

Recommendation to Exclude the Public

It is recommended that the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting:

The general subject of each matter to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

Confirmation of Minutes from the public excluded part of the 12 December 2025 Otago Central Lakes Regional Deal Negotiation (OCLRDN) Committee and the public excluded part of the 24 March 2026 OCLRDN Committee meeting

<p>Draft Minutes of the public excluded part of the 12 December 2025 meeting and the public excluded part of the 24 March 2026 meeting</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). <p><i>Reason for recommendation</i></p> <p>The agreement of City and Regional Deal for Otago Central Lakes is in the public interest as it is premised on delivering improved economic, environmental and social outcomes for the community. Premature release of information could result in public commentary about ongoing negotiations that disadvantages the councils in that negotiating process. This could include the termination of the negotiation process resulting in no City and Regional Deal being agreed for the Otago Central Lakes. This information needs to be withheld to protect the ability to agree a City and Regional Deal and achieve these outcomes for the community.</p> <p>While there is public interest in the development of a Regional Deal, this is outweighed by the interest in holding these discussions with the public excluded to ensure that the councils' position is not disadvantaged and to protect the integrity of the negotiations.</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(i)</p>
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Public Excluded Agenda Items:

Item 1: Update on Ministerial Engagement

Item 2: Negotiation Update and Documentation

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This recommendation is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.