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Annual Plan 2020/21
Consultation Document

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Annual Plan 2020 / 2021

SUBMITTERS TO BE HEARD
Wednesday 3 June 2020
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Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

I believe the only responsible and ethical thing to do in these challenging times is at a minimum to have a rates freeze and ideally a rates reduction - this is based on the fact that the Selwyn Council's rating take has exceeded inflation every year, and that there was a surplus in income last FY.

Already the council was running at 4x inflation (approximately, when inflation was ~1.5% and last years rates rise was an average of 6%, although our property alone had a rates rise of 16.2%) The Council had shown no appetite to live within their means, choosing to pursue multiple projects without due diligence and view rate payers as a cash cow.

Option One: To use the argument that the advantage of continuing with the status quo (ie an average 3.5% increase, with no guarantee that some people won't see a rise double or treble this) because budgets won't have to be re-done is quite frankly lazy and insulting. The rest of NZ including the rate payers of Selwyn, are having to review budgets, so why is the Council exempt from this?

Option Two: Again this doesn't address the core issue - that many people are facing financial uncertainty. This should already be occurring ie the council is identifying savings it can make. To say that this "decrease" will then be recouped from rate payers at a yet to be determined dates is not really decreasing rates at all, it is just postponing the issue and again requires little real effort by our Council.

Option Three: No increase. As stated above this should be the minimum course of action taken. Looking at the annual report from FY 18/19 (given the report for 19/20 is not yet available) the Council took an additional $1.2 million in rates revenue above what was forecast, and had a $2 million surplus, yet I do not see that being returned to the rate payers.

Option Four: The best and most ethical option. Rates reduction to realign rates with inflation ie there was a 6% rates rise last year and inflation was 1.5%.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

I support deferring as it is the only rational option. Given a location and type of facility is yet to be determined it is a no brainer to defer this.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

Utilising consultants will cost money that would be better spent elsewhere. It would be prudent to review this later rather than spend extra money now. Option two is the viable option.
7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

A critical re-examination of projects is needed. Does Selwyn need to spend $21 million on indoor courts now, or is this better spent on core services and providing rates relief?

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

The Council should be living within its financial means. Already rates were rising at (on average) 4x the rate of inflation (1.5%) and the Council proved unwilling/unable to prioritise projects, instead adopting an "I want it all, I want it now" approach.

The council and its advisors need to be financially prudent during these times. Many ratepayers in Selwyn are facing uncertain times with decreased or no income and to have the council and its elected representatives blithely talked of a rates rise like it is easy is galling.
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Submission

To whom it may concern.

I write in regards to the requested feedback on some keys issues for the 2020/21 year.

My first concern is the rate increase. Whilst I agree a rate increase is needed, I disagree with the way it is has been proposed with varying changes depending on where one resides. For example, living in Rolleston has a 3.5% proposed increase, whist where I live, in the rural Darfield area is a 6.4% increase. I remind you of your rates objectives below:

1. Provide a fair and equitable rating system for the Selwyn District. 2. Ensure ratepayers make an equitable and reasonable contribution on to the cost of the available services. 3. Ensure, as far as practical, that the distribution of costs amongst the various groups of ratepayers reflects the available resources. 4. Ensure the rating system is flexible enough to address any special circumstances within separately defined areas.

It would seem points 1-3 have not been followed by this proposal. Why is it proposed the people residing in rural areas should pay more in rates? It is quite clear we don’t have the same accessibility to the Selwyn Council Resources that someone does who lives in Rolleston: we do not have waste collection at our gate, we do not have a sealed road, we do not have footpaths, we have to drive to Rolleston to the indoor pool, we have to drive to Rolleston to the fitness classes at the community centre, we have septic tanks so don’t have the waste and storm water network, we do not have any public transport, we do not have fantastic playgrounds such as those in Rolleston, we do not have a dog park like Rolleston: you will see a theme here. Why should we pay more for facilities not available in our area?

I note the four major projects currently underway and highlighted in your plan: Rolleston town centre and Te Ara Atea (new library and community centre), Selwyn Indoor Sports Complex at Foster Park, Selwyn Aquatic Centre extension, Selwyn Health Hub are all in rolleston.

I absolutely agree we need some rate increase, and I understand this proposal to cover other things such as civil defence, town water supply, roading (although we personally are on a shingle road, and the state of the roads in Malvern in particular with increased heavy traffic is often debatable), building compliance, libraries, creating the district plan and planning, economic development of the community, public toilets etc.

My second point I raise is water races. Collectively the land owned by myself and my immediate family in the Selwyn district is 370 hectares. The amenity charge for each household $22/year + $318 annual charge + $18/ha results in a $7,340 annual bill for water races alone. We submitted a proposal to close or at least move the water races on our property as they do not get used, however we were declined.
Water races are “primarily providing water for stock”, however this is not the case on our properties. Instead we had to install Variable Rate Irrigation on one of our centre pivots at a cost of $67,000 since we could not move or retire the water races. We maintain the water races on our property ourselves. I question how we must pay for a service we do not want on the property and the staggering amount that goes towards it? Surely the significant amount gained in revenue from “water race management” must in fact be used else where in the council costs? This seems to be yet another way to obtain more rates from the rural sector.
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1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

The Leeston Community Committee supports maintaining the proposed 3.5% rates increase. We wish the Council to encourage and promote the option of making rate payments regularly eg fortnightly/monthly.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

The Leeston Community Committee supports wider consultation to occur to take account of the Community Centre, library, Medical Centre and other facilities. The committee would like investigations to continue while this consultation occurs so that the project is not held back or delayed.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

We thank the Council for progressing the Leeston North Stormwater Bypass

The Leeston Community Committee would like the Council to revisit the Cemetery Pit Restoration and whether this will be reinvigorated in the future. It was considered that this project contributes to our community’s wellbeing.
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23 March 2020

To Mayors, Chairs, Councillors and Chief Executives
All Regional, City and District Councils

CALL TO CONTAIN RATES RISES AND RECONSIDER CONSULTATION PROCESSES

On behalf of Federated Farmers of New Zealand I am asking all Councils to keep their ratepayers in mind when considering their draft annual plans for 2020/21 and to consider whether some consultation processes in the pipeline need to be extended and/or delayed while their ratepayers, citizens and staff guard themselves against the threat of Covid-19.

Draft annual plans currently being put out by regional, city, and district councils show some alarmingly large rates increases, some in excess of 10% and a number well over 5%. Ratepayers are facing a very difficult and uncertain time and the last thing they need to worry about right now are runaway rates increases.

Federated Farmers is deeply concerned about the serious impact of Covid-19 on our communities and on our economy. We have applauded the decisive action of central government both in terms of public health and its economic rescue package.

Despite the Government’s rescue package, the economy will suffer a sharp shock and will likely enter a deep and long recession. At a time of economic downturn and uncertainty it is particularly important that councils focus on their core functions and operate as efficiently and effectively as possible to keep the rates burden down for the wellbeing of their communities. ‘Nice to haves’ need to be shelved.

As well as focusing on core business councils could also consider following the Government’s lead and take on more debt, especially for capital investment. Most councils have little debt and have plenty of scope to borrow while remaining prudent while those that are close to their debt limits could be forgiven for breaching them at this extraordinary time.

We also note that many councils aren’t planning to consult this year on their annual plans and will simply be adopting annual plans based on the numbers from their 2018-28 Long Term Plans. The environment has changed dramatically since they’d have made their decision not to consult and these councils should now urgently review their planned rates increases too.

Another serious concern we have is the ability of councils to meaningfully consult and engage with their communities on other policy and regulatory matters, including district and regional plans. We ask that Councils look to adjust their work programmes and timeframes. Assuming business as usual for these processes is unwise with the restrictions on gatherings and the simple fact that most people (both inside and outside councils) are trying to focus first and foremost on their wellbeing and will be avoiding gatherings as much as possible.
Finally, Federated Farmers will be approaching central government asking that they consider using taxpayer resources to help councils meet the costs with three waters infrastructure investment needed to comply with the Government’s tougher regulation of drinking water. We will also be asking that drinking water quality be regulated at point of supply to humans rather than at source. The Three Waters Reforms look like being incredibly expensive for councils and will be a major driver behind large rates increases.

Federated Farmers’ provinces will be making their own submissions on councils’ specific draft annual plan consultations and I acknowledge their submissions.

Yours sincerely

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Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Consultation Document

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North Canterbury Federated Farmers (NCFF) appreciates the opportunity to give its feedback to Selwyn District Council (the Council) on its Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Consultation Document.

NCFF has a strong membership base in Selwyn and we take every opportunity to engage and maintain a positive working relationship with the Council.

We thank the Council for including us in a stakeholder engagement meeting, at the end of April, to explore options to support its community to recover from the economic, social and cultural impacts of the Covid-19 Level 4 restrictions. NCFF is willing to support the Council in its endeavours to sustain the wellbeing of its district.

As the Council confirmed at the stakeholder meeting, the agriculture sector was one of only three workforce groups in Selwyn that continued to operate during the Covid-19 Level 4 lockdown. We believe this lockdown has highlighted how essential primary production is to our survival, and how agriculture will remain vital to enabling the country to recover from this extraordinary situation.

NCFF has reviewed the consultation document and offers the following comments on the proposals. We wish to present at a hearing.

**Annual Plan – key issues you seek feedback on**

The consultation document identified and invited feedback on six key proposals:

1. Options to reduce the level of rates increase
2. Defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project
3. Review the wider community needs for community facilities in Leeston
4. Increasing water supply charges
5. Funding options for a new wastewater scheme for Darfield and Kirwee, and
6. Changes to the Council’s Development Contributions Policy.

**Summary of Recommendations**

We have reviewed the proposals and we recommend:

1. the Council adopts option 2: lower the level of its rate increase and identify cost savings, and other measures, to meet the possible financial shortfall
2. support for the Council’s proposal to review the community centre projects in Prebbleton and Leeston
3. the Council adopts option 2: keep the proposed increase of 4 per cent for water supply charges. We do not consider an 8 per cent is appropriate or justified, and
4. the Council adopts a mixed-funding model to establish the proposed wastewater scheme in Darfield and Kirwee.
NCFF notes the Council’s proposals on its Development Contributions Policy but we do not offer any comment on this matter.

We also reviewed the Council’s general discussion on some of the key issues it will consider in its long-term planning. We offer our views following our detailed discussion on the main proposals identified in the consultation document.

**Issue 1 - Options to reduce the level of rates increase**

The Council proposed three options:

I. Proceed with proposed 3.5% average rates increase
II. Reduce the rates increase by identifying savings
III. No rates increase from the 2019/20 rates.

On 23 March 2020, the President of Federated Farmers New Zealand, Katie Milne, sent a letter to every council across the country asking them to consider holding off imposing any rate increase on its ratepayers. We attach a copy of the letter, for your reference.

We are aware that many Selwyn businesses could not operate during Level 4, and it is likely there will be a considerable reduction in productivity in the district for some time. This could have a direct impact on the district ratepayers’ ability to meet any increase in rates.

Nonetheless, we believe the Council has options open to them to ensure it balances meeting growth demands with its responsibility to sustain the long-term social, economic and cultural wellbeing of its residents well.

We reach this outlook based on several factors:

- Selwyn is the fastest-growing district in New Zealand in the last 10 years. In 2013, the district’s population was 44,595; in 2019, the count increased to 63,500. This growth is likely to continue and, with it, the ratepayer base that the Council can draw rates from.
- In September 2019, the Council received the highest credit rating of any council in New Zealand: an AA+ by ratings agency Fitch Ratings. The rating was based on the Council’s prudent financial forecasts and the diversity of the district’s economy.
- The Council’s debt is very conservative; with the current interest rates at an all-time low, it can borrow more for key capital projects.
- In the 2018 Annual report, the Council stated it under-spent by $2 million on its operational budget ($106 million actual compared to the forecasted $108 million). The Council also reported it received $20 million more revenue than it expected to in the 2018 financial year. Crucially, the Council borrowed $45 million less than what it intended to, and it has an operating cash flow of $49 million, and
- Central government’s willingness, during this unusually challenging time, to support and accelerate ‘shovel ready’ capital projects across the country.

NCFF accepts the Council may not be able to completely stall a rate increase but we think a 3.5 per cent, on average (emphasis added), is untenable. We suggest, instead, the increase is lowered across the different rate classes. We believe the Council is in a strong position to do so.

For example, we note rates in the rural areas are at the higher end of the increase range, between 5.4 per cent and 7.3 per cent. This should be lowered to 2 per cent at the most. Similarly, those with a proposed rate increase of around 3 per cent may be lowered to 1 per cent.
Farmers across the district pay higher rates, and this does not include all other costs they have to fund to meet regional and national environmental regulatory requirements; so any measure to sustain the farming community in your district will be welcomed. Farmers operated throughout the Level 4 restrictions and they will be essential to the district's recovery.

NCFF agrees that the Council should examine consider where it can reduce services to find savings; it proved it can do so based on last year’s annual report, and we suggest the Council has other options as well:

- borrow more: it has an outstanding credit rating and lending interest rates are low
- prioritise the capital projects and explore opportunities to draw extra funding from central government’s ‘shovel ready’ programme, and
- identify and quantify all savings that may have accrued because of fewer service activities during Level 4 restrictions.

**Recommendation**

NCFF recommends option 2, where the Council lowers its rate increase and identify cost savings, and other measures, to meet the shortfall from this.

**Issues 2 & 3 – Progression of community centres in Prebbleton and Leeston**

The Council has proposed a hold on progressing community centres in Prebbleton and Leeston at this time.

We note the proposal to halt the project in Prebbleton for a few years because the feedback the Council received indicated the community could not agree on what direction the project should take. NCFF appreciates the Council’s willingness to consider all views of its community and looks forward to learning what further considerations will be taken in next year’s long-term plan.

Similarly, the Council has proposed a review of the community centre project for Leeston because other facilities in the area may need to be incorporated into the project. The consultation document also noted that recent assessments found the township’s library and medical centre were earthquake prone.

We support the Council’s proposal to review the project, to ensure Leeston will have a fit-for-purpose community centre in the future, and we look forward to the Council’s revised proposal next year.

**Issue 4 – Increased charges for water supply services**

The Council indicated it prefers to increase its district-wide water supply charges by 8 per cent because ‘it is predicted the security and quality of groundwater will decline over the next 10 years, while at the same time a higher level of service is expected’.

We do not think the Council can justify an 8 per cent increase based on a prediction, especially when the Council has continually maintained and upgraded the schemes through current water service charges. We think the charges are considerable as they are. Furthermore, farmers are already committed sustaining good water quality through their farm environment plans, and this will have a positive long-term impact on groundwater in Selwyn.

We do not agree an increase of 4 per cent will mean steeper increases in the future. If demand on water service is predicated on population increase, then the forecasted new residents should be expected to bear that cost if, and when, they arrive.
Recommendation
NCFF recommends the Council adopts option 2: keep the proposed increase of 4 per cent for water supply charges. We do not consider an 8 per cent is justified or appropriate, especially in the current economic climate.

Issue 5 – New wastewater system for Darfield and Kirwee
The Council has approved the business case to establish a new wastewater scheme in Darfield and Kirwee, and it is seeking views on how to fund the installation of the scheme. It will run a full consultation on funding options next year.

At this stage, NCFF recommends the Council considers a mixed-funding model using all options it put forward in its consultation document. We may submit more comprehensively on this proposal when more information is laid out in next year’s draft long-term plan.

Recommendation
NCFF recommends the Council adopts a mixed-funding model to establish the proposed wastewater scheme in Darfield and Kirwee.

Long term planning
The Council will develop and adopt its long-term plan next year, and we note the broad considerations laid out in the consultation document, including community well-being, climate change and the Three Waters Review.

NCFF acknowledges we must have a good three waters service across the country, and Federated Farmers New Zealand submitted on the Taumata Arowai Water Services Regulator Bill in March this year. The Federation asked central government to consider using taxpayer resources to help councils meet the costs needed to comply with the proposed reforms. It will be incredibly expensive for councils to meet the new requirements, and it will be a major driver behind large rates increases. We will not support that approach, especially at this time.

In the Three Waters Review section of the consultation document, the Council highlights the fact it is already progressive and proactive in its management of water services. The section also notes a recent cabinet paper which recommends central government gives added support to councils that voluntarily reform their water schemes. We believe Selwyn Council would be a prime candidate to draw on such support, we do not consider the cost should be completely borne by Selwyn ratepayers.

NCFF suggests the Council also needs to take into account other central government initiatives that may come into force in the coming year or two: the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity and the Action for Healthy Waterways package of regulations.

These initiatives will require a lot of time, capability and expense for all councils, and they will have a real impact on the farmers in your district who are also expected to bear the cost of meeting these regulations. Federated Farmers has submitted on both proposals and we have emphasised that these proposals will be far more costly to farmers than they have forecasted, and these proposals may be detrimental to their long-term social and economic wellbeing. We urge the Council to signal, in these uncertain times, to central government that if it must proceed with these proposals it will need to draw from general taxpayer funding, and not look to meet these costs through district council rates.

Finally, we know the Council plans to notify its revised District Plan this year. We encourage the Council to ensure all plan proposals are supported by a well-balanced analysis of the benefits with the actual social and economic costs these proposals will have on your ratepayers who have to follow these rules.
ABOUT NORTH CANTERBURY FEDERATED FARMERS

North Canterbury Federated Farmers is a voluntary, member-based organisation that represents farming and other rural businesses. It is one of 24 provinces that comprise Federated Farmers of New Zealand, which has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand’s rural community.

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Submission to Selwyn District Council Draft Annual Plan 2020-2021
Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust
May 22, 2020

The Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust is charitable CCO of Christchurch City Council with a mandate to support sustainable management, conservation and recreation in the Banks Peninsula ward for the benefit of the present and future inhabitants of the peninsula and its visitors. The Trust was established in 2010 and over the 10 years of its existence, has become a well-respected and key community organization with a reputation for cost effective and solid achievement.

Strategic Vision
The Trust has a Strategic Vision to:

*Develop environmental guardians of the future through improved public walking and biking access, enhancing biodiversity, promoting knowledge and working in partnership with others who share our commitment to Banks Peninsula.*

*Ko te whakawhanake kaitiaki taiao nā te whakahōu ara hikoi, ara paihikara, te whakaniko rerenga rauropi, te whakamana mātauranga me te mahi tahi ki ngā tāngata e kaingākau kaha ana ki Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū hoki.*

The Trust aims to work in a holistic manner furthering four strategic pillars of Access, Biodiversity, Knowledge and Partnership to leave an enduring legacy.

Relationship with Selwyn District
With the growth in population in the Selwyn District, and the value that the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula provides to its residents, we are increasingly aware of the need to and benefits of including Selwyn District Council and access from the Selwyn side of Banks Peninsula into our vision. This has been particularly demonstrated during the Covid-19 lockdown period with so many people recreating in the Port Hills.

We see opportunity for the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust (RDBPT) to assist the Selwyn Council with connecting its residents and visitors with Banks Peninsula through:

- Improved recreational connections from Selwyn to Banks Peninsula
- Supporting biodiversity initiatives – particularly the Pest Free initiative

We submit that such initiatives will assist the Selwyn District with Covid-19 recovery and sow a foundation for lower footprint lifestyles for the future, assisting with climate change mitigation and ecological recovery.

Selwyn District Walking and Cycling Strategy
The Trust has two Strategic Goals supporting this Strategy and relevant to this submission:

- A network of well managed walking and biking trails with long term secure public access that provide free walking and connect major communities
- Unformed Legal Roads are valued and effective as a delivery tool for walking and biking.

The Trust supported the Selwyn District Council draft Walking and Cycling strategy and Action Plan in our submission to the 2018 Long Term Plan. We note that the Action Plan now includes a future aspiration:

*that a “Port Hills Recreational Access and Use Strategy” could be developed. This would have to be across Council departments and also involve the Christchurch City Council to see how best to plan and provide a joined up network centring on that area from Kennedys Bush across to Tai Tapu and up to the Summit Rd.*
We urge Selwyn District Council to move forward on developing a strategy for the Port Hills. The Port Hills provide a very important environmental and recreation asset to both the City and Selwyn, and as shown during the lockdown – a key recreational resource that can be enjoyed by urban people with relatively little travel required. There is rapid population growth within the Tai Tapu, Lincoln and Rolleston areas and increased demand for recreation on the Port Hills. This can be provided by more local walking and cycling access to the Summit Road. From Kennedy’s Bush eastwards there are plentiful Port Hills walking and cycling tracks, but little equivalent within the Selwyn District. In our Long-Term Plan submission (attached) we set out some suggested routes using existing legal roads and two potential tracks to connect to the Port Hills. In addition, we have a proposal for an extension of a cycling route to link the Christchurch Quarryman’s Trail and the Motukarara to Little River Rail trail.

Both of these routes then provide recreational links enabling the people of Selwyn to continue on bike or foot to the Akaroa area.

Pest Free Banks Peninsula

Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust has adopted the 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills). This provides a vehicle for collaboration and over-arching biodiversity strategy

As a result the Trust was a foundation signatory to Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū, a collaborative programme to protect and enhance biodiversity on the Peninsula through the widespread eradication of animal pests, and have adopted the following as another of our core strategic goals:

- Pest Free Banks Peninsula is supported in its work towards Banks Peninsula being effectively free of pest animals

The Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust wholly supports the submission from Pest Free Banks Peninsula acknowledging Selwyn District Council’s (SDC) status as a foundation member of the PFBP partnership and requests the Council implements the following:

- Budget provision of $10,000 in the 2020/2021 Annual Plan and subsequent years to directly support the work of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula initiative within the Selwyn District, with particular reference to the Te Kākahu Kahukura project.

- Continue to support the work of SDC staff and community groups in Selwyn and Banks Peninsula as we work towards the vision of predator free Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills and Kaitorete).

- A commitment to SDC pest control policy decisions and operational work being in alignment with the Pest Free Banks Peninsula Programme’s over-arching strategy and work programme.

- A commitment to SDC biodiversity policy decisions and operational work being in alignment with the 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills).

- Pest Free Banks Peninsula requests SDC note that it will be seeking in the next 3-yearly review of the Long Term Plan an increase in the total amount of funding available through the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund, and a commitment to annual funding to support the Pest Free Banks Peninsula programme and Te Kākahu Kahukura project for that part of the Banks Peninsula within the Selwyn District.

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.
Submission

Submission supplied as PDF or Word document, printed and attached as the following page.

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

There is a general consensus amongst Whitecliffs residents that the increase in rates over the past years has not been reflected in an increase in services or amenities for Whitecliffs.

Ratepayers would like to know what specific benefits their community is receiving, other than general services such as rubbish collection, libraries, reserves etc.

Refer attached submission including signatures
Annual Plan 2020/21 Consultation Document – submission form

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Under the annual plan section COMMUNITY WELL BEING, the council states:

'Since our last Long-Term Plan (2018-2028), the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Act has resulted in a change in the purpose of local government, prompting councils to more actively focus more on promoting community well-being – that is, improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of our communities.'

In accordance with this aspiration, The Whitecliffs Township Committee asks that the Selwyn District Council add to its 2020/21 capital projects list, the completion of the Whitecliffs to Glentunnel walkway, once the community has completed the section currently being constructed on private land.

After discovering that the council was not intending to build a Glentunnel to Whitecliffs walkway until 2032, the possibility of achieving some progress through the use of community resources was suggested. It seemed that the decision to delay construction was partially due to the possible complications of procuring access to private land and dealing with the challenging landscape features at Break Neck corner.
Members of the community approached the landowner whose property adjoins the most challenging section of road, and he agreed to the realignment of fencing and construction of a walkway beside the road. Through the generous support of volunteer labour and time, a walkway along this section of Whitecliffs Road is currently under construction.

Because the community has taken the initiative and dealt with the most difficult part of Whitecliffs Road, the completion of the other sections will be much easier for the council. The construction of the walkway could be a ‘shovel ready’ project which would provide employment for Selwyn residents who may have lost jobs during the Covid-19 pandemic.

*Attached is a petition signed by locals, supporting the request to complete the walkway.*

**Township maintenance contracts:**

The Council has made provisions for an additional $263,000 in township maintenance budgets for 2020/21. The Whitecliffs Township committee asks: that the painting and general maintenance of the Railway Station on Tarling Common be added to the Recreation Reserves budget for ongoing upkeep.

Liz Weir on behalf of The Whitecliff’s Township Committee

May 16, 2020
We, the undersigned, fully support the submission on the Annual Plan "That the Selwyn District Council add to its capital projects for 2020/2021 the completion to the Whitecliffs to Glentunnel walkway once the community has completed the section currently under construction on private land."

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Submission

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Refer to the attached submission
The Rolleston Residents Association Submission on the Selwyn District Council draft annual plan 2020/2021

Rates Increases
The RRA believes that rate rises for the 2020/2021 year should be as low as identified savings that can be managed by council. We understand that this will either come at a cost to the ratepayers in a delay of projects or a decrease in services. This would give ratepayers, both residential and business, time to understand the direct impacts of covid-19 on them and give them time to plan for the future and hopefully recover from any ill effects. As a gesture of solidarity we would like to offer back some of our discretionary fund as a direct proportion to the cuts in budgets. We offer up to a maximum of 20% of our total Discretionary funding for the 2020/2021 year. We support the rates relief package that the council has put together.

Darfield Sewer Scheme
The Darfield sewer scheme capital upgrade cost we believe should not be a district wide rate. We think it comes down to equity for the people of Selwyn.

In just October 2019 the people of Selwyn huts were being asked to self fund their new sewer upgrade.

When Rolleston first had reticulated sewerage the residents of Rolleston were also asked to fund it rather than the people of the whole district.

Targeted rates are also used in other circumstances like the pool being a higher rate on Rolleston decreasing the further away from Rolleston you go. If rates are truly district wide then surely this targeted rate should also be a flat rate across the district.

We are also concerned that one of the options put forward is piping the sewerage to Rolleston.

Can the Pines cope with this increase?

Will there be a negative impact on the residents of Rolleston with an increase in bad smells?
**Promotion of the Direct Debit for payment of rates**

We would also like to see a large proportion of the district move towards having their rates paid in advance on their payday cycle. Actively promoting this option would enable raterpayers to budget more effectively, but we believe that having rates coming in advance will positively affect the income of the council because they can earn some interest on it. With there being $25,708,000 predicted in rates revenue under the current annual plan if a further 30% of people took up this option that would be a significant increase in cash flow and potentially a significant amount of interest.

The RRA believes that there is an untapped demand for this type of payment scheme. We know it is currently an option but it isn't well known in the district that you can pay your rates in this way. Maybe a leaflet could be included in the first rates demand of the new financial year. Promoting this option would help reduce the number of ratepayers who fall behind.

**Online Meetings**

The Rolleston Residents Association would also like to commend the council on the efforts it has made in livestreaming their council meetings. We acknowledge that zoom has made it easy to livestream but we believe the increase in community engagement with council would show a benefit in continuing to make the council meetings available online to the ratepayers in the long term.

We would also like to see a continuation in the meetings between council and the committees in the district being able to take place on zoom on maybe every second month.

**Use of Discretionary Funds**

It was raised in a zoom meeting that community committees should look at using their discretionary funding to help community groups pay for hall hires during the impact in Covid 19.

The Rolleston Residents Association believes that instead the council should be looking at the cost to hire the halls and other facilities to community groups and maybe reducing for the short term the costs to community groups to hire these facilities.

Also the Rolleston Residents Association would not be keen to decide who gets support via the discretionary fund and who doesn't. Given the sheer number of community groups in Rolleston this would dilute any funding to unhelpful levels without addressing the cause of the problem.
**Foster Park Access Roadway**

The emergency access road in foster park we question the need to have this to a roading standard. Maybe a cheaper option could be found for this particular piece of roading that will not be used as heavily. Or have the traffic at the same speed as a formed public street without compromising the function or utility of the access way.

**Water Rates Changes**

The Rolleston Residents Association Support Option 2 as laid out in the draft Annual plan 2020/2021.
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22 May 2020

Tēnā koutou katoa

Submission Selwyn District Annual Plan 2020-21

1. This submission relates to question 8 of the submission form:

   Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID 19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn’s people and economy.

2. Forest & Bird remind council that the Mayor Sam Broughton signed the Local Government Leader’s Climate change declaration in 2017. This document seeks to protect our national inheritance and commits councils to develop ambitious action plans to reduce greenhouse gases and support community resilience. The declaration’s guiding principles are:

   o Precaution
   o Stewardship/kaitiakitanga
   o Equity/justice
   o Thinking and acting long term
   o Participatory democracy
   o Co-operation and resilience.

3. The COVID 19 recovery presents an opportunity to breathe life into the climate change principles and to create a better society for future generations by developing an ambitious action plan for climate change adaptation and reducing greenhouse gases. Forest & Bird strongly supports any initiatives the council undertakes to provide for a climate resilient future for the Selwyn District.

4. Forest & Bird’s urges the Selwyn District council to align its strategic priorities with Environment Canterbury’s – prioritising freshwater management and a step change for indigenous biodiversity. Never has there been a time to align these priorities to get the best outcomes for the environment.
5. Given the imminent arrival of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous biodiversity, we recommend the council set aside resources to enable the implementation of the NPS-IB including the identification of Significant Natural Areas (SNA) in the district. We also recommend bolstering the environmental enhancement fund to encourage private land occupiers to protect indigenous biodiversity.

6. We also recommend the council upskill and bolster capability and capacity within the compliance, monitoring and enforcement (CME) team for protecting and maintaining indigenous biodiversity and the impacts of land use on the district’s freshwater ecosystems. This is what the community expects strong CME, if nothing more than to reward and incentivise good environmental stewardship.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit.

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Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

A 5.1% increase for Glentunnel seems excessive. I would support if more funding is targeted to biodiversity protection. This would result in improved community outcomes that would benefit public health and the economy.

I would support if the Council would carry out more maintenance of drainage systems around Glentunnel. With drains choked with sediment, scrub and weeds, and now the potential for forestry slash from cut over forests in the foothills behind Glentunnel washing into the Village drainage systems, I worry about the potential for flooding of Glentunnel properties.

The rate increase for Selwyn Huts is excessive, I support reduced rates and more Council assistance for remaining hutholders.

I oppose the rate increases if they are to be spent on more ‘white elephant’ development projects.

I also oppose spending on chlorination of our drinking water. No more contaminants in drinking water please, the Nitrogen overload problem has to be addressed sooner, not delayed.

The Council should return to core business, i.e. look after local people and the environment, especially as we face the ravages of climate change ahead.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

A new scheme is not necessary as long as all property owners have efficient waste water systems. There should be assistance to upgrade old systems. Pollution of fresh water in Selwyn from farming practices (i.e. nitrogen fertilisers and too many dairy cows) is a far greater problem.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn’s people and economy.

The Covid 19 issue is the tragic result of the way people are mistreating nature. We are trashing indigenous ecosystems which we rely on for good public health and healthy economies in the long run. Now is the time for the Council to increase spending on protecting and enhancing biodiversity in the region. Need to focus on Significant Natural Areas(SNA) identification, protection, monitoring and enforcement.

The District Council needs to work more closely with the Regional Council. The Bathurst applications are a classic example of the unfortunate lack of Agency Alignment. One hand doesn’t know what the other is doing.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

Seen as Selwyn is the most affluent council in the country I believe a nil increase is better especially in the current climate. It may well make the council think more about there extravagance

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

Absolutely and the community it is in should be paying why should someone from castle Hill, Glentunnel, Windwhistle, Darfield pay for something they are highly unlikely to use. User pays.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

Again users pay it is abhorrent to expect all and sundry to pay towards something they will never get use of.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

Option 3 without a doubt. All you appear to be doing creating more expense for ratepayer when it is not necessary

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

Totally utterly uneconomical and any monies used to investigate is totally wasteful. There is not enough infrastructure to even consider it, residents have spent significant amounts staying within the rules with septic tanks why incur even more fruitless costs

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

The aquatic centre is a NO GO. This council had the opportunity at the time it was originally built to ensure it was big enough to cope with growth, and certain councillors pushed and pushed to reduce the budget hence a small aquatic centre and now you want to spend 500% more than the original costings just to extend it. Council have been short sighted in the past and now you want ratepayers to yet again bail you out. NO.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn’s people and economy.
Nil rates increase we know the council can afford this. Council offices another example of the Council concentrating on themselves and not the community. You have more serious problems within this district that requires attention so stop trying to justify spending on yourselves when the ratepayers need more urgent attention, such as roads and infrastructure that not only Selwyn residents use but EVERYONE.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

I oppose this years rates increase proposals. For the following reasons.

This is not the time to be adding financial pressure to households or businesses in the district with increases. There was a reported 49% increase in Selwyn residents applying for the benefit. Many work outside the district and have been affected. Many smaller businesses rely on tourism. There was a reported surplus for builds in council reserves I encourage council to find a fair and equitable balance between developing your urban areas and supporting the community you serve. We much collectively design a new way to make resource go around.

As a rural ratepayer we do not receive many services or value for our rates. Where we live is far from the urban areas. If I am to be comfortable with the infrastructure and growth development, then I need to be assured and confident that the council (operational) is equally serving its people in its needs and I am happy to work alongside council to support this.

I believe that there needs to be more focus at this time on "Repairing the foundations" with our people before building more physical resources. It is a temporary solution and I acknowledge that it will create a deficit initially, however, by building a strong sense of trust with your people (Human/Social/Civic capital) you will receive more investment from community in the long term.

Strong resilient communities = Strong sustainable economy In conclusion I would support a no increase option or a blanket 3% increase in ALL areas (Not just urban areas) offset by borrowings that are of a sustainable level so that the future generation is not paying for it.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

I acknowledge that the needs of Prebbleton to have a community space is justifiable. I agree that the community hall project should be deferred at this stage. The prebbleton community has access to Lincoln Event Centre, Rolleston and Hornby. Whilst these options are not the most suitable for community participation, they are far more accessible options in the interim than Ellesmere or Malvern.

I am concerned that any project that goes ahead now will be affected with lower budgets which means that the amenities to serve our disabled persons, creative infrastructure or cultural opportunities will be cut from the build. I would rather see our community spaces be designed and built for the future needs rather than rushing through a building that will require future investment.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

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I believe that the council should be looking at more consultation in this project. I am concerned about how that consultation will be undertaken as I have so often seen many key people left out of consultation. I would encourage the elected members to ensure that a wider approach is taken in this. And I would support community in my networks to be involved in this process.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

We do not receive this service and cannot personally comment.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

Given that Darfield is one of the largest townships, it seems illogical that the township does not have a system. I encourage council to develop detailed information for the community to consider. I support further consultation, planning and design.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

I have limited knowledge on this matter, but am aware that currently the council works in a fair and flexible way with developers.

I encourage council to consider other options as well.

Instead of just a straight percentage dollar value, perhaps this could be equated to resources for community i.e: Developers may have access to resource that could see community projects such as tennis court upgrades completed for a portion of physical cost. Developers could then work together with council to achieve this community input, releasing council from spending money and encouraging developers to act in more sustainable manners. Creating more social capital through partnership and then freeing up money for developers to employ more people. Of course to change towards a living standards approach will require a change in the way things are monitored, and this suggestion would require more discussion.

I encourage council to encourage its partners to increase investment in the district and for the council to take a fair and equitable approach to decision making.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

I am very concerned at the way that the decision making process has disadvantaged many people in the community. I have done my best to support council in this process. I see some gaps that could be considered such as, -

I may personally understand the documentation and language that is used to undertake consultation, but many in our community dont. The breakdown in communication with our community has created a sense of distrust.

I encourage council (operational and governance) to redefine its use of shared language and support for consulting with the community so that a more democratic process can occur.

I find that the information that is distributed in current form disadvantages the voices of its ratepayers. I would like to see elected council request more transparency to the community.

I congratulate council on the recent communication efforts made to consult with community on covid-19 and ask that this line of communication is continued across the board.

I am concerned that there is an inequality in the contribution the council makes to building social and human capital in the community. I note that there is a total sum of $610,280 for specific sports and recreation projects allocated and only $5,000 for arts and culture. There is a huge inequity in the way that council invests in its cultural capital spending. I encourage council to continue to consider this and it looks to what the future generations need and I support the council in seeing this happen.
8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn’s people and economy.

As per above submission
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Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
Rates increase should be held as is. We do not want to have to catch up later

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.
I agree. Defer until all views are known

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.
I agree

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.
Increase only if it is essential as there is a lot of pressure on residents at the present time

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.
Unsure. who would pay for this?

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.
This is a major cost to new section buyers and developers. Ok as long as all monies are put back into facilities

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?
In the proposal to put money into new neighbourhood reserves please place playground equipment into the reserve at the corner of Turin and Gracia Avenues

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn’s people and economy.
Reduce any non essential costs, eg conferences trips away etc in favour of helping residents weather the next two years.
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Refer attached submission
22 May 2020

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Dear Sam,

Environment Canterbury submission on the Council’s draft Annual Plan 2020-21

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on your draft Annual Plan 2020-21. In the current uncertain times, with the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic, working together in partnership will be critical as we face the challenges ahead. A collaborative, joined-up approach to local government is essential and we highly value our relationship with your council.

Canterbury Regional Forums

Environment Canterbury appreciates the significant contribution Selwyn District Council makes to regional forums and working groups, especially the leadership provided by yourself and your chief executive David Ward – with you as chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, and David as a member of the Chief Executives Forum, past chair of the Corporate Forum and recently appointed chair of the Policy Forum. We are grateful for the Mayoral Forum’s leadership, co-ordination and advocacy during Covid-19 response and recovery.

Climate change and sustainability

We note and appreciate your Council’s focus on climate change and participation in both the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group and the Mayoral Forum Climate Change Steering Group. We applaud the initiative of undertaking a review of your own operations to establish a baseline carbon footprint, and to develop a sustainability policy to guide the Council to ensure all facets of your activities operate in a sustainable manner, while aligning with regional, national and international goals.

Canterbury Water Management Strategy

Environment Canterbury values working with you and your Councillors and staff to support the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS), and we look forward to continuing to work together to support the committee’s focus on achieving good outcomes in the zone.

The CWMS ‘Fit for Future’ project, initiated by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, developed intermediary goals for 2025 and 2030. The project provided a platform that recognised the extensive work and level of investment made by Canterbury’s territorial
authorities and Environment Canterbury that is contributing either directly or indirectly to achieving the CWMS goals for 2025.

We acknowledge Selwyn District Council’s valuable contribution to this project and your willingness to work together and share information. To ensure further implementation of the goals, a shared regional work programme between territorial authorities and Environment Canterbury is being developed, for approval by the Chief Executives and Canterbury Mayoral Forums in mid-2020. This work programme will focus on regional projects that benefit from a collaborative approach through shared resources and capability, to support the region’s progress towards the CWMS targets.

Your contribution to implementing the CWMS goals in the Te Waihora catchment, much of which is in the Selwyn District, is appreciated. This ultimately impacts the mauri of Te Waihora and is of great interest to the Te Waihora Co-Governance Group, of which we are both members.

**Wastewater systems**

We are pleased to see your efforts to address matters of environmental sustainability in the District. We note the planned upgrade of Castle Hill and Lincoln oxidation ponds and we support investment in a long-term solution for Darfield’s wastewater. We are pleased to see you are intending to progress the discussion on planning and building a Darfield wastewater system by consulting further with the community on options through the Long-Term Plan next year.

**District Plan**

We look forward to continuing to work with you on your District Plan and providing support on the development of a number of chapters, including natural hazards and biodiversity.

We would like to acknowledge your efforts in building and fostering your relationship with Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga across the work of council, particularly on the District Plan, and we encourage you to continue to progress this in the future.

We wish to be heard in support of our submission. If you have any queries in relation to our submission, please contact Adrienne Lomax, Regional Leadership and Policy, on 027 561 0270.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hughey

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8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn’s people and economy.

As a non profit community organisation, we are finding that it is getting more and more difficult to run the Selwyn Spring Show, due to the ever increasing costs associated with health and safety, hiring equipment and providing entertainment. With an annual crowd of between 10,000 and 15,000 people, it is one of the bigger events hosted in Selwyn annually. Over the years we have relied heavily on sponsorship and grants/donations to put on an event that caters for everyone.

In our current covid 19 crisis, and the difficulty facing all the businesses that support our show, the prospects for all non profit community organisations to obtain sponsorship and grants has severely diminished, resulting in many of these organisations facing an uncertain future. Given that many of these community groups and facilities are largely used by the people of Selwyn who are already contributing to the rating pool by either business or residential rates, It is our suggestion that during such difficult times the council considers how it supports such events and the associated costs. If the council could absorb the direct costs in terms of rates, waste management and traffic management that these non profit organisations are currently facing at a time when money is short, it would lead to a quicker recovery and more vibrant community when people really need it.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

My submission is re the Selwyn Huts rate rise of 70% this year. I dont see that in the list of issues for comment - yet for 100 properties in Selwyn it is a serious issue. As I understand it there was very little explanation and warning for such a huge increase. Has the SDC consulted with the people living there? Have they gained feedback? Do they know if people can afford it?

There has apparently been little consultation regarding the increase and it came out of the blue. This is a small community with modest and affordable housing and some people with limited incomes who may not may be able to afford such a huge hike. So what happened to the caring community that the Selwyn District Council likes to champion?

The sewage upgrade for the Huts is not to be added to the general district-wide rates. The SDC’s decision to decline this was apparently due to climate change threatening the community’s long-term liveability. This has not stopped the SDC from spending millions rebuilding community centres in Greenpark and Lakeside. While these new buildings themselves may be a metre or two above the huts they will be surrounded by flooded land in the SDC’s scenario. If climate change is a factor in the SDC’s planning I certainly hope they decline Bathurst Mine’s Application to scale up their coal mine by 900% It would be total hypocrisy if they didn’t.

So I ask that the SDC reconsider their rates increase for the Selwyn Huts and resume consultation with the residents (and also, decline Bathurst's Mine Expansion)

Thank you
Submission

re: Proposal to increase rates including licence fees costs to Selwyn Huts by 700%

I currently pay $1800 per year in rates, including the licence fee on my 130sq mtr section. All up the Selwyn Huts pay $174,600 per year in these rates, a significant contribution to the district.

There are 107 people who call the Selwyn Huts their home 40 of whom are over 60 years old. On the 23rd of March one day before level 4 lockdown we received a document from D Marshall telling us not only that our rates were going up by 700% but that after 15 years our properties had to be removed at our own expense.

The stress, worry, disbelief this news added to people already having to deal with a pandemic was horrendous.

This action by the Selwyn Council was cruel, and heartless to people it represents, furthermore it was completely without justification. The covering letter was dated 20th December 2019.

To listen to this council talk about the hardship the ratepayers were going through in this district over the last couple of months sound pretty hollow when compared with the proposal slapped on the Selwyn Huts community. Regards Graeme Young

Selwyn Huts.

I formally request to address the Council on this matter at the hearing
Submission supplied as PDF or Word document, printed and attached as the following page.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

In the SDC Annual Plan 2020-21 Consultant Document, there is no mention around funding changes for Kirwee Recreational Reserve (KRR). The KRR put forward some amendments to the LTP in February, including 2020-21, which appear not to be included. Please see all these in the attached.

The KRR would like the SDC to reconsider the points below and add them to the 2020-21 Annual Plan. 1. Bring forward the $287,888 irrigation system budget so that installation can happen the same time as the earthworks for the fields, rather than dig up the field to install irrigation a year later. Reasons being: a. A practical and cost saving measure. b. The KRR would not have to invest in a temporary irrigation system (K-line) to only use for one season. c. The funds for development extension fund have already been carried over for a couple of years waiting for the plans to be finalised.

2. Increase the tractor budget from $5,284 up to $25,000. This would be used in conjunction with the approved $15,284 gang-mower replacement budget to purchase a new mower system for the reserve. a. This will be prudent with the increased field area once when the development is completed. b. The current gang mower requires extensive work and we have been talking with Craig Westley and looking at our options with regards to mowing. c. The increase can be offset by delaying the planned internal pavilion painting of $26,420 and carpet replacement of $8,454 until 2022-23. This can wait as the carpet is still in good condition and the modernizing of the pavilion can wait.

Raymond Williams, the finance spokesperson on behalf of the Kirwee Recreational Reserve management committee.
## Revised Kirwee Reserve Financial LTP 2020-28 - Feb 2020

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### NOTES:

#### Schedule Maintenance

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<td>Internal Painting - Sports Pavilion</td>
<td>DELAY: This is allocated to 2020-21, Delay to 2022-23. Sports Pavilion needs recladding brick walls, double glaze windows &amp; paint. Reason the use of the sports pavilion has dropped off significantly after the Church had stopped using it on Sundays.</td>
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<td>Replace Playground Softfall</td>
<td>CARRYOVER: Delays to the playground extension has meant we have placed this on hold until the playground extension is started. We will have a better idea when development for plan for playground is confirmed.</td>
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<td>Replace Roof on Sports Pavilion</td>
<td>FORWARD: Change code and bring forward. The repainting budget for the roof of $6,236 was allocated to Internal painting for 2026-27.</td>
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<td>INCREASE: Bring this forward to 2021-22 plus allocate an extra $10,000. The Sports Pavilion Roof was repainted in 2015-16 and was meant for another coat/replacement in 2026-27, but is starting to look worse for wear. The sports pavilion roof &amp; skirting board only needs replacing within 2 years, hopefully we can match with the rest of the roof.</td>
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<td>Reseal Entrance Drive</td>
<td>CARRYOVER: Resealing of McCartney Drive. Want to tie this in with the overall carpark redevelopment on the new development area in 2020-21. CARRYOVER: Same as above, rest of the budget to help pay for McCartney Drive. To tie with the new carpark on the new development area. DELAY: Is allocated to 2020-21, delay to 2022-23. Reason for delay is re-lace the carpet the same time as the internal work on the sports pavilion is completed (re-cladding of brick walls, double glazing windows &amp; painting). The carpet is still in good order.</td>
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<td>Development Extension</td>
<td>IN PROGRESS: There is some being spent this season, mainly on consents and designs. CARRYOVER: Carry over the remainder not spent. There have been some delays in the final process as well and as we find out funding for other parts of projects that are linked to this part of the development. When re-leveling &amp; re-grassng starts, this instigates work to be carried out on irrigation system, playground and rugby lights.</td>
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<td>Playground Redevelopment</td>
<td>CARRYOVER: Delays in the design, this development is linked to the other developments being implemented. Want to start in 2020-21 FORWARD: Bring budget allocated in 2027-28 forward closer to 2023-24. We will have a better idea of playground costs in the near future.</td>
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<td>Purchase Tractor</td>
<td>INCREASE: Additional funding is required to purchase a tractor for mowing especially with larger area to mow in future.</td>
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<td>Relocate Cricket Nets</td>
<td>FORWARD: Moving cricket nets to new cricket oval which frees this area up for additional carparks &amp; lights near the sports Pavilion</td>
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<td>Irrigation System</td>
<td>FORWARD: The start of the major development for the extension, playground, lighting all hinges together on this allocation brought forward one year form 2021-22 to 2020-21.</td>
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Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
I am happy to maintain the average 3.5% increase.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.
No comment

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.
No comment

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.
This needs to be scheme dependent and not one size fits all across the district. We have seen a significant increase in costs due to the recent changes to charges in Darfield. The costs have to be what the costs are, plus allowance for sinking fund/asset management as per the LGA. Costs for future growth need to be paid for as DCs.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.
I support this. Darfield will stagnate without this as both ECan and CDHB are not supporting on-site systems. I also support that this begin as a solution for the core of the commercial area and the older/smaller sites that will not have any value in their current system and the largest potential environmental effects. Funding will be an issue for some and so this must be carefully assessed to ease the burden.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.
I support Option 1 - no increase for current year, along with specific changes for Broadlands Drive and West Melton Water.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?
No

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn’s people and economy.
Its priorities must be to support local businesses stay afloat to ensure we have employment in the district. Although I support the rates increase across the district, perhaps some softening to businesses could occur through interest free loans, or similar.

Thanks Jane potts
Submission

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This submission is based on the Executive Summary of the ‘Selwyn Full Hockey Turf Needs Analysis and Business Case Report’ that recommends the development of a Full Size Hockey Specific Turf in Foster Park for the 2022 Season.

While the submission is to show the growth of the club and highlight needs for a Full Turf this is also an opportunity to thank Selwyn District Council for investment in the Small Turf at Foster Park, this facility has enabled a club to establish and enabled the opportunity for people to play hockey locally and keep active. The formation of the club has also had a positive impact on the well-being of those residents that have engaged with the club.

Some examples of the positive well-being impact locally by Waikirikiri Hockey - Parents have commented that they are so happy their child has found a sport they enjoy. The more sports and community groups the local community has the more likely people are to engage with the group that suits them and their family - A sense of belonging for club members as part of a community group, many members proudly wear their branded club gear and there is high engagement on social media and attendance to club events. - Players selected for Canterbury Development and Representative Teams - Hockey is a sport that engages people in all ages and stages, from Year 1 to Adults, it is truly an equal opportunity sport for both male and female. As an Olympic sport there are pathways for those that seek high performance, and the provision of local social competitions provide enjoyable community participation opportunities. - Families playing together in social hockey teams provides and unique experience. - Adults contributing to children’s sport with high engagement with coaches and managers across all age groups, the 16 Members that have given service for the three year life of the club show the value people can get from contributing. - Providing confidence to players as they transition to high school hockey and join the high school competition - Retired people have been able to give back to the community via coaching, umpiring and venue management

Sports clubs and any other clubs and community groups provide an excellent opportunity for people to engage in an area of common interest with other people, this provides a sense of belonging and value for those individuals. As part of the COVID-19 responsee any promotion and assistance that the council can provide to clubs will have a direct impact on improving the well-being of the community.
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Hockey is a sport that is played on an Artificial Turf Surface. Hockey has been played on artificial turf in Canterbury since 1987 when the first turf was installed at Porritt Park.

In 2016 Waikirikiri Sport (with a Selwyn catchment area east of State Highway 1) was established as a new hockey club to provide the opportunity for people to play hockey locally. Prior to the formation of the local club, hockey players were required to join a club in the city and travel into the city for training and therefore there was very low hockey participation by Selwyn Residents.

The initial club target size was set at the nationwide youth hockey participation rate of 5% of children in schools. In 2016 the club target was set at 235 junior members and 120 senior members.

The small junior turf facility was built in Foster Park by the Selwyn District Council to meet the demand to enable junior hockey players to ‘Play and Train Locally’. In the first year 70% of players were new to hockey. This turf is a multi sport surface with the current primary user of Waikirikiri Hockey Club, however, the turf has been used by Selwyn Sports Trust, Rolleston College, Lincoln High School, Lincoln University and the surface is suitable for other sports.

In 2019 the Foster Park small turf was operating at full capacity with 22 team trainings, Fun Sticks Development Program, Social Hockey / Business House Competition, CHA Saturday Hockey, three secondary school trainings and club player development programs and club events.

The club has developed well beyond providing hockey to Saturday players by delivering the following:

- Running a successful Adults Social Hockey Competition on Wednesday Nights at Foster Park
- Running a successful summer social hockey league for all ages
- Providing Free Hockey Skill Development Programs, to existing and new hockey players eg 'Hockey for Dummies'.
- Growing to the 5th Largest Junior Club in Canterbury Hockey in 2019
- Establishment of the Selwyn vs North Canterbury Hockey Festival which is played at the end of each CHA Winter Season
- Support of the Koru Games, with all hockey spaces booked out
- Support of the Selwyn Sports Trust Have a Go and School Sport Programs
- Silver Club Mark Status in 2019
- Canterbury Hockey Association (CHA) nominated Waikirikiri Hockey for the 2019 NZ Hockey Club of the Year award
- In 2019 16 Club Members were awarded with 3-year service awards, showing amazing commitment by the hockey community to the development and engagement of the club.
- The club also has local business support and 3-year sponsorship contracts in place to support the club.
With the continued growth in the Selwyn District, the 2020 club target has increased the junior target to 284 juniors and 143 seniors and is forecast to be at a total of 500 members in 2026. This means the club is expected to double in the next six seasons.

Hockey NZ National Facilities strategy has two indicators for population demand for facilities, Waikirikiri catchment area meets both of these indicators supporting the need for a full hockey specific turf.

The main advantage of artificial sports fields over natural grass fields is that they can withstand much higher levels of use, generally usage is 5 - 7 times higher with an artificial sports field over a football type surface. The 2019 use of Foster Park half turf was 28 hours per week. Hockey was only cancelled for one weekend in both the 2018 and 2019 seasons. The project cost is the equivalent investment as per the grass fields already constructed at Foster Park.

The Community Facilities Activity Management Plan has included additional artificial sports surface development for 2022/23. Delaying the project beyond 2022 will remove the opportunity to develop a senior hockey club and the club will become a junior feeder club with higher performing players travelling into city clubs and development players dropping off from participation due to travel barriers.

**It is therefore recommended that a Full Hockey Turf is Constructed in Foster Park for the 2022 Season.**

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Submission

We request to have the Waihora Tennis Club Courts included in the Selwyn District Council Asset Management Plan - Application on behalf of the Waihora Tennis Club, Waihora Park Reserve

Prepared by: Janine Duckworth, Secretary Waihora Tennis Club, Waihora Park Reserve

We request that the Waihora Tennis Club courts be included in the Selwyn District Council Asset Management Plan. The club had previously enquired about funding from the council for the repairs and maintenance of the courts and were told that at that time the Motukarara area was not paying rates towards halls and community asset maintenance, so we were not covered.

However, that is no longer the case and we believe the Waihora Tennis Club courts should be included in Selwyn District Council Asset Management Plan. We hope that this would allow the courts to refurbished in time for 100-year centenary celebrations in 2023.

In 2019, the club provided community-based coaching to 28 children from mainly rural areas, east and south of Tai Tapu. For many years we have provided professional coaching to our junior competition players, who have placed highly in the Ellesmere Tennis Competition. We have 4 competition teams (2 junior, 2 senior) comprising of 24 players. The courts are also regularly used by local community members and visitors free of charge.

The courts, however, do require resurfacing. I believe we can access funding of ~$26,000 from the club and local community but the deferred maintenance will result in costs considerably more than this. Waihora Tennis Club is one of the oldest clubs in Selwyn with an active, caring membership keen to support recreation for young people and all members of the community. It is an asset worth maintaining.

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Submission

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Refer attached submission
1 April 2020

To all Regional councils
City Councils
District Councils

ANNUAL PLANS AND COVID-19

Dear Council

Hospitality New Zealand (“HNZ”) is writing to all councils under these extraordinary times to seek urgent assistance to combat COVID-19, and to provide further suggestions for much needed relief as they draft annual plans for 2020/21.

The Hospitality industry has been significantly affected during alert levels 2, 3, and 4, resulting in reduced operations and then full closure of premises, putting these businesses at peril.

Central Government has taken substantial measures to help limit the damage inflicted to businesses and to ensure New Zealanders will have jobs moving forward. Most of the initiatives from Central Government have been focused on the employment relationship.

Further support is required for Hospitality businesses (especially small and medium businesses) who are adversely affected by Covid-19, who cannot operate during levels 3 and 4, and who can only operate at severely reduced capacity during level 2. The Hospitality industry is for most councils, the heart of the community, offering our communities social and economic wellbeing, employing hundreds of thousands of New Zealand’s.

We acknowledge that draft annual plans have been developed well before COVID-19, however as these are unprecedented times, unprecedented action is required.

1. **No Rate Increases**
   It is alarming that some councils across the country are considering proceeding with large rate increases, some in excess of 10%. In the current climate, we strongly urge all councils to consider no increases for the next twelve months at a minimum.

2. **Temporary Rates Remissions**
   Councils should consider rate remissions or rebate options for business adversely affected by COVID-19, including delaying rate instalments and waiving late payment fees – these should be timebound, we suggest up to six-months.

3. **Alcohol Licencing**
   Businesses with Alcohol Licences have been significantly affected by the COVID-19 restrictions and HNZ requests the following actions from Local Government.

   a) **Decrease in licencing fees**: Licenced premises are currently unable to operate under Alert Level 3 and 4, and will face significant restrictions even at lower levels, however
their standard associated fees still apply. We request that Council’s provide financial relief in the form of a reduction in this years licencing fees relative to the effective shutdown period.

b) **No Increases to Licencing fees:** Currently licenced businesses are carefully managing their heavily decreased funds to ensure that they are able to keep their staff employed. For this reason, we request that any Council’s considering increases to licencing fees, hold off on pursuing these for the foreseeable future.

c) **Licencing Extensions:** Licenced businesses will be hindered in their ability to complete their licence renewals due to the restrictions currently in place. Once the restrictions are lifted and business may reopen, operators may still be left unable to trade due to now lapsed licences. We request that Council’s issue an automatic renewal or extension to those licences due for renewal during this crisis to ensure they may operate once the restrictions are lifted.

d) **Temporary Off Licences:** With On-Licence holders unable to operate under the restrictions, we have seen other countries in similar situations issue temporary off-licences to current on-licence holders to allow for the online sale and contactless delivery of alcohol. Under the New Zealand determinations for essential businesses, this is permitted under the following conditions:
   
   a. You must hold an off-licence with an endorsement for remote sales under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act. You must comply with requirements of your license
   
   b. The agreed quantity for spirits purchased must be no more than the customs/duty free allowance which is 3 bottles (or other containers) of spirits or liqueur (each bottle or container can hold a maximum of 1.125 litres) per order.

Many operators are able to quickly pivot their business during this time to meet these requirements, with the only restriction being the issue of the off-licence itself. We request that Council’s allow current on-licence holders to apply for temporary off-licences (for remote contactless sale) for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis, preferably without the associated off-licence fees and reduced processing times.

In addition, we encourage and support the establishment of a Local and Central Government COVID-19 response team. Working alongside industries to address key topics that councils are challenged with from, finance and recovery, community wellbeing, governance and coordination – all forming and shaping decision-making of councils over the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely

Julie White
Chief Executive – Hospitality New Zealand
Submission

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

The specific part of Annual Plan that our submission relates to is:

The proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

The Reasons for our submission is:

The Submitter owns property in Kirwee. Their land is able to be developed for residential purposes. The Submitters support and agree that a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield is something that should be pursued. The Submitter considers that this needs to be expanded to include connecting the developable residential land in Kirwee to such a scheme, as a centralised reticulated sewer scheme is better for the environment than a multitude of individual septic tank discharges.

The Decision we seek is that:

Council should proceed with the further consultation, planning and design of a reticulated wastewater scheme, but that this should be expanded to include the developable residential land in Kirwee.
Submission

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

Hughes Developments Ltd supports the use of development contributions to assist with paying for the additional growth capacity provided by connecting the Edendale water supply to the West Melton supply.
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Submission

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Refer to the attached submission
Submissions Relating to the 2020/21 Rate Proposals

Industry leaders are suggesting NZ’s economic climate due to the outcomes of the world Covid-19 crisis will not return to near normality until 2022/23. The Government’s current budget indicates it will be 2028 before its books show a positive balance. It now appears that diary milk prices are dropping and in-conjunction with falling incomes (increasing unemployment) and struggling business confidence we believe the Council will need to rethink its proposed rates calculations.

We consider it will be irresponsible and socially unacceptable should it not do so.

From research it appears Selwyn for the past number of years is at the higher end of Council rate charges per percentage on residential properties. A report by the NZ Taxpayers organisation is not complimentary about Selwyn’s rate charges as it is at the higher end of the scale. That body has stated that you “do not need to be a big fish (i.e. compared to Christchurch City rate charges) to fleece ratepayers” as Selwyn does. It also appears that many properties in this rural district pay comparable rates to properties that receive superior services in many of our larger cities.

Selwyn needs to show autonomy and cut back many of its over the board increases and instruct staff to manage expenditure frugally, carrying out only necessary maintenance and development. In preference due to the situation within the country it would be appropriate if the Council itself determined a rates freeze was appropriate.

Requested Proposals for SDC to action:-

- That a moratorium for a 12 month period and then be reviewed, be placed on all councillor and staff wage and salary payments.

  The Council needs to acknowledge that both the commercial sector and many residents have been profoundly affected by the current financial climate with incomes destroyed the loss of employment and restricted revenues. SDC needs to demonstrate a sympathetic approach to acknowledging that the community at large is not a “cash cow.”

- The Council’s hospitality budgets need to be deleted.

  All food and alcohol expenditure budgets should be terminated that are accessed by Councillors, staff, and the community. Where a hospitality function is required tea/coffee and basic biscuits should be the norm rather than contracted commercial catering services provided.

- Major Asset Expenditure. SDC must defer for a minimum period of 2 years any uncommitted major asset development and those asset projects bought forward from later LTP dates be returned to their original projected date. If there are improvement in both the economy and employment such projects could be reviewed in 3 years time.
This includes community facilities, facility upgrades unless they are regarded as urgent maintenance requirements. Unless it’s a health and safety issue or facility maintenance is required to preserve the structure of the asset. In terms of providing facilities for “freedom campers” the Council needs to implement user pays charges to recoup these costs and should not expect ratepayers to fund them.

- **The Council Vehicle Fleet downsizing.**

  To assist in reducing operating costs the Council must review and downsize its vehicle type and engine capacity of its vehicle pool. For commuting purposes smaller cc capacity vehicles should either be purchased or leased.

- **Water Supply Adjustment Proposals**

  The Council’s proposals are reasonable although we do not believe the annual Water Supply Targeted rate should increase any greater than the proposed 2021 CPI figure of 1.2%. If current proposals succeed regarding reducing aquifer pollution from land use run offs, it is hoped groundwater quality would improve. Using a suggested outcome without basis is an unjust way of upscaling charges. Volumetric charges may curb or reduce water charges but unless they were significant we doubt whether they would be effective. In relation to “restricted supplies” we believe Option 2 were the increase from $175 to $183 is an acceptable increase.

  In terms of “restricted supplies” we believe the Council must audit property owners needs from time to time, regarding multiple unit allocations to reduce the demand on stressed water supplies.

- **Development Contribution Charges, Maintain CPI increases only.**

  In the current difficult financial and employment circumstances we believe it would be inappropriate to increase such charges apart from the

- **Unit/Differential Rate Charges**

  As a small tourist accommodation business owner, due to changes in a Council designation of our property this has affected our targeted unit rate assessments, with the charges increasing dramatically.

  In researching 40 other similar properties within close proximity to our property, we find the variation of unit charges applied by Council is extremely inconsistent and varied.

  In comparison with a similar accommodation provider we pay an additional 61% targeted unit charge greater for our property, than that property.

  We shall be making a submission to the District Plan requesting the Council to review its position in relation to the many property owners that have converted out- buildings into accommodation units including renting out internal rooms to on-line booking agencies.

  There is an anomaly associated with accommodation providers who have Council consent approval and have meet District Plan rules plus associated substantial costs and those that are operating unconsented accommodation facilities. We believe the Council has been extremely lax, without the inhouse investigative capability to carry this out.

  The Council in its rates data indicates it provides a fair and equitable rating system for its residents with the above situation making a mockery of that statement.
Glentunnel Rate Charges – an explanation needed

We make the point here and will follow up requesting a fuller explanation from the Council’s CEO. We would seek clarification that the “Capital Value” as stated in the Council rate tables ($660,000) for Glentunnel is a random figure (and how that is achieved) or is it an average of the property valuations as listed on Council rate demands.

We have identified over 95 properties within the Glentunnel township with the total of $306,000 being calculated as the average valuation. Obviously, our assumption if the $660,000 is based on some sort of average or unknown calculation to us, then using this figure to base Glentunnel property rates on is totally inappropriate.

For a rural township that has very few Council maintained roads (probably under 3k’s in length with Homebush Rd being a State Highway), a shared community centre with Coalgate and Whitecliffs, a reserve that should be deemed a regional park because of its sports use, no Council library service or Council supported swimming pool, and a camping ground whose returns do not benefit the community. To see Glentunnel’s proposed rate increase being the highest stated in the table at 5.1% is unacceptable. We also note that it appears local residents are still incurring loan charges after the Community Centre was rebuilt around 2006 whereas other residents with new Selwyn district community centres were not required to pay a targeted rate.
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Submission

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Refer to the attached submission regarding support for New Zealand Chinese Language Week 2020
Dear Mayor Sam Broughton and Councillors,

Annual Plan Submission 2020/21

I am writing regarding an annual plan submission and budget bid for $5,000 to assist with delivery of the New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW) being held across New Zealand 20-26th September 2020. We acknowledge this may be a late submission and appreciate your consideration of our request.

Background

The New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust was established in 2015 to enhance New Zealanders’ understanding of Chinese language and culture. Since then New Zealand Chinese Language Week has grown in reach and exposure year-on-year and had strong support from current and previous governments, as well as many Councils, schools and businesses.

Building linguistic and cultural skills of New Zealanders not only provides a crucial underpinning of our educational and social strength as a country and community, but will increasingly be a necessary foundation for New Zealand business, government and society to engage with China. Such skills will be needed to rebuild our tourism industry, to support local governments and their sister city initiatives, and to promote trade and investment.

As acknowledged already through Sister City relationships and the China New Zealand Mayoral Forum the relationship with China is an important one. Many local businesses have found the support of their council has helped them to do business in China. Supporting NZCLW is another practical way to get more local businesses and communities exposed to Chinese language and culture leading to more trade and exchanges. The week is growing in popularity and becoming an annual fixture on the calendar, however we require sponsorship and partnerships to deliver the initiative – hence we are asking for your financial support.

NZCLW 2020

This week NZCLW will build on its past successes engaging schools; government and local government; local communities and commercial enterprises. We do this through supporting the
delivery of a range of fun and practical activities – exposing Kiwis to Chinese culture and encouraging Kiwis to “give Chinese a go”. Planned activities include:

- Events to promote Chinese learning in schools, including activities with schools in China
- Publishing a trilingual children’s book for distribution to schools and libraries across NZ
- Community-based activities including National Dumpling Day
- Challenges to promote basic Chinese skills in business and the community, with supporting printed material
- High level promotion of the importance of building Chinese language capacity – from the Prime Minister, Mayors, Ministers and business leaders
- Media promotion
- Ongoing engagement and activities via social media

In terms of council involvement, previously many Mayors have taken up the #5Days 5 Phrases Challenge; libraries have held a range of activities including book readings in Mandarin, China themed displays and dances, calligraphy demonstrations and other events.

We believe supporting New Zealand Chinese Language Week is an investment in New Zealand’s future and its prosperity. It is a means of acknowledging our multi-cultural character and the contribution made by New Zealanders of Chinese ethnicity to our business and society. As we emerge from Covid-19 having a society that has enhanced linguistic and cultural capability to engage with China will become ever more important. All parts of our community – government and business in particular – need to build knowledge and understanding of China and its language and culture.

For more information don’t hesitate to visit the NZCLW website: www.nzclw.com

Thank-you for considering our Annual Plan 2020/21 late submission. If you have any further queries or information please do not hesitate to contact Jane Budge, NZCLW Project Manager, on email jane@silvereye.co.nz or phone (021) 393-112.

Warmest regards,

Jo Coughlan
Chair
New Zealand Chinese Language Week Trust
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Submission

SICON Ltd would like to make a submission on the Selwyn District Councils 2020 Long Term Plan. We commend the council in its current approach and encourage it to continue to maintain and upgrade infrastructure throughout the district. It has taken a leadership position with regards to what the community is looking for, and has responded well to the significant growth that has occurred in the district.

SICON would encourage Selwyn District Council to continue to explore the opportunity to maximise the combined resources and skills across the group including SICON Ltd. The company would welcome the opportunity to maximise the benefit of ownership of SICON and how it can help increase output for the wider community. We operate three maintenance contracts for the Selwyn District Council. We have regular contact with council staff and have built a strong honest and open relationship over many years. This has proven beneficial for both organisations and helps ensure good outcomes for ratepayers.

The company business philosophy is Infrastructure Built on Trust. Its mission is to help communities to thrive. SICON would encourage the Council to continue to support local and believe we have a mandate to assist with mitigating future increases of rate to help improve long term vitality and growth of the district.

With the support of Selwyn District Council, the company will continue to provide essential and thriving services to the district with continued focus on high quality and cost effective delivery of maintenance, civil, and three water projects.
Submitter: Go Hororata Mr Craig Blackburn

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Submission

Submission supplied as PDF or Word document, printed and attached as the following page.

Refer attached submission
Request to speak at the afternoon hearing on the 3rd June 2020

Submission to bring the Hororata Community Centre Project forward from 2023/2024 to 2022/2023.

This submission is made on behalf of the Hororata Community Centre project group, Go Hororata.

Go Hororata includes representatives from the Hororata Reserve Committee, Citizens Committee, Tennis Club, Trotting Club, Scouts, Rifle Club, Playcentre, Hororata Parish, Primary School and Hororata Community Trust (HCT) as well as three community representatives outside of these groups. This highly motivated group has worked collectively and in consultation with Selwyn District Council (SDC) to date to develop the Hororata Community Centre project.

Planning for the Hororata Community Centre project has progressed rapidly over the last year with the assistance of community raised-funds. On this basis, Go Hororata requests that the SDC moves this project forward in the long-term plan from 2023/2024 to 2022/2023.

Over the last year Go Hororata has progressed through the feasibility study and the concept planning stages utilising community funds raised through the Hororata Community Trust, and the project is now ready to move into the preliminary and developed design stages. It is believed plans for the Hororata Community are well ahead of other facilities in the long-term plan and this should be given consideration as to the timing of these projects.

Bringing the project forward will have a positive focus for the community recovering from COVID 19. Bringing it forward a year makes it tangible and gives a solid timeline for planning and fundraising. The advanced timeline is of course subject to the community (through the HCT) being able to raise $2 million as a contribution to the cost of the community centre project (on the basis that the SDC will meet the remainder of the cost of the project). At this stage HCT is confident of being able to achieve this fundraising goal within that timeframe, provided developed design plans are available soon to assist fundraising.

Accordingly, it is also requested that in budget year 2020/2021 the next steps for the project, being the preliminary and developed design be completed. The preliminary and developed design process will plan in detail how the building will serve the community and wider Selwyn District. It will give clarity about inclusions in the building, for example Hororata Playcentre. Having a clear and comprehensive set of plans which can be provided to potential donors and grant agencies will better allow the community to fundraise the $2 million, as funding agencies and large donors will need to see this level of detail. This will also give a clear costing for the project and ensure that there will be no consenting issues. Hamish Shaw Architects (HSA) has completed the concept design of the community centre (funded by the HCT) and it is suggested HSA be engaged to completion of the project.

The preliminary and developed design phase of the project will cost an estimated $100,000. The HCT is prepared to fund the preliminary and developed design, as part of the communities $2 million contribution to the project.

The HCT has sufficient funds to meet these requirements and is in detailed discussions with a potential donor who is prepared to underwrite the costs associated with the preliminary and developed design on the basis that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between HCT and the SDC.
This MOU needs to clearly outline the responsibility of each party for funding and management of the community centre project, confirm that the community continues to have a controlling stake in the project, clarify the project timeline and responsibilities for each party including management of contractual arrangements with HSA and the main contractor. It will include an assurance that whilst HCT has funded and will continue to fund planning and design for the community centre, if the SDC decide that the project will not continue once the preliminary and developed design is completed, then the community money invested by the HCT will be reimbursed in full by the SDC.

This MOU will restate the SDC’s commitment to this project and their support for the community working hard to see it come to fruition. It will motivate the community to deliver their contribution to this project.

This project already has extensive community support and forward momentum, and it is requested that the SDC continue to assist us to continue the good progress made to date.
Submitter: Mr Robert Thomson

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Submission

Submission supplied as PDF or Word document, printed and attached as the following page.

Submission opposing the Changes to the Selwyn Huts Deed of Licence, wastewater charges and reference to Upper Selwyn Huts paying for wastewater systems via targeted rate.

I am a hut owner at the Upper Selwyn Huts number 44

The Selwyn District Council approved the Huts for permanent occupation. Permanent is Permanent and doesn’t mean temporary.

I oppose and reject the changes in the Deed of Licence that removes the reference to permanent. Reinstate the clause 4.4.1 that is referring to the licensee being granted permanent licences. The Council has no right to change it after people have made a decision to spend there cash on a hut. I will not sign the agreement that changes this.

I reject the council including a new section in the Deed of Licence as 6. Bond and Statutory Requirements. You have based this section on the assumption that the Huts will end in 15 years. This will not happen. Wastewater systems are capable of exceeding 30 years in operation and the climate change excuses are not accurate and the Selwyn District Council has issued building permits to farmers adjoining the Selwyn Huts. I refer you to the legal advice given to the council by buddlefindlay on the 4th of March 2019. I attached this information to my submission.

I reject the threat that the Licensor makes in 3 Term. 3.2, 3.3 are totally unacceptable. There is every prospect that the wastewater treatment and disposal arrangement will be able to be continued and the council is basically predetermining the outcome before the time has come.

The Selwyn Huts community pay Rates for the general rating and a Licence fee for water and sewage costs already. We are apart of the Selwyn District Community whether you like it or not. The Council could easily avoid the friction and stress created by the vendetta against the hut community owing to previous issues between Council Staff who are driving the destruction of the Huts.

I reject the assumption that council has made in that the hut community has agreed to fund the wastewater upgrade at a $3million cost when no scheme has been discussed with the Huts committee and community. The council has an obligation to include the Huts committee on every meeting where the hut wastewater system is discussed. From the 14Th September 2019 public meeting there has been No meeting with the community and council. No scheme has been selected and agreed to by the community. In light of that no predetermined cost of a Licence fee can be made until that decision is passed by the committee and council so I oppose the Licence fee increase.
There are many issues with the Deed of Licence draft and I recommend that no draft is finalised until the lockdown period allows for public meetings with council. I recommend the council take a more humane approach to how they deal with the Selwyn Huts community. We are part of the District, we work in the district and pay rates. We therefore look forward to being treated fairly by the Mayor, Councillors and all the council staff including the CEO and in particular Douglas Marshall.

Yours sincerely Robert Thomson Upper Selwyn Huts Springston
4 March 2019

To
Douglas Marshall
Selwyn District Council
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From
Mark Odlin

By Email
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Dear Douglas

Upper Selwyn Huts – Provision of Water Services

1. We refer to recent correspondence in relation to the management of the Upper Selwyn Huts settlement (Huts) and the Council’s relationship with licence holders. The related issues of wastewater disposal and the impact of climate change form a key part of the impetus to resolve the Huts situation.

2. As we understand it:

(a) As well as other potential impacts on the Huts, climate change is likely to render the current Council provided wastewater treatment system for the Huts unviable or uneconomic over time.

(b) The Council’s consent for the current wastewater treatment system expires in June 2020. At this stage, no environmentally acceptable and economically sustainable alternative to the Council provided wastewater treatment system has been identified.

(c) The Council wants to proactively address and resolve these issues. To do otherwise would be an avoidance of the Council’s responsibilities as the territorial authority for the district which contains the Huts. This intention is outlined in a number of places in the Council’s 2018/2028 long term plan (LTP) which states:

(i) on page 16:

The Council agreed to continue working with the Upper Selwyn Huts community, to develop a plan for the future residential occupancy of the settlement. This process will also involve Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation (which holds the lease for the nearby Lower Selwyn Huts settlement), Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Ngāi Tahu.
on page 152:

The expansion/renewal of infrastructure at Selwyn Huts will consider both climate change projections and community views in decision-making. This will be informed by studies including "Impact of Climate Cycles and Trends on Selwyn District Water Assets" (Aqualinc, 2016)

3. The removal of the Huts on the expiry or earlier termination of the various licences is an obvious and practical way of addressing the environmental and cost issues that will inevitably arise as the effects of climate change are felt. Any solution short of a retreat from the Huts will inevitably raise a number of issues including:

(a) the Council's ongoing obligation to provide water services (which include wastewater services) to the Huts community under section 130 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA); and

(b) how the costs of providing such water services should be borne.

Obligation to continue providing water services

4. Section 130(2) of the LGA provides:

A local government organisation ... must continue to provide water services and maintain its capacity to meet its obligations under this subpart.

5. Notwithstanding this obligation, part 7, subpart 2 of the LGA sets out a procedure under which a local authority may close a small (serving 200 or fewer persons) water service. There are a number of steps in this procedure, including:

(a) reviewing the likely effect of the closure on:
   
   (i) the public health of the community that would be affected by the closure; and
   
   (ii) the environment in the district of that community;

(b) assessing, in relation to each property that receives the water service, the likely capital cost and annual operating costs of providing an appropriate alternative service if the water service is closed down;

(c) comparing the quality and adequacy of the existing water service with the likely quality and adequacy of the alternative service referred to in paragraph 5(b);

(d) consultation with the Medical Officer of Health for the district;

(e) public consultation on the:
   
   (i) the views of the Medical Officer of Health; and
   
   (ii) the information the local authority has received in the course of:

   (1) undertaking a review, assessment, and comparison of options as outlined in paragraphs 5(a) to 5(c); or
(2) preparing a management plan and making assessments on those options; and

(f) support from 75% or more of users of the system in a referendum.

6. In short, there are significant constraints on a local authority’s ability to withdraw water services and a community cannot simply be left “stranded” without such services. All the alternatives must be assessed and consultation undertaken on that assessment. The withdrawal must then be supported by a 75% majority of users. The local authority must then manage the transition to any alternative system. It is apparent from the LTP statements cited above and the Council’s approach to these issues generally that the Council is mindful of these obligations.

Cost of provision of water services

7. We understand that the current position is that:

(a) Huts licensees do not pay the district wide sewerage or water supply targeted rates for separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit (SUlPs) connected to a Council provided schemes; and

(b) the cost of provisioning water services is recovered from licensees under licence arrangements (presumably as part of the Council’s ability to recover Other Charges from licensees which include all costs in relation to the supply of water, sewage, drainage and rubbish disposal which are not otherwise including in any charges or assessments made by any authority or by the Licensor¹).

8. We note that the funding impact statement on page 160 of the LTP suggests that if individual Huts are SUlPs (which we understand is how they are treated for other rating purposes) they should be subject to the sewerage targeted rate. However, the rating example outlining typical Huts rates on page 189 does not make any reference to sewerage or water supply targeted rates so it is reasonably clear that, notwithstanding the all-encompassing language on page 160, water services targeted rates are not payable by Huts residents. Assuming the Council intends to continue with its current practice of recovering costs via the Other Charges mechanism, we recommend that the Council make it clear in the 2019/2020 annual plan funding impact statement that the district wide sewerage and water supply targeted rates do not apply to the Huts (so there is no doubt on this point).

9. We think that both rates and the contractual Other Charges mechanism in Huts licences are appropriate means of recovering the cost of providing water services to the Huts. In addition, we note that, in the context of cost recovery via rates:

(a) Recovering the cost of providing water services via rates (including district wide targeted rates) comes squarely within one of the purposes of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA) which provides at section 3 that:

The purpose of this Act is to promote the purpose of local government set out in the Local Government Act 2002 by—

¹ Clause 6.2 of the representative licence that we have sighted (Rossiter).
(a) providing local authorities with flexible powers to set, assess, and collect rates to fund local government activities:

(b) The LGRA goes on to provide an array of rating tools which could be applied to this situation including, most relevantly, a targeted rate. However, we note that the Council has recently tended to move to a model where the costs of provision of network infrastructure (such as wastewater infrastructure) are spread across the district (i.e. under district wide targeted rates). It would go against this trend for the Council now to look to recover the greater costs of continuing to provide water services to the Huts solely from that community.

Conclusion

10. Our preliminary conclusions and observations on these issues are that:

(a) The Council cannot withdraw water services from the Huts community without going through the procedure in part 7, subpart 2 of the LGA. This would require community support and the Council to work with the community to ensure that acceptable alternatives are in place.

(b) While the Council could, over time, seek to recover any increased cost of provision of wastewater services to the Huts via the Other Charges mechanism or via targeted rates, this would need to be done in a careful, transparent, consultative and measured fashion in conjunction with all other management measures for the Huts.

(c) Any targeted cost recovery from Huts owners (for provision of wastewater or other services) may lead to a concentration risk if the number of Huts dwindle. In other words, the divisor for any item of capital cost will become smaller meaning the cost per Hut will increase (thereby increasing the risk of a further spiralling of costs and licence terminations).

(d) Overall, we think that the Council needs to proceed extremely cautiously and consistently in this context. All reasonably practical alternatives should be considered and necessary consultation undertaken in accordance with the requirements and principles of the LGA. Ultimately, all the various potential issues relating to the Huts need to be considered here very carefully by Council "in the round", and without illusion that any given course of action will be straightforward.

11. We would be happy to discuss any of the above matters with the Council when convenient.

Yours sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

This letter is a submission on the Selwyn District Annual Plan 2020/21 which is currently out for consultation.

This submission relates to issue #5 – a reticulated wastewater scheme for Darfield.

As a developer in Kirwee, I would like to see the provision of reticulated wastewater to Darfield and Kirwee as a high priority. This project has been on the Council's horizon for well over a decade, and Council has pre-emptively acquired land in Darfield during this time to enable a sewage treatment area to be created. The consideration by Council of this issue earlier this year concluded that an act of bravery on the part of Council is required. Now is the time to act and protect these communities.

Although there is reportedly no evidence of groundwater contamination, waiting until it is an environmental issue will be too late. Council needs to be pro-active and get this reticulated network up and running. If it is determined that groundwater has been contaminated, then these communities will lose potable water supply. The status quo is no longer acceptable.

As a private developer I am willing to work with Council to contribute toward a community sewerage system to serve Kirwee, including a cost share arrangement – provided there is a commitment and certainty from Council. Council owns the land at Darfield intended to provide for wastewater treatment and disposal and so a Public Private Partnership should be considered to move this project forward. Deferring progress on this issue for another 10 years is not acceptable, as it places these communities at risk and places a significant barrier to the growth anticipated by the Malvern Area Plan (MAP). I note that under the MAP, the population of Darfield is projected to grow to a 2031 population of 4,141 people (1,479 households). This represents an estimated increase in population of 1,232 people (440 households), which is the largest recorded in the Malvern area. However, these are all required to discharge sewage to ground in order to allow for this growth. Similarly for Kirwee, Council predicts a 44% increase in population in the 16 years to 2031, with all new dwellings discharging to ground.

While consultation with the Kirwee community on this issue is necessary, this needs to happen as soon as possible. If forced to pay for it, then it is unlikely public opinion is going to opt for community sewer due to the individual cost to property owners and the requirements for connection. What will need to be provided is funding options for individual property owners in order to obtain support. However regardless of community support, connecting Kirwee to community reticulated sewer is the right thing to do and Council needs to lead this; not only for the good of the existing Kirwee community and certainty of potable water supply but for the future of Kirwee but to enable the township to continue to grow. Without reticulated sewer these communities will be forced into an inefficient pattern of development on lots large...
enough to accommodate on-site wastewater treatment – this in turn could result on additional pressure to convert rural land for residential purposes, potentially undermining this finite resource.

The Canterbury District Health Board and Environment Canterbury are both supportive of reticulated wastewater for Kirwee. Leveraging potential funding partners will be key, perhaps even the Ministry of Education for the Kirwee Model School, could be a key partner. Reticulated wastewater for Darfield and Kirwee needs to be a priority and the urgency of this matter needs to be reflected in the funding in the Annual Plan. Let’s not wait until the issue is too great of a problem to fix, we owe it to future generations to do this right and act now. It will never be cheaper to start this project than right now, delay will add cost to all of the ratepayers in this area.

Your sincerely, Murray Boyes
Submitter: Selwyn Hut Residents' Petition Mr Steve Curtis

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Submission

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Refer to the attached document / permission regarding opposition to the licence fee increases at Selwyn Huts
Notice objections to proposed Licence Fee

1. I am a licencee of the Upper Selwyn Huts.
2. I have received a draft deed of licence dated 27/04/2020.
3. I hereby give notice to the Selwyn District Council that I dispute the proposed new Licence Fee.

[Signature]

Full Name

[Stamp with date: 11 May 2020]
Notice objecting to proposed Licence Fee

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Murray Chappell
Signature

Full Name

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Full Name

[Full Name]
To proposed Licence Fee

...ncee of the Upper Selwyn Huts.
...ived a draft deed of licence dated [2020].
...ve notice to the Selwyn District Council that I dispute the proposed new...

Yours,

Curtis
proposed Licence Fee

I am the owner of the Upper Selwyn Huts. I have a draft deed of licence dated [X]. I hereby give notice to the Selwyn District Council that I dispute the proposed new rate.

[Stamp]

[Signature]

27/4/2020

[Signature]

11/4/2020
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Signature

[Signature]

Full Name

Robin Williams Hyde

11 May 2020

Notice objecting to proposed Licence Fee

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2. I have received a draft deed of licence dated 3 February 2020.
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Signature

[Signature]

Full Name

Catherine Fraser

5/5/2020
proposed Licence Fee

I, [person's name], the licensee of the Upper Selwyn Huts, have a draft deed of licence dated 25/1/2020. I am hereby giving notice to the Selwyn District Council that I dispute the proposed new fee.

[Signature]

25/1/2020

[Stamp]

HUT 13

proposed Licence Fee

I, [person's name], the licensee of the Upper Selwyn Huts, have a draft deed of licence dated 29/1/2020. I am hereby giving notice to the Selwyn District Council that I dispute the proposed new fee.

[Signature]

29/1/2020

[Stamp]

HUT 12
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[Signature]

Name

Alan Bruce Miller

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Name

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Signature

Full Name
David LESLIE LLOYD

Date
9-4-2020

Your email address
davidlloyd2@gmail.com

Your Hut #
85 Moorhouse Ave
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Signature

[Signature]

Full Name

Blanche Susan Fryer

Date

9/4/2020

Your email address

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Your Hut #

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Full Name

Date
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Craig Perry Truskler
Full Name

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Wonne Black
Full Name

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Rudi Jansen & Lorraine Jansen
Full Name
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Signature

David Watter
Full Name

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TREVOR DOUGLAS WILLIAMS
Full Name

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ANNIE JAMES BOWRING
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Signature

Suzanne Marie Allen

Full Name

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Notice objecting to proposed Licence Fee

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Signature

Susan May Rogers

Full Name

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Signature

Sandrine Louise Lagrosse

Full Name
Notice objecting to proposed Licence Fee

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Signature

Michael David Smith

Full Name

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Gareth Price

Full Name

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Frank Gordon Greenslade

Full Name
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Full Name

Jane Caitlin Ayres

Hut 77

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[Signature]

Full Name

A.G. Curtis on behalf of Helen Colenzo

as per email 7-4-20.

Helen Colenzo

Hut 6

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Full Name

Grahame Bruce Evans

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Signature

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Full Name

Bruce Charles Blazey

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Full Name

KIRRILY FEA

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Kerrenet Leslie Perry

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Glenda Hope 87 Moorhake Ave.

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Ginia

Full Name
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Signature

[Signature]

Full Name

Bruce R Thomson

Hut 30

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2. I have received a draft deed of licence dated [27] J-20.
3. I hereby give notice to the Selwyn District Council that I dispute the proposed new Licence Fee.

Signature

[Signature]

Full Name

John James Van Nuis

Hut 42

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1. I am a licensee of the Upper Selwyn Huts.
2. I have received a draft deed of licence dated [March 2020].
3. I hereby give notice to the Selwyn District Council that I dispute the proposed new Licence Fee.

Signature

[Signature]

Full Name

Bruce R Thomson

Hut 101
Subject: Re draft of deed licence
From: Erin Coffey <coffeyholman@hotmail.com>
Date: 15/04/2020, 4:22 PM
To: Susan <srogers@netspeed.net.nz>

I Erin Coffey am a licence holder of the upper Selwyn Huts. Lot number 18
I have received a draft deed of licence. I hereby give notice to the Selwyn district council that
I dispute the proposed new licence fee.
I am unable to sign this letter because I am unable to get to a printer due to the covid19
restrictions.

15 April 2020
Erin Coffey
number 18 Upper Selwyn Huts

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2. I have received a draft deed of licence dated 15/04/2020.
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Signature

Kathleen Ann Poitek, Rodney William Poitek

Full Name

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Signature

Colin McCulloch

Full Name
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JOHN A JENNIFER COFFEY

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Signature

Anne de la Cour

Full Name
For de la Cour Family Trust
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Signature

[Signature]

Full Name

Trekkessa Nezbeid

Date

07.04.2020