

Southern District Health Board - Otago Constituency

Electing 4 Board Members



Ilka BEEKHUIS

My principal place of residence is in the Southern District Health Board - Otago Constituency area.

The SDHB has multiple challenges: maintaining quality patient care, organising the Dunedin hospital rebuild, serving its diverse rural population and meeting those needs with an

understaffed and under-resourced workforce.

I will ensure that the SDHB keeps its specialty services, increases rural healthcare access and addresses the increasing pressures on its workforce. This will improve patient care and create a better work environment for staff.

I'm a member of the SDHB and WellSouth's Community Health Council, where I provide advice on proposed healthcare policies and programmes in the Otago/Southland region from a patient's perspective.

I've worked as a medical research Grant Manager for a large teaching hospital in Boston, where I ensured clinical research staff operated within their budgets. I have the necessary expertise for this role and the determination to improve health services in our community.

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Conflict of Interest Statement

I have the following current conflicts of interest with the Southern District Health Board (SDHB):

(a) I am a founding member of the SDHB and WellSouth's Community Health Council. My term on the Community Health Council will end on 29 November, 2019.

(b) I am currently contracted (short term) by the Faculty of Law at the University of Otago.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have no other conflicts of interest with the SDHB at the date of my notice of consent to being nominated as a candidate for membership of the board of the SDHB.

I do not believe that any conflicts of interest are likely to arise in future, other than the conflicts of interest stated above.