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Easter Sunday Shop Trading Submission
Dunedin City Council

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The Otago Southland Employers' Association (OSEA) is pleased to have the opportunity to provide a submission on Easter Sunday shop trading in Dunedin.

OSEA has been a service-based association for 127 years, representing the interests of more than 1,100 organisations across the Otago and Southland region.

We wish to highlight the following points:

1. We are supportive of shops (which also includes retailers, restaurants, bars and cafes) operating on Easter Sunday.
2. Retail businesses would like to have the ability to make up their own minds if they open on Easter Sunday. Some businesses will not open, and this will depend on their own circumstances, and the demand for their services on this day.
3. Easter can be a significant time for visitors coming to Dunedin, and retailers would like to be able to decide if they will open.
4. We have a lot of tourists visiting Dunedin, and they would like to be able to shop on Easter Sunday.
5. We have a lot of retail chains from across NZ who would also appreciate the ability to open in Dunedin on Easter Sunday.

Virginia Nicholls is available to speak to this submission

Yours sincerely,

Virginia Nicholls
Chief Executive Officer