manufacturing hub for Dunedin.
- Ensure that government bodies, including KiwiRail, buy New Zealand made whenever possible to support New Zealand manufacturers such as Hillside and keep jobs here.
- Upgrade and rebuild Dunedin Hospital, with work beginning in our first term.
- Keep the Invermay agricultural science research centre open.
- Create 3,000 more jobs in Otago by the end of our first term through our economic upgrades for forestry, manufacturing, fisheries, information technology, and small business.
- Hire around 40 additional teachers for Otago schools to reduce class sizes, and offer extra funding to schools that agree not to require parents to pay donations.
- Invest an extra \$13 million a year in Otago primary healthcare, including:
 - Extending free doctor visits and prescriptions to the 30,000 Otago children aged under 13 and the 32,000 people in Otago aged 65 or older, as well as pregnant women and people with long-term health conditions, and
 - On top of that, giving 60,000 low-income Otago people access to low cost GP visits.
- Labour will begin the process of urban renewal in the South Dunedin and Habourside areas as a priority in partnership with the City Council, the community and other groups
- Bring down power bills for families in Otago by hundreds of dollars a year and stem future price rises through our NZ Power plan.

Numbers of affected people in Otago are best estimates based on nationwide totals.

Full policies for each of these points and more can be found at www.labour.org.nz/policy