Public Excluded Item: Otago Central Lakes Regional Deal Negotiation Committee Workshop

DATE/START TIME:

Monday, 9 March 2026 at 11.00am to be held Online

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

It is recommended that this subject matter is discussed while the public is excluded. 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Section and Grounds	*Reason for this recommendation*
7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	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 Regional Deal and achieve these outcomes for the community. 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 in order to ensure that the councils' position is not disadvantaged and to protect the integrity of the negotiations.