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3.6 Southern South Island – Ulva Island/Te Wharawhara Replacement Wharf Project

- Southland District Council (SDC) is proposing to remove the current wharf located at Post Office Bay, Ulva Island/Te Wharawhara (Rakiura district); and construct a new wharf at the adjoining Bathing Bay. This has cost and public access implications for DOC which have unfortunately been cast as a lack of commitment from DOC in a media release by SDC.
 - Ulva Island/Te Wharawhara has a network of DOC maintained public tracks which are accessed from the current wharf. The island is a popular day trip accessed by a short boat trip from Golden Bay (near the Oban township).
 - The existing wharf is a SDC asset and is near end-of-life. We have agreed 'in principle' to support the project and with 'in kind' advice from in-house subject matter experts.
 - The new wharf location will require works to connect it to the public walking tracks. We have not yet committed funding at this time due to other operational priorities and the proposed works not being likely to meet DOC capital expenditure criteria.
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 - We met SDC on 10 May and as of 9 June, had provided all information requested and completed all actions from that meeting.
 - On 6 July SDC issued a media release citing a lack of DOC commitment as a reason the wharf at a new location might not be able to go ahead. We do not believe the media release was a fair representation of our position and have followed this up with the SDC Chief Executive.
- Next steps*
- We are waiting for further correspondence from SDC including details of their intended project plan.

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