

Southern District Health Board - Otago Constituency

Electing 4 Board Members



John CHAMBERS

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

I have worked as an emergency doctor in Dunedin for 26 years. I am aware of the important health issues, locally and nationally, and 100% committed to the public system. GPs are busy and require co-payments. Hospitals are full to bursting. Scans, surgery and investigations are subject to delay or cancellation. I will advocate for better, faster health services and modern facilities for patients and families across the entire Southern region. Greatest SDHB expenditure is on staff. All staff from cleaners and orderlies to doctors, nurses, technicians and midwives should be recognised for their hard work and supported to improve care. Involvement of all communities is also key. Board meetings and business should almost all be open to the public. This new Board, with democratically elected and accountable members, will govern healthcare for the next three years. Necessary improvements in care cannot be put off until the new hospital opens.

Conflict of Interest Statement

At the time of submitting my nomination for the election to the Southern District Health Board I wish to declare all possible conflicts of interest.

(a) I am Director of Emergency Medicine for the Australasian College. It is my responsibility to advocate for staffing and facilities at the level sufficient to meet the recommended standards of this professional body.

(b) As Vice President of the Otago branch of the Association for Salaried Medical Specialists I represent members (salaried senior doctors and dentists employed in the region including by SDHB) on matters concerning their terms and conditions.

(c) I am an Honorary Clinical Lecturer of the Dunedin Medical School, University of Otago.

The work performed for ACEM, ASMS and the Medical school does not involve any payment from these organisations.

(d) My wife has been employed by the SDHB for 12 years as co-ordinator for the National Immunisation Register.

(e) My daughter is employed by the SDHB as a radiographer. I am not aware of any other current or future actual or perceived conflicts of interest with the SDHB.