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Annual Plan 2020/21
Consultation Document

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Annual Plan 2020 / 2021

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Submission

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

After the lockdown and subsequent reduction in household incomes, I would like the rates to remain static for 2020/21. Many households are going to be under a lot of financial pressure as our economy tries to regain what will be lost. I’m sure we could make some cost savings in some areas simply for 2 years. Perhaps, not starting the new Lowes road/Levi area Park next to the horse breeders would provide some savings.

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.

I agree some charges are necessary. Many households simply leave sprinklers on esp in hot periods and we know that there is less water pressure as a result of the increased demand. So definitely some form of water management investment is needed. But for example, there is no encouragement for householders of larger sections to make use of grey water for watering gardens, rainwater collection. Potentially a campaign and maybe some tutorials for those wanting to recover, reuse rain or grey water could be organised at local community centres.

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 will be moving to Kirwee later in 2020, so interested if this will expand, especially if I’ve had to spend nearly $20k on a new septic system.

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

no comment

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

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.

I think the council should make more provision for online help, videos, Zoom connections to the public. Also encourage community groups to help the elderly setup and use such facilities.
Submission

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A group of Glentunnel residents have assisted the compilation of the information listed. It is not a submission as such for the recent notification regarding the District Plan-Flooding changes.

No doubt some residents may use the data to be included in their own submission. What we don’t want to have to say “we told you so” if a substantial rain storm or heavy snow affected the foothills about us and homes/properties are affected by the runoff.

We do have a selection of photographs from past rain/snow events. A presentation was made to the Malvern Community Board in 2017 about the concerns. Little has been achieved or carried out to address those concerns since then by Council.

The Ministry Of Environment’s report is quite clear when reading that deforested gullys where the undergrowth and plantation has been removed may generate up to 75% more water runoff.

There is a substantial water catchment in the foothills behind the two gullys that are being milled.

One of the interesting points discovered was in the late 1800’s the then Selwyn County Council installed the “drain or irrigation channel” that Glentunnel relies on to protect it from water runoff. This may obviously be part of early pioneer, Colonel Brett’s retaining and setting up races to collect water for home and stock use based on his pre-India experiences before moving to NZ across the wider district.

All we are asking is that you give due consideration to our concerns to action and implement a management plan to address our concerns.

Signed Paul McOscar on behalf of the named residents of Glentunnel as stated in the above attachment.
Glentunnel Drainage and Storm Water Control

The purpose of this document is to highlight the issues regarding the lack of a “Glentunnel drainage management plan” and point out the non-existence of maintenance for existing drains and the likely effect of water run-off from the deforestation of several Malvern Hills’ gullies above Glentunnel.

The Geology of Glentunnel.

The village of Glentunnel is situated on an ancient (plateau) sandy silt clay slip that has likely flowed from the Malvern Hills many hundreds of thousands of years ago. The clay base below the soil ranges from .02m to around 4.5m being dense to very dense. This presents a drainage problem after heavy rains and increases flooding and ponding when rainstorms surpass about 30 hours. Heavy snow also can be associated with this drainage issue.

There are a several strategically placed “soak pits” about the village, aimed at assisting the dispersal of rainwater. A number of long-term residents have indicated in snow melts and heavy rain because of the sub-structure of the land they are not adequate, or do they function effectively which leads to ponding.

This clay plateau runs from the Malvern Hills out to the edge of the No. 16 golf course fairway, a distance of about .9k away. The Number 16 fairway sits some 10 metres above the No. 18 fairway, which gradually flattens off to the Selwyn River some .5k away. This area being the highest point on the Golf Club (No. 16 fairway) is its wettest area on the course due to the clay substructure.

The landform of the Glentunnel valley (between the Malvern Hills to the north and the Harper Hills to the south) is higher at the western end of the village with a gradual fall of approximately 6m to the eastern end of the village.

The Selwyn River/Surveyors Creek

Because Glentunnel is at least 10 metres on average higher than the Selwyn riverbed, the village is unlikely to be under any threat from river flooding. In recent times (2000), the river inundated the Glentunnel Holiday Park and the golf course plus either side of the riverbank areas down to the Coalgate Bridge. In 2017 when the SDC was installing the fish ladder at the intake of the irrigation water race (adjacent the No. 14 Golf Club tee) and had removed the river stop bank, a substantial rain storm occurred 3 days latter which again flooded the golf course making the course unplayable for around 3 weeks.

Along with the above particularly in the years of 2000 and 2017 flooding of the Holiday Park occurred also in 1993, 1995 due to rainstorms. The Surveyors Creek flood channel protected the Holiday Park in 2017.

After the year 2000 flood, the Council moved to build a flood channel and rebuilt the stop banks up to the walkway crossing in Surveyors Creek as well as cleared the riverbed up to the Surveyors Gully culvert/bridge on Homebush Road. Around 2 years ago the Council carried out further maintenance...
on the lower Surveyors Creek flood channel immediately behind the Holiday Park but did not clear
the remainder of the creek bed up to the Culvert/Bridge.

In 2017 residents believe that the lack of maintenance on the lower part of the creek caused a
backup of water that placed several homes further up and are adjacent Surveyors Creek under
threat, with one home having to be evacuated.

The Glentunnel Drain

From research we have determined that by the late 1890’s residents in the area had already
experienced a number of heavy rain and snowstorms that had caused flooding threats to property.
There was also the issue of dry weather or summer droughts experienced by the early residents. At
the time through Colonel Brett’s initiative, a number of irrigation channels were formed in the wider
district, to collect water run-off which was also used for stock water.

Just before 1898 it is unclear whether Brett influenced the then Selwyn County Council to construct
the drain that was formed on the north side of the Whitecliffs/Darfield rail line from near
Whitecliffs, passing the railway stockyards at Glentunnel and then channelled under Homebush
Road near the Coaltrack Road junction. The initial section of the “drain” is on Colinton Estates and
then runs through Geoff Morris’s rural property to the culvert proceeding under Homebush Road.
The original irrigation channel/drain then ran around the lower riverside plateau to the Selwyn
ending up at the original stockyards that was situated adjacent the current Coalgate to Hororata
Bridge.

It was recognised that the water run-off from the Malvern Hills was substantial enough to be of
benefit both as flood control and to be utilised for stock water purposes. It is noted from records
from that time that both the culverts (Glentunnel and Surveyors Gully) were built (by a Mr F. Beatty),
and were planned with a high head room (approximately 3.8m high x about 2.3m wide) to allow the
free flow of flood waters through them.

An obvious inference from the Glentunnel Drain being placed on the north side of the rail line was
also to protect the rail line from wash outs. With the closing of the rail line in 1969 the rail corridor
land was offered to local landowners to purchase.

With the land falling into private ownership this would have negated maintenance of the Glentunnel
Drain from the responsibility of either the then NZ Railway’s and or the later Malvern County Council
to the local landowner.

The portion of the drain where it enters the north of Glentunnel to the old railway platform (at the
rear of the Fletcher residence, Railway Terrace, eastern end,) is near non-existent. The Council
perhaps unknowingly has permitted residences to be built over or adjacent the original drain at the
western end of Railway Terrace. In one Railway Terrace back section a recent new build (constructed
about 2002), the original owner was required by the Council to establish drainage channels around
their property that feeds into the adjacent rural farmland now owned by Colinton Estates.

Along the hill frontage that faces the Glentunnel village there are several natural springs that seep
from the hillside. There is a strong aquifer that is believed to have feed the old Glentunnel Brick and
Pottery works, still flowing from the hillside. Even in the times of drought there always appears to be water in a small section of the drain that still exists by the old Glentunnel railway stock yard.

The Railway Terrace Curb and Channelling

McSkimming Industries closed the Glentunnel Brick and Pottery works, around 1985 sold the land and a sub-division was created along the north side of Railway Terrace. The sub-divider was required to contribute to a footpath plus curb and channelling which Council installed sometime later.

The curb and channelling now collect’s water from the top end of Philip Street running round into the Railway Terrace curb/channel and runs down to the junction of Victoria Street.

Adjacent to this corner (by the pedestrian park bench Railway Tce/Victoria St) the Council installed a drainage boulder soak pit.

The fall from the Philip Street end of Railway Terrace is approximately 2.5m which means during rain there is a constant flow of water to the Victoria St junction. The soak pit adjacent the park bench fails to cope during heavy rain or during snow melts. It then flows either into the roadside swale or onto the rural land. The swale exits from the end of the Railway Terrace road reserve (currently utilised and occupied by the adjacent resident) and then continues onto the land owned by Colinton Estates.

From here it runs in a direct line some 90 metres to the boundary with the rear of Smith-Champion’s Homebush Road property and makes a right angle turn left for some 30m where it runs into the now substantial Glentunnel Drain.

The right angle turn at this point creates a major problem as this inadequate swale does not cope with the Railway Terrace water flow and flows directly over the top into the rear of the Smith/Champion, Homebush Rd property and continues down the back of each adjacent residential property. This has occurred three times since 2010 in heavy rain and a snow melt. There is no raised stop bank to encourage the water flow to turn left plus the swale depth is quite shallow. As a result of this substantial water flow, one home has been surrounded each time and much of the property under water.

The previous owner of No. 40 Homebush Rd, prior to 2012, regularly complained to the Council staff regarding the flow of water that entered their property after heavy rains from Railway Terrace culver and off the adjoining rural land.

Homebush Road Drainage

While Homebush Road is a state highway and not under the control of SDC, the water build up during heavy rains creates ponding at each driveway due to the inadequate size of the driveway culvert pipes plus soak pits do not cope or is there any alternative method of drainage. In several cases the water back flows into existing residential driveways.

The Township Committee from its Council initiated funds some five years ago, reacted from constant flooding that made access into Glentunnel School difficult. The Committee financially assisted with
the installation of a drain from the school frontage, channelling it down Domain Road to link with Surveyors Creek. On the opposite side of the road to the School, adjacent St Andrews in the Glen Church, in heavy rain periods a large pond occurs regularly as water is unable to get away and the near-by soak pit isn’t effective.

The area from the Glentunnel Store, because of the fall of the land to the east, flows naturally down towards the Glentunnel Culvert about a 1k away. The roadside channel/swale as it reaches the culvert itself needs excavating, to allow an unrestricted flow to fall into the drain

Colinton Estates deforestation of the Gullies above Glentunnel.

Many residents while appreciating that the removal of 2 hillside Pine woodlots, which will allow greater Winter sunshine on their properties, but there is an increased concern regarding the water run-off. Both gullies have a substantial catchment that will feed water run-off into them. Again, residents are under no illusion and the importance of the value of what is left of the Glentunnel Drain to channel water away from entering their properties from the Malvern Hills.

The Ministry of Environment published a report in 2001 regarding managing waterways on rural land. In para 3, 3.1.1 “Deforestation” the report highlights that catchment studies show that 70-75% water run-off was absorbed and retained by forested and vegetated catchments.

On the three occurrences since 2010 due to heavy rainstorms and a snow melt, within Colinton’s eastern most grazing paddock below the two gullies and north of the Glentunnel Drain, run-off from the gullies formed a lake approximately 11,000 sq m in area. Because of the clay base it generally took well over 10 days for the water to drain. This ponding is less than 20 metres from residential properties with only the Glentunnel Drain (on average some 8m away from property boundaries) preventing entry into the adjacent residential properties.

The heightened concern now with the gullies having been deforested, if the 2001 Ministry of Environment’s report is to be accepted, is the increased run-off that is likely to occur and will require an increased level of maintenance of the “Drain “and perhaps reforming of the drain to cope.

While the Glentunnel Drain in on private land and passes through two properties minimal maintenance has occurred. Mr Morris cleared his portion of the drain (with Council assistance) some 18 months while Colinton Estates in the latter part of 2019 chamfered the drain edge, to assist with run-off from the above pasture and reduce ponding.

As highlighted above the early residents saw the value of constructing the drain not only to gather water for stock, but to prevent flooding and obviously the then Selwyn County Council took responsibility for its construction and no doubt its maintenance.

Residents believe that the SDC has a moral responsibility (not only because of its predecessor ‘s involvement) to accept a majority maintenance share of the “drains” as it is a vital defence to prevent village flooding. The landowners should not be required to meet the total cost or accept an unfair social responsibility on behalf of Glentunnel residents to carry it out.

A summary
Aside of the above, we believe the Council is taking a knee-jerk reaction to its findings from using its new desk top computer-based modelling study. The suggestion that it is now required to signify on LIMs of this supposed flooding risk from 1-200 and 1-500 threats appears to be a side-step rather than look at how engineering adjustments could mitigate the problems we face.

The Canterbury Plains with its sloping land mass from the Southern Alps to the Pacific and its many substantive river flows, a 1-200 or 1-500 year flood from a rain storm, would likely show that not only in Selwyn, but the majority of the whole province would be susceptible. Does this mean all properties would have this noted on their LIM.

The Councils notification of the District Plan “Flood Risk” proposal to Glentunnel residents mentions overflows from the Selwyn. It seems Council staff are not aware that Glentunnel sits somewhere between 8 metres to 12 metres on a plateau above the Selwyn. For Glentunnel to be affected by the Selwyn would mean many communities below Glentunnel would be wiped out first.

Over the years it is apparent, in the case of the Glentunnel township, the Council has done little to date to identify how to mitigate this local natural storm water hazard. In the past it appears it takes many years for a flooding issue to be recognised. i.e. the current Hororata issue.

We understand the cause of the Hororata situation, appears to have been identified as “upper catchment land-form clearances” (deforestation), Willow bank growth and blockages, lack of constant flows leading to a build-up of silt and shingle restricting river flow. It could also be argued that water for irrigation removal has reduced the river flow and therefore river depth channels have not been maintained.

In Summary concerned residents request the Council to address the following:

a) Develop a drainage plan that will encompass the following:

The effective disposal and drainage of ground water from rain and snow melt on all property frontages with Glentunnel.

b) Should the drainage/swale at the end of Railway Terrace and through the “road reserve” onto Colinton Estates property be continued with then the drain line be rerouted directly to the main Glentunnel Drain taking out the right-angle bend.

c) That SDC take a majority responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the Glentunnel Drain. Also, to consider the appropriateness of reinstating the drain back to the old brick works site. This to ensure that run off from the Malvern Hills and hill frontage aquifers is effectively channelled to reduce the likelihood of this run-off entering adjacent properties.

d) The Council in conjunction with ECan look at the responsibility for maintaining Surveyor’s Creek waterway primarily up to the Homebush Road culvert/bridge to prevent flood waters entering the Holiday Park and golf course.

The following property owners support the above:

P. Cardosi  M. White  P. & B. Reynolds  G. & A. Burnip
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Submission

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Refer attached letter
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

Katie Milne
National President and Local Government Spokesperson
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
   no rates increases for 2020/21

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

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

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

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.

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?

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.
Submission

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Hi, please find attached a letter asking for some changes to rating systems for campgrounds in order to get them operating in a more sustainable manner. Cheers

John and Tina Peters NZMCA members and Motorhome owners
FOR 2020/2021 draft Annual Plan Submissions

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Hi, please find attached a letter asking for some changes to rating systems for campgrounds in order to get them operating in a more sustainable manner. Cheers

Hi, I am writing this letter to prompt the councils and government to take action over our very precious camping life in New Zealand. We have lost our way with respect to the wonderful life style that we once had in the family camping holidays.

To put it simply the camp grounds are far too expensive for the general campers and particularly for larger families.

To some extent the camp grounds have in my opinion got a little greedy and appear to charge what they like as they often have a monopoly. However their overheads are very high and a lot of this is driven by the very high rates that are imposed on them by councils. Often the rates are extremely high as the land values are high being close to the sea etc.

We have seen a big change in the camping scene over the last 10 years with many camp grounds closing as they are simply not getting campers and an increase in “Feedom “ camping. Freedom camping has increased because campers simply cannot afford to stay in camp grounds. I am a pensioner and I could spend all of my NZ superannuation on just the camp grounds and have no food.

A small number of camps have reduced their charges but up to a half over winter and now they are getting patronage.

Two strong recommendations from me:

1. Councils/Government review the rating system for campgrounds so that they pay minimum or no rates as a public service to the district.
2. Campground owners study the market and reduce their charges to a reasonable amount once rates have been reduced. If they cut their charges they would attract more people in to their camps. It is better to have people coming in at a reduced price than none at all.

I hope you will see this letter as a positive way forward for campers, towns and cities and campground owners. It is a good opportunity now to kick start the campgrounds as they are going to struggle big time with no overseas tourists and just now no campers at all.

Kind regards

John and Tina Peters

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Submission

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

I would like to see a 0% 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.

You are doing so much For is in Rolleston the hit needs to be with projects here not in the smaller outer areas of Selwyn!

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

Again you need to look at Rolleston Projects, Roading etc

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

There should be a way to continue as we are going on the same amount of money from for another year!

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.

Put it on hold.

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

0% increase end of!

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.

Have a heart! What would Jesus do?
Submission

Submission for Full Hockey Turf in Rolleston

With the continued substantial growth within the Rolleston and wider Selwyn areas, there is a great need for a full turf to cater for the growing numbers wishing to both participate and play the game at competition level should they have the desire to.

Canterbury, as a whole, have turned out many great hockey players and I feel by providing a full turf in Rolleston it will give greater options for our local grass roots juniors to grow and strive to be considered for any future representative offerings.

All competition players, playing an 11 aside game currently have to travel outside of our community, sometimes up to two or three times per week to train or play. It would be a great opportunity to have other players within the wider Canterbury area to enter, play and spend their money within the area.

Being in lockdown over the period of Covid-19, has taught us that we need to ensure our young people are kept engaged, busy and motivated to be the best they can be.

Waikirikiri Hockey, have built from scratch, a club where all community members are welcome and they are continually working on initiatives to provide a safe, fun, disciplined environment for our young to learn and grow. The club has experienced exponentially growth year on year and they have fast run out space to provide turf time for all teams to play and train on.

I would be happy to answer any questions you have around including plans for a full hockey turf in your plans for Rolleston.

Kind regards Kylie Shipley
Submission

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

An increase of less than 3.5% is desirable. While it is understood that our rates cover existing and new costs, if feel that the economic impact of COVID-19 will see significant hardship for many families so now is not a time to be asking for unmanageable rates increases which will only cause more pain in the community.

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

As a resident of the Prebbleton community I agree with this delay. The communication process to-date has not provided a clear position on the communities wishes in terms of what is wanted or a best long term option for the communities needs to give us the best and most usable option for $6m

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

None

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

Ideally for residents the fixed charge to remain the same and increase the usable M3 charge. Perhaps a new category might be needed for high users. Agree with basis of user pays as best way forward.

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.

None

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

None

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

None

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.

Mayor Sam and senior staff to continue doing a good job and perhaps noting the positive impact Ashley Bloomfield’s leadership and communications skills showed us during COVID-19. If ever we need clear, concise and articulate leadership, it’s right now and as we go forward. You will need to be seen and heard for sometime on just what you are doing and how you are doing it. Give us your best.
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Submission

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

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

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

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.
   Increase rates, but chlorinate the water supply to provide residual protection. Given the Council's financial situation, it's embarrassing to see Transgressions in our District.

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.
   There's a significant cost to the end user, I think it's unfair for end users who have installed a modern treatment system, obtained a resource consent and maintain it well to have to abandon it. Do not use a broad brush approach here. Your last survey was constructed poorly and did not ask the right questions.

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   I think this may be an opportunity for Council to invest in to local tourism and events(obviously after the lockdown).
Submission

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

I do not support any increase in rates at the current time. Given the scale of the looming economic crisis, it seems appropriate to have a much wider review of proposed spending with a view to cost reductions. Any rates increase and unnecessary expenditure should be deferred until the economic impact of Covid-19 is more fully understood. Additionally, the council should make public any sacrifices being made by members of the council with respect to salary reduction/freezes to show solidarity with the community experiencing the same while they put forward options to increase rates and issue warnings of future rate hikes if they don’t happen now. Time to let go of your pet projects and get real.

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

All proposed future projects should be reviewed.

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

Perhaps developers should be required to make a larger contribution in the infrastructure required to support new sub-divisions. The costs of this infrastructure need to be borne at these higher levels of the supply chain, not pushed onto the end user - which of course is far easier to do.

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.

All proposed future projects should be reviewed.

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Land developers should be paying the cost of the infrastructure required to support their projects. The ratio of development contributions to rates seems extraordinary (pg 42 of the consultation document) given the wide number of land development projects. The new home buyer pays for the services delivered or utilised but should not be funding discounts to developers or covering costs of loans through payment of rates. These costs should be borne by the developer.

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

I do not support an increase in ratepayer funding for the pool facility. These additional costs should be borne by the user groups if they need the facilities that badly.
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.

- Demonstrate solidarity with the community by showing facts and figures as to where costs have been reduced including in the salaries etc of council members

- Freeze spending on all unnecessary infrastructure projects while undertaking a thorough review of those projects in light of the looming economic crisis that has only just begun.

- Ensure developers contribute a higher proportion of development costs.
Submission

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

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

The proposal to defer is the right decision. It will be critical that the location of this community facility is sited close to the heart of the community and not in some obscure corner of the village. More work and consultation is needed.

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

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

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.

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?

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.
Submission

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

With the current economic crisis there should be no rate increases in 2020/21 and only contemplated once normal economic growth resumes.

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

This is acceptable.

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 wastewater scheme must be deferred until the economic situation stabilises. The current $73 annual wastewater investigation rate charge (representing over 3% of domestic rates) must be dropped pending future evaluation.

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.

Emphasis should be only on projects benefitting children in the area. The other 'nice to have' schemes should be put on hold until we see an economic recovery.
Submission

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

Considering we had large rate increase last year I think this increase is unnecessary. Rates last year were meant to be 6% and ours was 38%. Personally it meant we cut back a fair bit but we really worry about elderly and low incomes. How can they deal with such huge increases? I can't understand with the growth and the increase in rate revenue how your council spending is so high when your revenue has increased.

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

It's unnecessary to have one in Pribbleton with Hornby and Rolleston and Lincoln on their doorstep with the same facilities.

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

Couldn’t find information on it. Wonder if they have the number of people to Support it there anyway.

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

We already pay a lot for our water. I think the increase amount is too high.

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.

While water management is important shouldn’t it be a user pays policy.

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

User pays not everyone pays for facilities.

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

Yes the internal road way project in Foster park is just one example about the terrible planning. Watching foster park get ripped up paths over and over again due to poor planning and mis-management is frustrating. It’s our money and it’s not being spent in an organised manner. The amount of money for this proposed emergency road is huge. In PEagsus the emergency road was 5,000 dollars but here it costs 433,000?? I can’t understand why all the planning was not carried out in proper stages.

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.
Selwyn can be a great place to live but it blows my mind how badly planned the roads are. The rates increase last year was huge and then to plan more when people are loosing their jobs and businesses are closing due to Covid-19 is like kicking people when they are down.
Submission

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

Given that a number of local authorities around New Zealand are not increasing rates this year because of the Covid19 and the increased costs to most New Zealanders because of it, I think it inappropriate to increase rates this coming year. As a resident on a fixed income I have no way to absorb increases apart from cutting back on other things.
Submission

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

While I would prefer NO rate increases which are the habit of this Council, in order to avoid bigger increases in future I would prefer an increase less than 2.5%. I am sick of the constant increases in rates. They have become a convenient habit because it’s easier to do that than look at your own vision and systems. The rates are already high, the council has a steady income stream from more and more ratepayers. Those of us on fixed inadequate incomes cannot manage increases beyond our control. Rates is second only to food expenses in my one-person household. I am a pensioner who is charged the same as a family of 4+.

I expect better vision, better communication and programmes of work that reduce expenses rather than add to them. I see no evidence that SDC wants its residents to lead more sustainable lives, thus having more control over their own expenses and also reducing financial pressure on extending infrastructure especially regarding the three waters. There is no visionary leadership. My neighbours and I are not kept informed and this is unacceptable.

I do not want to see any vanity projects (fancy new offices?). I do not want to pay for a Mayor’s childcare. You could save money by collecting (with permission) the email addresses of all ratepayers and sending out publications and messaging as and when required in a more timely way, reducing the need for large print runs and distribution. Maybe focus on more engaging messaging and more integrated campaigns. The emphasis on engaging. I lack confidence in SDC staff doing this because if they were committed to this they would have already done it. It’s not difficult.

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

Seems like the only reasonable option but take care with consultation expenses.

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

Ok review but don’t waste money on it. Keep it tight.

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

If you had an innovative WDM programme engaging all residents you wouldn’t need all the growth expenditure on infrastructure but you don’t know how to do it, or don’t care. I do to both.Any water increases MUST be kept extremely modest and you should facilitate (not just write boring pamphlets)greater self-sufficiency and reduce demand among residents/ratepayers.

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.

This is probably necessary but why not include better WDM innovative public education to keep the project easily managed for the future?
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?

Minimise this

Not sure the document is totally up to date. We don’t need more retail, other than DIY/garden centres etc. We don’t need more food outlets on the main drag. SDC has a bad reputation for roadworks, delays, lack of communication to commercials etc.

You spend a fortune on sports facilities and things for families. The rest of us are pretty much ignored. I don’t want to pay for more sports facilities which I will never use at my age. I do not want to contribute to any CHCH projects or any events which are now a luxury in this economic and covid climate. Life is now much harder. You need to stick with only the basics for now.

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.

You need a communications shakeup. Your comms is dreadful and ineffective. So many residents don’t get publications, info, use of social media is hotch potch and ineffective. Stop pushing messages and engage with each of your residents. Scary idea? Form relationships with them. Too horrifying. Trust me, it works but you need to change your mindset. Communication is 2-way and involves trust. During crises like Covid 19 you need to cater for all sectors not just the ‘usual’ lazy ways of communication. Non-digital is vital. use digital more widely and effectively and not just apps on smartphones. Smartphones can be difficult to use for some sectors.

The mayor and councillors are, for the most part, invisible during Covid. Visiting libraries and SDC HQ for info are useless during Covid 19 which is why you needed other channels. Poor businesses: you should already have been in social partnership with most of them. Again, not difficult, it’s normal behaviour outside of most councils. Be part of the residential and commercial mix, NOT outside of it.
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Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
Due to Covid-19 Rates increases should be frozen

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

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

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

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.
It should be offering more support for rate payers
Submission

Recently a draft proposal was sent to residents at Upper Selwyn huts, detailing the following steps the council proposed to take. It stated in the document that residents could write in and submit their responses to the draft document.

1. I totally disagree with and oppose the suggested rates increase.

2. I oppose contributing to a three million dollar sewage system for which there appears to be no plan and there has subsequently been no discussion between council and residents regarding paying for a three million dollar system that doesn’t seem to exist. Since residents have to pay for the sewage disposal plan, we have every right to have a choice about the system we will be paying for.

3. I oppose the increase in the license fees and wonder why the increase is required and justified. In fact there are some questions about why residents actually pay a license fee instead of a land lease.

Perhaps it is to pay for the increased presence of sicon workers who appear in 2 vehicles. Only one worker is required for some tasks. One does the work while the other smokes and observes. Are we paying for this?

4. I oppose the requirement to pay into a "demolition Fund" the sum of $5000.00 plus GST.

This is an exceptionally unreasonable requirement.

It would seem that the council’s preferred strategy for "getting rid" of us is to ensure it becomes financially impossible to live here. There are families here, people on benefits and many people over the age of 60-65.

Renting a property is out of the question for most residents here, and neither can people move in with their families.

People are becoming ill from stress, since SDC has made it clear they wish to impose these requirements.

The most stressful aspect for some, who could sell and move, is that we cannot sell due to the above, and our homes have been devalued. This is extremely distressing.

Since we have to pay for our sewage disposal why not let Upper Hut residents manage the lease or sell each of us the pocket of land we inhabit. People at Birdlings Flat and Rakia Huts were able to purchase their land. This would be a good option for us.

I hope my comments are read and noted on a formal document in relation to the invitation to submit my opinions about the draft proposals.

SECOND PART OF SUBMISSION RECEIVED TWO DAYS LATER:

I am sending my submission again re SDC draft plan for Upper Selwyn Huts.

First, there has not been any consultation or discussion or consensual agreement regarding the increased license fee, which is almost double the current amount. No reason has been given for the increase.
Neither was there any discussion about the change in the license: "permanent licenses will be deleted," (SDC) The Council is premature in "predetermining the end date for the huts before a new wastewater system has been established." Moreover, all we have been told is that the system may cost three million dollars. Ludicrous when there isn’t any evidence of why and what for.

Hut fee bond of $5000.00? Are we children that we can’t manage our own affairs? SDC is not short of funds, so there is absolutely no logical reason for this other than that the accumulation of bonds will generate income, with interest, for the SDC bank account. I am appalled at this suggestion and certainly disagree.

It’s quite clear that every trick in the book is being used to get rid of residents at Upper Selwyn Huts. What we’d all like to know, of course, is WHY?

Global warming trick hasn’t worked. A new house is being built on the river bank across from the Huts. Also, I’ve been told there are permits for one or two buildings, just around the corner, on farm land, close to where the river flooded in 2017.

The Upper Huts didn’t flood.

As well the proposed rates rise is unfair, uncalled for and an act of discrimination Another discriminating move by a council who has dumped all these proposals on residents at such a stressful time.

Our Prime Minister said to be kind. What SDC has done is the very reverse. How shameful Councillors and Mr Mayor.

You have all managed to make some of us ill with the stress that your proposals have caused us. We know, from speaking with other District Council staff, that what you are doing to our small community, is deplorable. Our families, our children are horrified and also stressed by the situation.

Perhaps you think we can just move into our children’s homes. No, our children aren’t able to care for or provide for us. People moved out to the Huts, so they wouldn’t be a financial burden on their families.

Many of us paid mortgages off, sold our family homes to help our children financially and settled for simple homes and a simple life at the Huts. We certainly wouldn’t have sold our property assets had we known what was ahead. Who could ever imagine that such illogical, uncalled for discrimination would evolve in the future.

Why not be reasonable and keep this unique settlement alive and well, by working with us, not against us.

To sum up, there’s nowhere to go, houses can’t be sold for prices they would have fetched a few years ago. In a country with many homeless people, we too are in the throes of being added to the "homeless" statistics.

Again, I oppose all proposals in the Draft Plan for Upper Selwyn Huts.

Below is the first part of my submission. I expect the planning committee to read both parts, because they are combined to make my full submission.

Jane Ayres
Submission

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

We believe that no rates increase is appropriate at present. There is significant economic hardship in our community. Many are adjusting to reduced incomes (in some cases severely reduced). The proposed increase is well above inflation and is not appropriate in the current unprecedented environment.
Submission

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

I think they should not be increased. They are already nearly unaffordable for a lot of people, and with the covid epidemic, people are already struggling to pay mortgages, losing their jobs etc...I think to increase rates would be appalling.

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

I think they are expensive enough, especially for families and elderly, it’s just about crippling, rates and water prices! Now with the covid epidemic, it’s only getting harder.

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 think it’s good, that some money would appear to be getting put back into Darfield...we seem to be paying a lot of money for very little return, although this is sure to cost us more!

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 above, a good start would be no increases for at least the next year, if not, 2 years. It’s hard now, and we haven’t even felt the full effects of this pandemic yet!
Submission

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

For goodness sake, do not increase any fees, rates, taxes at this time. It would be disastrous to many people, and totally inconsiderate and uncaring.

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 don’t care

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

Not interested.

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

Water supply should be free, it's a basic human right.

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.

All good

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

Just be thoughtful and do not make the financial or personal situation worse for any residents

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.

Don’t threaten people with rate or any other cost rises
Submission

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

I oppose the increase. Last year we had a 10% increase and it seems outrageous to suggest further increases 1 year on. The council needs to find ways to work efficiently within it's budget rather than putting out its hand every year. Considering the number of people in our community who will be find themselves unemployed due to the covid pandemic it is wrong to place further pressures on our community.

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

Defer

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

Defer

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

The council needs to find ways to work smarter rather than just putting its hand out for more money. No to any increases.

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.

Do not proceed. Houses already have sewage systems.

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

The WHitecliffs footpath proposal should not go ahead. It is absolutely unnecessary and many disapprove of the community boards plan without consulting the local community. This would be a small cost saving to the council.

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.

We need to be decreasing costs not increasing them to support the community.
Submission

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

Following the financial impacts of the Covid lockdown it is inappropriate to increase rates or expenditure in any format, many are and will be suffering financial hardship for the coming year and beyond and rates increases will only add to this. Now is the time for consolidation and compassion.

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

If its in the budget get on with it - too much consultation these days which adds cost and no real benefit to end result.

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

This is a matter for Leeston residents.

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

Minor increases may be acceptable but it is a rates increase in disguise and should be kept to an absolute minimum in these post covid lockdown times.

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.

Just get on with it and stop wasting precious money on endless consultation. That is why you employ experts surely!

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

Not at this time. Although I do not want to see waste management build on the edge of Prebbleton. The extended hours of operation and associated noise will severely impact on our quality of life.

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.

Please keep to basics and put grandiose schemes on hold. We need good water, utilities, roads, libraries, service centres, day to day services like rubbish and parks maintenance everything else is icing. Keep rates down please to prevent financial hardship.
Submission

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

NO rates increase.

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

NO increase
Submission

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

I don’t mind rate increases for the areas that are getting the benefit of the spend. What is in the plan for Malvern rural area? why should we be paying for Rolleston upgrades and leeston/prebbleton halls? why don’t their rates climb in line with their needs/spend?

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

good. no benefit to me so happy for this to be halted - if it is included in any way in our rate increase. if they are paying for it directly, then im happy for what ever decision.

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

if it is area specific and rate increase in line with where the development is happening

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.

darfield needs this, but should be covered by darfield town residents and rate payers.

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

more recycling centres, darfield? Sheffield domain? doesn't have to be big - but with no pick up services out our way (among a lot of other rural areas) easiest for us to burn rather than recycle - which is not what we would rather do. having smaller recycling depots - especially for glass and plastics, would be great. at moment I have to make special trip to take to Rolleston centre which not ideal.

7. 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.

listen to the public, what the public wants, rather than what the council thinks the public wants.

COVID - hard to know what is right and wrong. recycling and rubbish has been a big issue for those in rural centres and not being able to burn/recycle. but understand it is hard to know what to do out there at moment, also hard to know what to do around small businesses, short term pain for long term gain - maybe heloing some saller businesses with
lease/rental obligations as this is where the struggle is. banks and govt are trying to help financially, but lease payments are killing them too.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
   Deferring may be the best option at this stage. But will there be a penalty for deferring payment?

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

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.
   Given that the council is not able to provide clean water year round and has to continually issue boil water notices I think a rates increase would add insult to injury. I would be prepared to pay a rate increase if the council could concretely assure the community that there would be no more boil water notices and flushing our systems with chlorine.

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 agree with this proposal as the township is growing yearly and we need more people in the area that can make use of all three petrol stations.
Submission

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

I support a rates freeze in these times of hardship for some. Also, Coalgate had the highest increase last year of 10%, which is outrageous.

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

Strongly object to increased water charges as I feel growth has been approved without consideration of increased water use, especially in rural townships.

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.

I sent an email to the Mayor asking for a council response, but got no reply. SDC seems slow to respond to emergencies. Perhaps more advance planning and more effective communication to the community, rather than one small letter in a newspaper.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
   Please lower or keep the same due to current situation.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?
   Stop waste management-too close to school, housing, farming, food etc

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.
   Rates - keep same or reduce (even for 6 months).
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

I am a hut owner at the Upper Selwyn Huts number 17.

I purchased this home 5 years ago after 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 and for myself I sold my property in Temuka and transferred my employment to Darfield based on the Licence being permanent.

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 Buddle Findlay 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 $3 million 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, pay rates and should not face continuous discrimination from Mayor, Councillors and all the council staff including the CEO and in particular Douglas Marshall.
4 March 2019

To
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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.
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
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

6. 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 (SUIPs) 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 SUIPs (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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Submission

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

I would like to vote for the "rates freeze" option.

Would also like to see a refund of the “Library Charge”, “Community Centre Rate” and “Swimming Pools” charge for the Covid-19 level 4, 3 and 2 periods.

It does not seem fair or equitable if the Council is not prepared to take a hit on income while everyone else in the community is expected to.
Submission

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts on the Rates issue for 20/21.

I support the 3rd option of an increase somewhere between 0% and 3.5%.

Given the economic circumstances now before us with regard Corvid 19 I believe that the council should be looking at Priorities in its core business verses discretionary expenditure (Nice to have but not essential). eg Water supply Stormwater, Roading maintenance, Rubbish etc verses New Cricket Nets, Playground upgrades , new community centres.

These type of expenditure items can be picked up at a later date when the economic scene show some improvement.
Submission

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

In light of covid19 I’d support cutting expenses to reduce rates rises.

Not zero one year and double the next, but below-inflation increases on an ongoing basis.

Also, I’d support, now and on an ongoing basis, less targeted flat per-property rates, and more general rates to make it fairer on all; if a property with a lower capital value is owned, significantly less rates are paid.

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

Agreed this is a good idea.

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

Agreed, it makes sense for the whole of Selwyn to pay for all facilities; it’s fairer than each smaller community paying for facilities that happen to be located in their township yet used by those outside their township. By us all paying for all facilities it increased our district-wide identity.

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

Disagree. Of the 3 options listed, I strongly support option3, in direct disagreement to the council. I do not think the expense listed is justified at the best of times, least of all these covidian times. I would strongly support adding fluoride to the water supply for public health, but definitely not chloride.

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. It seems crazy that a town the size of Darfield doesn’t not have this infrastructure, and across Selwyn we should pay for this.

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

I support those points listed on page 45.

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

* Page 10 - District wide rating for community centres, halls & reserves: Yes, strongly support, to build a district wide identity rather than township identity. Make it part of general rates, rather than targeted.
* Page 14 - Selwyn Aquatic Centre: Support new pool extension; suggest defer or cease plans for cafe and fitness centre in this covidian times. Make costs part of general rates, rather than targeted.

* Page 16 - Foster indoor sports: Support, district wide rates, general not targeted. I’m unlikely to use myself (hardly ever go to Rolleston), but not fair on Rolleston alone to pay for this.

* Page 26 - Rolleston Council Office & Carpark: Suggest caution. Carparks: Not supported; rather, encourage staff to walk/bike/bus to work.

Office extension: I’d like to see more proposal work on this. In covidian times, I’d err to deferring once we know how efficient staff working from home is and if staff working from home in future, for at least some of the time, is feasible and would encourage hotdesking in the council site to reduce construction costs to zero, and help limit financial and environmental costs. I suspect that many staff would appreciate some working from home, and various departments could work from home on various days, ensuring whole teams are on site on some days.

* Page 28 - Walking & cycling. Support, although I’d like to see more money spent on this, including work on a proposal for recreational biking around Tai Tapu & Malvern hill areas.

* Page 33 - Road Maintenance Targeted Rate: You suggest removing the rate and using general rates instead. Excellent work, very strongly support.

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.

* Page 41 - Rates Levels & Limits: I challenge the line 'While rates will need to increase above the rate of inflation to pay for improved services...’ In 16 years of living in Selwyn my rates have had an exponential rise, unlike my income. I am quite happy with, for example, 1960s concrete toilet blocks, and fail to see the need for upgraded stainless steel toilets. This is a small example, but systematic of my disagreement that improved services are worth the cost. Just because of exponential population growth and the resultant exponential increase in council income, that doesn’t justify the level of improved services you suggest. This is true all the time, but especially true in these covidian times.

In light of covid-19, examine the cost-benefit of larger projects, such as deferring Rolleston town centre upgrade and scrapping Lincoln town centre upgrade. Stick to core and essential, such as water, libraries, roads, rubbish and recycling - all these you do well. I’m very grateful for all the work SDC does in providing services, and look forward to your revised proposals in light of the current covid19 crisis.
Submission

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

I prefer a rates freeze.

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

This should be deferred. I actually rented the Centre two years ago and there is still a bit more life left in it.

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

The approach should be reviewed as proposed.

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

I prefer no increase.

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.

You should consult further.

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

I think SDC currently makes things a bit too easy for developers. If the amendments mean developers will pay more, please proceed.

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

If money is tight priority should be given to things that will improve public health and safety e.g. road modifications, three waters etc.

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.

Don’t be shy to charge property developers more. SDC is too generous to them at the moment. To avoid confusion I mean people subdividing land, not people building a house for themselves.
Submission

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

I am happy for a small increase, up to 3%, depending on what savings can be made.

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

Fair enough, but be wary of wasting money on this.

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

Fair enough, but be wary of wasting money on this.

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

This will make residents more careful about their water use. It is a good thing, as water has to be given its rightful value. Make water supply safe and secure - but PLEASE don't chlorinate it permanently.

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 agree that a wastewater system has to be introduced over time, and new developments are the place to start applying it. Any renewal should replace old septic tanks with a reticulated system.

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

Kirwee residents pay a community centre rate the same as every other Selwyn ratepayer, and I believe it is right that some of that money be spent in Kirwee on its community hall, even though it is privately owned. Otherwise the residents end up paying twice. Currently the hall's kitchen requires a major overhaul, and this would be an appropriate project for the Council to contribute to. Please give consideration to fitting this in this year's Plan.
Submission

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

Potentially for the best moving forward

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

Expansion / stage 3 of Leeston skatepark

Hi my name is Jack Macdonald, little bit about me is I am a year 13 student at Ellesmere College some of my hobbies include scootering, skiing and getting outdoors. I have a general entrepreneurial attitude, with the mind to work towards goals.

I have been riding a scooter for 3+ years along with my large group of friends, the skatepark is where we have always chosen to hangout this has always kept us out of trouble and causing ruckus on the streets I would like to take this opportunity to upgrade and expand Leeston skatepark to make something truly special and one of a kind that no other town has to offer.

With the continuously growing leeston and the neighbouring local towns putting in new subdivisions I believe that the community facilities need to grow with it, this could be a good way to bring the community together creating friends and a more tight nit town

Upgrading the park will give the youth the opportunity to congregate safely, exercise and have fun. every friday before youth group (foundation 91) without doubt the skatepark is packed full of teenagers so there is no question whether there is a demand for the upgrade or not

I believe it would need to be more inclusive upgrade with features appealing to all ages something the skatepark is currently lacking, as of now there are many features of the current park that have a skill gap many children cannot overcome under tens for instance, for example a pump track could occupy someone who potentially is just starting out on whatever their choice of wheels are and teaching them the basics at the same time.

If this were to go ahead it would need to have community input from the people that are going to use it, experienced designers and specialized build services for the best outcome so that we can have the best possible park.

A while back i made an enquiry for extra lighting at leeston skatepark but was later denied, This is the response I was given i quote “We have found in the past that if extra lighting is put there then this can encourage unsavoury persons to wander through.” I disagree with this because in all new subdivisions the streets are very well lit, many cases kids have hurt themselves because of poor lighting at leeston skatepark, potentially yes it could encourage unsavory persons to wander through but i believe my points certainly out way this.

Thank you very much for the chance to share my proposal

Kind regards, Jack Macdonald
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.

Using social media more frequently to get information out to the public, thus being an easy and quick way to clear the air on any confusion the public may have
Submission

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

I wish to complain about these rates, you say that the water is FREE and we pay for the pipes etc which I do not disagree about BUT if the water is free how come we have to pay for any extra water - may I suggest that you charge everyone the same across the board amount and those that wish to keep their grass etc looking good will be able to and those who do not care well that is upto them.

Also can I suggest that you put all rates eg. water etc on the MAIN RATE ACCOUNT then those who are on a budget can work out their expenses for the year. as it is going to be a horrible time ahead for some.

We have just moved down here from Lake Taupo where we had an awesome view of the Lake, their rates were cheaper than down here and it included everything from water, rubbish bins etc etc which was great as you then knew exactly how much you had to pay yearly.

Thank you
Submission

I ask why the 5.1% rate increase for Glentunnel? What will the increase benefits to Glentunnel be? The completion of the underground wiring that was started many years ago only to be halted due to the ravings of one very self opinionated english female resident? YEAH NAH !.

Maybe improved drainage in case of expected 50-100 flooding? YEAH NAH !.

We just get our properties greatly devalued by the addition of Flood Risk added to our Lim reports. Maybe an improvement in the quality of our water supply? YEAH NAH !.

Just dump a truck load of Chlorine in and look the other way!. Maybe we are inline to get a community pool like the rolleston residents have easy access to unlike us? YEAH NAH !.

We just get to pay for their pool. Maybe updates to our local hall that many residents, myself included, actually paid for without assistance from the greater selwyn district?. YEAH NAH !.

We get to pay for the new halls erected in the greater selwyn district. Please justify to me how 5.1% will benefit Glentunnel? Why are small communities in the Malvern Hills area being hit with 4.9% Coalgate, 5.1% Glentunnel, 4.8% Whitcliffs, large increases while the "haves" in rolleston (lower case intentional) get 3.5% right on the listed average?. All "major" towns get hit with 3.5 - 3.9% while small towns mostly ignored by council get 4.8 - 5.1%. JUSTIFY THAT !.

I dare you. I need supply NO supporting documents as you already printed the facts.
Submission

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

With the current economic climate due to Covid-19 the rates increase should not happen. Also I don't think it's fair that rural rates are higher than the urban rates. Should all be the same.

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

Yes I think it should be deferred.

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

This should not be too expensive to carry on with reviews.

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

No increases at the moment. Manage what you have.

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.

Surely you know by now what the community views are on this and you shouldn't waste anymore money on consultation and get on with designing started.

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

Only if its necessary.

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.

I think you have to get very creative with how you use rate payers money and make sure it isn't wasted and not just keep increasing rates. Not fair on communities at the moment.
Submission

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

No 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.

Ok with that if there is no rate increase. However, there is very little support for Prebbleton from the SDC. This lack of support for Prebbleton was clearly shown with the attitude displayed by SDC with respect to the Waste Management’s application for expansion of their operations.

I for one do not want my rubbish including my recycle bin being collected by Waste Management if their expansion goes ahead. SDC should be sourcing alternative rubbish collectors for the Prebbleton area otherwise SDC should be providing a full refund (including recycle bins) for our rubbish collection.

There are no library facilities; monthly visits to the Prebbleton market is not the greatest.

Inaccessibility to facilities in Selwyn. Chch’s facilities are more accessible for Prebbleton residents than the SDC’s facilities.

If we want to visit Rolleston it has to be by car. There is no cycle way from Prebbleton to Rolleston unless we go via Lincoln. Unbelievable that the SDC did not work with NZTA to extend the cycleway along the motorway from Prebbleton to Rolleston. A lost opportunity.

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

Nil increase. More education required with respect to the farmers water waste.

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.

More communication. We never hear from the Mayor. It could be just speaking regularly on a local radio show letting us know what is happening in our area.
Submission

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

I would like an increase somewhere between 0 - 35%. Currently it is unknown if the people of Selwyn have jobs to go to in a few weeks. A lot of households struggle to pay their rates already without an increase occurring this year. SDC need to consider the current money stresses on their people.

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

If there is a feeling on lack of public consultation, then more should be done. You need to get Prebbleton Community Centre project right.

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.

Survey the community and look at the statistics from government agencies in the next 3 months to get a picture on how the community is coping with the impacts of Covid19.
Submission

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

Prefer to use option 2 or 3 if option 2 not achievable.

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

Delay until consultation and correct planning is achieved.

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

Delay if necessary but ask yourselves, why did this proposal even go on to the plan if the "review and a wider approach" is now considered necessary?

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

If it is necessary then do it. If not then delay it.

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.

Must consult with the effected community and present all facts when doing so.

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

If this will help to keep rates down and it is a fair and reasonable proposal then proceed.

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

The naming of the new Rolleston library MUST be in English as well as Maori. I have spoken to many people living in Rolleston and wider Selwyn who have all expressed the same sentiment. Some are absolutely opposed to a Maori name being used at all. It's not a library for Maori only, it's for all Rolleston and Selwyn dwellers regardless of race. If the council really want to know what the rate payers think then ask the Rolleston Lions Club to undertake a phone survey of 1000 residents and ask the simple question; "Do you want the new Rolleston library to be named in English and Maori or Maori only" Simple isn't it!!

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.

Not aware of any required changes.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
   Complete hold on rates increase. Do not increase rates

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.
   Defer the planning and all financial commitment for at least six months

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

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.
   Do not increase water charges across the board. Leave the darfield water supply alone Stop selling bottling right, you do not own the water. Darfield does not want or need recirculated water. If infrastructure needs to be updated this should come from normal running costs. additional cost of supply should go to the individual households or businesses that are consuming it

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.
   Do not do it. it is not needed. if the water is so bad why have you sold bottling rights to it?

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.
   All the plans that have been brought forward should be put back to there original planned dates. with regard to the darfield library roof. What kind of incompetence has been unleashed that has approved a projected cost of $46,000 when the roof can be completely replaced by a lower maintenance gable roof for less

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?
   If the council can not afford its running costs and cost of projects the council should assess its spending and reduce the number of projects and couniclers.

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.
   An inquest at the cost of council, in to the financial mismanagement of SDC funds and resources. If required central government and a serious fraud office should be involved
Submission

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

Increases should be NIL as rates are to High now.

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 need for this there is one in Rolleston.

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

No new costs to rate payers.

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

Only if the rates go down.

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.

No leave it as it is for now.

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

No more cost to poor rate payers.

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

Stop spending so rates Stop going up.
Submission

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

In my option Option 3, no rates rise is best. Rates have outpaced inflation for too long. The percentage rises are more than 3.5% for most areas including those who are furthest from facilities. With more houses/residents arriving through all the subdivisions the rates take will naturally increase in the area to provide more income.

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

Option 1. Community Centres come at a large cost. Prebbleton can access facilities in Lincoln and Halswell easily enough. The council should not be burdening itself with extra running costs.

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

Option 1.

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

Option 3. A move towards more user pays is the right thing. It allows us as citizens to choose how much we pay and create savings as needed.

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 am in support of further planning and consultation.

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

I am in support of Option 1.

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.

I believe the council should really concentrate on providing core services. This means that some of the feel good projects and services may need to be suspended or a private supplier needs to be found so it becomes user pays. An increase in swimming fees, a gold coin or $5 charge for previously free events. More funding should be sort from the Government to cover increasing costs. The aim should be to keep rates close to inflation. As we have such a low population density residents will never be able to fund everything the council needs to run and therefore a focus on other areas of revenue and user pays needs to implemented.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
I understand that the council needs to deliver on community projects and services and I do believe that the council does this well. However, I would like to pass comment on the rates increase of 3.5% per annum. I am happy to stand corrected but rates increases have consistently out-stripped inflation over the last 10 years and I wish to question why a larger proportion of a household’s budget has to be committed to living in Selwyn.

After the 2009 financial downturn many workers endured wage freezes which I would argue were slow to thaw and even slower to keep pace or catch up with inflation whilst company profits recovered. We are facing similar times; again we are being asked to take wage freezes and many of us are being asked to endure wage cuts or are losing our jobs. Again, when this freeze (for us) is due to be lifted in a year’s time, I wonder if any increase will factor in two years’ worth of inflation.

Consider a household on $65,000 pa receiving on average a 1.5% pa pay increase over the last 10 years, and consider a rates bill of $4000 in 2010 increasing at 3.5% pa over the last 10 years. The rates bill increases from 6.15% of household income (pe-tax) to 7.48%; an extra $1620 dollars. This is what I call an insidious tax or tax creep. It generally flies under any political radar or media attention. Whilst the dollar value decreases for lower income households the effect on the percentage income consumed by rates increases.

In these times I think the council should consider a rates freeze, and further should limit any yearly increase to stay in line with wage inflation.

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. Institute a rates freeze for this year and limit further increases to come in line with inflation (both the CPI and wage inflation).
Submission

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

I would be in favor of maintaining the proposed 3.5% average increase.
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Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
   in favour of some 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.
   best and more cost effective to pause and make the right decision for the future

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.
   in favour - need to understand full community need

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

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.
   agree

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.
   as long as the changes make it more relevant to the funding of growth and not just a cash cow

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.
   be cost conscious but also keep projects happening to ensure there are jobs for the local workforce
Submission

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

My view is that a smaller rate increase should be applied. It is good for the council to apply savings and scale back projects to limit costs while all ratepayers are having to do the same.

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

Preference here would be to defer the decision until a clear solution can be found.

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

Preference here would be to review proposal

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

Growth of water demand should be reviewed. This should be part of the planning in new developments to ensure there is sufficient quality of service and supply.

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 agree with this.

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

I agree with this.
Submission

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

This is a Submission for the upper Selwyn huts Deed of License on the Annual Plan.

1. I oppose the increase of the license fee's to pay for the Sewage system. That needs to be put through
the Rates that's what the Rates are their for. You already own the sewage system up grading. It is a deed
of license to occupy the land not a repayment scheme for Selwyn council.

2. I oppose this three million dollar sewage scheme for which their appears to be no Design for and will
not know the full costs until it's constructed or nearly finished. The council is Surmising it's three million
dollars and repayments of $4,745 a year

3. I oppose the requirement to pay into a demolition Fund the amount of $5000.00 The council would
be able to seek reparations costs at the time if a building was not removed there is no need for a Fund!

4. I totally oppose and disagree with the 15 year life you are proposing for the Upper Selwyn Hutt's.
I believe it should be left open on the deed. And if their are issues that begin to threaten the Residences
and or Infrastructure, then the hut owners can agree on the future actions of the Upper Hutt's then and
there, If or when it happen no one can predict the future. We have all ready saved the years quota of
carbon emissions, that is how quick things change.

5. I disagree and oppose the removal of the Permanent license from the deed of license and of the
decreasing of the time periods such as 28 days to 20 days & 14 days to 10 days by law, you need to give
reasonable time.

6. It should be noted that sub-clause (e) is a ratchet clause so that the license fee can never be
reduced. This sub-clause is not acceptable because of the limited 15 year payment scheme.

The way the Selwyn District Council has undertaken this proposed deed of license and waste water
system feels like your trying to scare people to leave there Homes and to make it financially
unaffordable for anyone to live here, which to me doesn't seem lawful or reasonable, it seems like you
are singling out our community and discriminating against us!
Submission

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

My preferred option is Option 3. I feel that anything else would be grossly negligent on behalf of the council given this financial situation.

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

Agree that this project should be put on hold, there are many other community centre based projects that can also be put on hold to help save the council some money

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

Option 1 is most beneficial for that community.

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

Option 3 is the most preferred. It surprises me that the council hasn't increased the water rates slowly over time and suddenly requires not only an increase in the targeted rate but also the volumetric rate at double what was previously planned. Either someone has not done their job properly and has underbudgeted for this critical infrastructure or someone is spending far too much money in the wrong places. It is disgusting that the council suddenly requires an increase of more than double the previously planned amount. This needs to be investigated properly.

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

As a ratepayer for Kirwee, I don’t agree with any of the options as it all requires current landowners to pay for the system. I recently built a house and have installed a $15,000 septic tank system. If I am then required to pay between $20-36,000, I will lose on my asset. Not to mention either then having a system in my garden that is unusable or having to pay to have it removed, again at my cost. The council has been too slow to come to the party with this proposal. It should have been in 10 years ago when both townships started to boom with new subdivisions. Now the rest of us will end up in debt having to pay for a system that the council should’ve had the forethought to install years ago.

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

Option 1 is fine.
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Submission

<p>Received the flier from SDC and read through. The following is my comments I wish to say. </p><p>1. Due to covid 19 and the stress on people's income and lives I think we should have a smaller rates increase so we don't have to add a higher increase later. </p><p>2. With this I wonder about a couple of the plans, that have either been brought forward or are new, ask why? -Ellesmere ward, development of new neighbourhood reserve in South Bridge ($88,655) -Ellesmere ward, Southbridge Hall entrance ($35,000) brought forward?? -Selwyn Central ward, Rolleston, development of new neighbourhood reserves ($155,064)</p><p>I understand that as I am a rate payer I don’t know why these things have been put in and council may have good reason, but wonder if they could be held off a little longer.</p>
Submission

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

As we have all had to make personal sacrifices during this Covid-19 situation many of us have also had cuts to income. Because of this I think communities also have to make sacrifices on projects that are not essential to ensure the financial strains on households is minimised.

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

If this is not an essential proposal and will keep any rate rises to a minimum I think this should be deferred for at least 12 months while the economic recovery occurs.

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

As per my response in point 2.

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

As the district continues to increase in size I think any expansion for essential services that are required to keep up with the additional demand should be paid for by the developers who are adding this demand to the existing infrastructure.

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.

If this is deemed essential then absolutely it should continue under the current proposal but if the proposal along with any costs can be safely deferred for 12 months I think this should occur.

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

As per point 1

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 point 1. Anything deemed non essential or urgent that can be deferred for at least 12 months until the economy and peoples incomes are on a more sure footing should be deferred. However if it is foreseen that a delay would add a significant increase in cost to the proposed projects eventual implementation and therefore a greater future rates burden on citizens than it would've been if progressed as currently planned after a deferment this should be weighed up against any delay and explained and justified to rate payers why the project is continuing.
Submission

I object to the raising of licence fees (selwyn huts)

Ken Perry
Submission

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Refer to the attached document

Vicki Cooksley President Entertainment Technology New Zealand
Open Letter to Mayors and Chief Executives of Local Governments in New Zealand

Dear Mayors and Local Government Chief Executive Officers,

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and support of all the constituents within your local regions, and in particular the support and resourcing you offer to the entertainment, events, and theatre sector which provides a depth and wealth of cultural and community value in New Zealand.

During this unprecedented time of international crisis, Entertainment Technology New Zealand is writing to you to make you aware of the significant ongoing battle the entertainment, events, and theatre sector will face as we transition out of the recent lockdown period. We request your continuing support of our sector moving forward.

No doubt there is work being done within local government to mitigate the long-term effects on the entertainment, events, and theatre sector; it is needed. Technicians and Technology act as the standard tool for artists to share their work with the public. As artists are diversifying to cope with COVID-19, they take their stories and entertainment away from us as the vehicle to display/highlight/convey their art. They are using home laptop microphones instead of PA systems, and virtual backgrounds instead of sets/stages. We are unable to diversify as we are merely a medium through which art can be expressed under normal circumstances.

Feedback from our members confirms our industry will be adversely impacted for longer than many other sectors as the restrictions effectively stop gatherings for all live performances and events, and our ability to earn a living. We were one of the first to fall and will likely be one of the last to get back up. This has a long term impact on the entertainment, events, and theatre sector, not just our members’ livelihood. The industry is not going to magically restart in a couple of weeks or even months after we exit the various stages of lockdown. Along with airlines and tourism, our industry will require support to survive and evolve.

As a professional association of people involved in the technical aspects of the entertainment, events, and theatre industry, this is our reality: Loss of all income derived from live performances and events; not a reduction in income, but a total loss. Until such a time as events are allowed, the restriction on crowd sizes is lifted, and some form of international travel is possible, we will remain closed.

As we entered the era of restrictions, the freelancers and casuals who constitute the backbone of the technical side of our industry lost all work for the foreseeable future. All shows and concerts have been suspended/cancelled, as has the planning of most events. Those affected have no option but to leave the industry for other roles and professions, draining our industry of skills and individuals.

As a general rule, people outside of our industry have no concept of the long-term adversity that now confronts our community. Our concern at this point is that the technical people and companies of the creative sector will be forgotten, and when the country has emerged out of lockdown into a post COVID-19 world, the skills drain and business closures will preclude our industry from effectively re-booting.

This situation will only be exacerbated if Local Government bodies don’t continue their support for our sector. We ask for 4 key strategies of Local Government to help us through this situation:
Don't cut your funding to the entertainment, events, and theatre sector.
There are many ways that can add to a vibrant culturally rich local economy, but few that provide the breadth of engagement and employment as events and performing arts. The engagement in performing arts runs strong at all levels of the community from dance schools, amateur theatre, and community events, through to touring shows and performances. These events also contribute to the mental wellbeing of our communities which is so desperately needed at this time.

Post lockdown, continue to provide community events.
Community events provide an entry platform into our industry and develop core skills for people wishing to progress in the arts industry. There are also many local businesses, performers, and crew who are reliant on community events for a large part of their livelihood, and continuing to host these events will provide a valuable economic stimulation to our industry.

Use this opportunity to continue to develop and maintain your venues.
Many local governments own and operate the local venues in which our business is conducted. During these times, many staff will be seeking tasks to do and will be keen to help develop the capability and usability of these venues. Take this opportunity to perform some of the routine maintenance in these spaces, especially with the technical equipment that works hard throughout the year and is often found in a “good enough” state. This equipment requires regular servicing and there is never a lack of equipment to be tested, repaired, or maintained.

Retain your event staff and take this time to provide opportunity for your staff to upskill.
The biggest risk we face as mentioned previously is the exodus of workers out of the industry. These staff are highly skilled workers, who have a passion in their jobs which is rarely seen in other industries. There are many opportunities for free or discounted training available as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. ETNZ has worked for many years with Skills Active ITO to develop a suite of NZQA on job Qualifications which includes qualifications for anyone working in the events and entertainment sector, as well as a specialist qualification for entertainment technicians. ETNZ has invested in our industries future by making 100 scholarships available for our members to attain the New Zealand Certificate in Entertainment and Event Operations, Level 3. As we look to the way ahead for our industry, it is our hope that this initiative will deliver a positive outcome as we go forward.

We implore you not to forget the technical practitioners who make the presentation of arts and cultural events possible, and thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,

Vicki Cooksley
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Background on ETNZ:
ETNZ is a professional association of people involved in the technical aspects of the event and entertainment industry. We have a broad membership of people ranging from students and individual practitioners through to larger national and international companies. Our goal is to support the New Zealand entertainment and event industry through professional development, advocacy and safety. To this end we have developed and maintained a number of health and safety guides; have lodged a formal qualification onto the New Zealand Qualification Framework and, working with Skills Active Aotearo, have developed unit standards to meet this qualification; as well as building relationships with like organisations from around the world.
Submission

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

The proposed 3.5% increase has to go in the current circumstances. The council should either have a zero increase or a significantly reduced increase - say 1.5%. The council has to significantly reduce its ambitions for the foreseeable future - cut back on many of its social spending initiatives. Council is funding too much and bleeding ratepayers to death. Further to the above - there should be salary reductions to senior management - 20%. Councillors should also have reductions to their remuneration. Spread the COVID pain equally.

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

This project should be abandoned.

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

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

Water management and growth should be provided for under judicious overall management. On what basis would increased charges be made - more information required to justify any further increases.

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.

This council needs to start sticking to its knitting and stop trying to fund everything on everyones wish list. Rates are increasingly becoming unaffordable - with apparently small percentage increases translating into large dollar sums given the annual total for many ratepayers - e.g. 3.5% is $140 increase on $4000. This just goes on each and every year. Just focus on funding the basic infrastructural requirements of the community.

Furthermore I consider the detailing of proposed rate increases in terms of weekly amounts to be extremely disingenuous - $2 a week sounds minimal whereas $104 per year is much more significant. Nobody thinks of rates in weekly terms - it is an annual thing.
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.
   Increase if necessary - but be flexible for people who are struggling

See Attached document
Looking ahead to the Long-Term Plan 2021–2031 – issues that should be worked on NOW

Submission by Sue Jarvis, 694 Goulds Road

Next year we’ll be preparing our next Long-Term Plan, which will set out our priorities and work programme for the period through to 2031.

We’ll be consulting extensively on the Long-Term Plan in a year’s time, but there are some important issues that we will be working on in the meantime, and we’d welcome your views and feedback.

Climate Change

This is a priority – and should be included in any plans undertaken as part of the Covid response for 2020. This could include spending more on cycleways and promoting safe walking cycling etc. This would also strengthen local communities – as we have found with locals walking, riding and even riding horses around their local community as part of the Covid restrictions. Let’s build on this. Slow down the traffic and reduce, if possible.

Make it easier for people to walk or bike to their local shops – have bike racks outside supermarkets and other places so it is easier for people to bike to the shops and take their shopping home. Perhaps have a scheme/workshops to renovate old bikes, to install carrier bags for shopping etc. Perhaps connect with a cycle shop to install carrier bags to bikes in the supermarket “car” park. Discount vouchers for people using a bike for shopping??

Selwyn District Council participates in both the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) and the Mayoral Forum Climate Change Steering Group. The CCWG has recently commissioned an independent report to assess climate change risk across Canterbury. The purpose of the assessment is to develop a shared understanding of the key climate change risks and opportunities in the Canterbury region, with a focus on local government responsibilities and existing and planned risk management strategies.

- The Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment will be undertaken in three stages:
  - Stage one (first-pass risk screening)
    - identifies long list of priority risks for detailed assessment. Captures existing and planned management actions.
  - Stage two (detailed risk assessment)
    - identifies further information on key risks, including spatial extent. Assesses existing and planned management actions
  - Stage three (adaptation and urgency assessment) – identifies a shortlist of priority risks based on existing management actions and urgency.

The CCWG is scheduled to meet in May 2020 to update the Chief Executive Forum and Te Rōpu Tuia on the Communications Plan and draft publicity materials, and progress on the next steps of the Regional Climate Change Risk Assessment, and then again in late May to present findings of the risk screening to the Mayoral Forum.

The Council is undertaking a review of its own operations to establish its baseline carbon footprint, and to develop a sustainability policy. Along with appropriate strategies and action plans this will guide the Council to ensure all facets of our activities operate in a sustainable manner, while aligning with regional, national and international goals.

Community well-being

All these areas are so important for a community and should be considered this year as well as in long term plan, especially with the Covid-19 issues including unemployment
and poverty. Local groups can probably help such as Lincoln Envirotown, local community gardens etc.

The Selwyn Time Bank run by Lincoln Envirotown would be especially vital to community resilience. Also the Responsible Business Award Coordinator might help. LET might also help with suitable community workshops.

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.

Much of what we do as a council already contributes to these outcomes. But over the coming year we’ll be talking more with our communities about things like what well-being means to you, how we measure well-being and what our priorities should be in ensuring our work programme, services and facilities help to improve well-being for Selwyn people.

Social – involves individuals, their families, whānau, hapū, iwi, and a range of communities being able to set goals and achieve them, such as education, health, the strength of community networks, financial and personal security, equity of opportunity, and rights and freedoms.

Environmental – considers whether the natural environment can sustainably support the activities that constitute healthy community life, such as air quality, fresh water, uncontaminated land, and control of pollution.

Economic – looks at whether the economy can generate the employment and wealth necessary to provide many of the requirements that make for social well-being, such as health, financial security, and equity of opportunity.

Cultural – looks at the shared beliefs, values, customs, behaviours and identities, reflected through language, visual and performing arts, ceremonies and heritage that make up our communities.

Three Waters Review

Yes, a priority for Selwyn! The water that drains into the streams and rivers, and so also goes in the water table is the same water that we drink! So the important thing is to deal with the pollution issue at source. Not treating it afterwards with chlorine etc. Obviously high nitrates can’t be treated with Chlorine. If water has to be treated temporarily, use UV treatment, ozone or activated carbon etc.

The Three Waters Review is a cross-government initiative led by the Minister of Local Government. It is reviewing how to improve the regulation and supply of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater (three waters) to better support New Zealand’s prosperity, health, safety and environment. Most three waters assets and services are owned and delivered by local councils.

We expect the outcomes of this review will impact on the way that councils deliver water services. Earlier this year the Government confirmed its commitment to partnering with local government to consider options for moving to new service delivery arrangements, allowing for safer, more reliable three waters services across the country.

The government recently released a cabinet paper on Three Waters Service delivery. The key recommendations of that paper were:

- A preference for regional or multi-regional delivery models (preferring the latter);
- Central government to support voluntary reform; and
• A one year deadline for local government to demonstrate voluntary reform.

Along with other councils, Selwyn is already taking steps to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of our water service delivery. We are also working with other councils in the region to determine what collaboration opportunities would best suit the region’s needs.

Water Regulator

In December 2019, the Taumata Arowai – Water Services Regulator Bill was introduced to Parliament. The Bill implements decisions to establish a new regulatory body, Taumata Arowai, which will be responsible for administering and enforcing a new drinking water regulatory system (including the management of risks to sources of drinking water).

A Taumata Arowai Establishment Unit has been put in place to oversee the establishment of the new body.

The next key legislation will be the Water Services Bill which will set the standards that potable water supplies will have to meet. It is expected this will be in place before the General Election.
Submission

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

We live in the Branthwaite Subdivision and have done so for the last year. Our home is a new build completed April 2019. While deciding to build in the Branthwaite subdivision, we had several discussions with Council Officers. One of those discussions included the reserve area on the corner of Turin and Gracia avenues. We were told that a small playground would be placed there for the local children. We enquired again recently as to when the equipment would be in place, only to be told that there won’t be any equipment. We are very disappointed in this response as we were assured that it would proceed. Apparently it is considered to be too close to the playground in Falcons Landing. I think that the playground in Falcons Landing is great but there are lots of young children in the Branthwaite area. A small playground area on the reserve would be well used and is very important. It does not have to be large; just some play equipment for younger children, and a seat for the adults. We are both retired so have no need for such equipment ourselves; however we think that it is important for a growing area. We see in the Annual Plan discussion document there is provision for development of new neighbourhood reserves in Rolleston. So there should be funds available for a small playground. I (Eddie) would be happy to help with the installation if that was of any use. Thank you for your consideration of this request and we would like you to support the provision of the equipment in Branthwaite.
Submission

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

I am in favour of rates increases as if there are no increases services or projects will be cut.

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

Yes - review required, it should include the Medical centre and Library and be based at the Domain so that it is a multi use building that can be accessed by all of the local sports clubs, community groups and businesses. it is important that it is used during the week, like the medical centre and library. The sports clubs and especially the cricket club have no access to facilities at the moment. Leeston park is the preferred position rather than out of the township at the heritage park (why???) or college. It shouyld be easily accessible by walking for all ages and be a central hgub to the community.

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

Happy that the Leeston Cricket Nets have been budgeted for and would be extremely disapointed if these did not go ahead and other more maintenence type projects did.
Submission

Major Issues for Consultation

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

OPTION 2: Seek to reduce the planned 3.5% increase with no further catch-up increase. I would also like the detail to establish why the planned increase from Whitecliffs is higher than the average 3.5% and have already requested this through Karen Meares.

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

I would like to see the completion of the Glentunnel to Whitecliffs pathway that the community have started added to the Annual Plan from the start of Whitecliffs Road to the end of the 100km stretch of road to enable safe walking/cycling between Glentunnel and Whitecliffs.

The Pathway does not directly affect any residents but will lead to increased physical movement and improve the well-being of all residents that wish to use it who would not have risked walking on the road.

There is some question as to whether a continued pathway through Whitecliffs Village would serve any benefit and I would like to see a full consultation with all residents particularly those directly affected who have property entrances onto Whitecliffs Road and who brilliantly upkeep the grass verges and keep our village looking good. From the start of the 50km speed limit on Whitecliffs Road it is wide with good grass verges and a clear vision. A continued pathway through the village would change the picturesque landscape and make it more difficult for residents to exit their driveways.
Submission

Upper Selwyn Huts Draft Deed of License to the Annual Plan

Submit an Objection

- Object to excessive cost of the licence fee for the proposed waste water system - before a system has been agreed on.

- Why was the waste water system denied on the district wide rating system.

- Object to licence holder pay rates and licence fee to the Selwyn District Council.

- Object to the chlorination of the water supply - read your own information.

- Object to permanent licence now deleted from the Deed on Licence.

- Object to termination of licence after 15 years and removal of my home.

This land was established as a recreation settlement on 7 March 1895 by the Commission of Crown Land, fishing and hunting. The settlement has historical significance to many.

My family have been licence holders for many generations enjoying holidays and sporting interests. During that time paying rates and licence fees to the Selwyn District Council.

Licence agreement with the council for permanent. 2013 to 2014 I applied for building consent for improvement and extension. Work was completed and signed off with a 'code of compliance'.

This is my home which I hoped to enjoy and pass on to the next generations, with the Selwyn District Council objectives which are morally and legally inconceivable.

During this virus we see councils taking wage cuts helping it's rate payers. What do you see Selwyn District Council doing.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21 in view of covid19

I believe rates should be held at current levels for at least this year.

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

The increased growth should cover the cost of the water.

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.

It is way past time you stopped consulting and got on woth it. This has been going on for years a major waste of $$ and no resolution. Just get it done.

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

We need jobs and development creates jobs. Don’t put up the cost of anything that contributes to recovery.

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.

Look to invest in infrastructure and reduce large salaries to save money. This would be the way forward most rate payer could respect. My respect for the council has dropped.
Submission

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

I support the third option on the flyer - an increase between 0-3.5%.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
   Maintain the proposed 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.
   Agree with further data gathering, consultation what the residents want.

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

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.
   This has to be paid for some way.

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.
   Not sure?

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?
   Projects must be suitable for purpose. How can a community centre not have a commerical kitchen facility built in? This is very short s view of what it will be used for.

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.
   If we are staying local we need green spaces for people to use. Garden areas of some size that are not playing fields but parks with gardens, trees etc. Forward thinking now for the future. Everything presently is just "cost based"this is not just what a living community needs. Mental health and places for recreation are extremely important!
Submission

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

Subject to careful consideration, I expect the Council to balance the difficulties faced by the ratepayers against the needs to progress planned projects and estimated expenditure.

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

All projects deserve to be carefully and responsibly planned and implemented. If this project needs more time, then it is logical to give it due diligence.

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

No problem with the review and process.

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

We are already pay a district-wide rate, plus a usage charge and that, in my opinion is double dipping. It would be of value to understand the full implications of the increases and associated benefits.

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.

This should be being implemented now!

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

No opinion.

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

My opinion is that the current document might add significant value to the existing projects.

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 people of Kirwee have had a significant amount of damage done in their Hall, due to a water leak. I believe that it is appropriate for the Council to offer some assistance to restore/upgrade the kitchen, as it has had to be stripped out.
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.

Will all residents be required to connect to the new system? Our septic tank is reasonably new and in good condition. I am not prepared to spend another $20000 plus, to connect to a system when I don’t need to. We were not made aware of this proposal when we purchased our house at the beginning of December 2019.
Submission

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

No I don't believe you need to increase the rates. You need to work with the budget of recent years and stick to it. There are many more homes built and more rates paid to you to work with.

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 as I don't know much on this project.

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

No comment don't know much on project. Not necessary in this coming financial year.

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

No I don't agree! You bring out water rates and ONCE AGAIN you now want to talk of increases! Absolutely typical of the Selwyn council. You bring in something and just take take take after that.

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.

No this is absolutely unnecessary. You knew the plans years ago and should have budgeted for years ago. Many have sent in feedback so start listening to the community. We have paid for our septic tanks, we pay to be cleaned. You need to work with in your budget and do not put it back on the residents. Note for future plans in other areas of wastewater! Not after ever one has forked out for there own septic tanks!

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

Community to be included.

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.

Stop wasting our rates money and work within your budget. If you have to suspend projects as there is no budget then do it! Give the people time to breath!
Submission

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

In this difficult time for SDC ratepayers and their families, when household incomes and futures are under threat from the physical and economic effects of Covid-19, I believe it behooves our council to undertake a period of sound financial management.

Specifically, I expect my council to consider and action the following points:

>1. Ongoing funding to be provided to essential services and functions that are at the core of Council’s legal responsibilities.

2. Projects that have current ‘ground work’ under way and deemed essential should be continued towards completion. Non essential work should be mothballed, where appropriate.

3. Projects that are yet to be “shovel ready” should be delayed, if they are not essential developments.

4. External Advisors and contractors should be reviewed to ensure ongoing necessity, with their costs subject to renegotiation.

5. Council should implement an employment and remuneration freeze immediately.

6. Elected Council Officers and all Council employees on salaries of $100,00 or more per year should received a 20% reduction in remuneration for the current financial year, subject to ongoing annual review.

In summary, SDC should ensure all expenditure is warranted and necessary to ensure their base legal responsibilities are met. It is a time for needs over wants, required over nice to have with cost benefits being maximised and all future expenditure justifiable to ratepayers.

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Submission

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

den on households and under current economic conditions applying additional financial pressure on households seems unwise. It also is a chance for councils to consider a more balanced plan for rating models and consider if continual annual rate increases are a good way forward in the future.

I question why council should be involved in local community projects such as playgrounds, cricket nets, an indoor courts complex and aquatic centre extension rather than more necessary matters such as infrastructure services, ie better commuting options into ChCh for residents (rather than buses and cars), water supply, wastewater and suchlike. There needs to be a more considered approach towards costs being placed on households and what services are actually necessary.

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 this deferral. See above comment.

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

Certainly safety is an important consideration. I am not sure what this question means in relation to a wider approach. If it means provision of a comprehensive large expensive community centre hub offering multiple services and facilities I think such investment needs to be thought about very carefully.

Leeston is a small town with a small population but is not in a remote area. Access to multiple services is not far away in larger centres such as Rolleston, Lincoln or indeed ChCh. Maybe rather than looking at expensive infrastructure buildings that accessibility is really the main issue and provision of transport options or mobile services around this issue should be created.

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

The developers should have to pay for these costs rather than existing residents or non-developer residents.

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.

Sounds good.

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

Disagree.
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.

See above comments. I think a more focused and creative approach by council is needed about what is actually necessary in the district without placing additional financial burdens on the average household.

PS I would like an acknowledgement that this submission has been read and by whom.
6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

I have an interest in this matter as I have consent to develop / create 11 residential lots within this targeted area, consent number RD185376.

This consent includes an assessment for development contributions, with no assessment for contributions for water supply.

Our company has been a provider of significant infrastructure for the West Melton network.

I seek an acknowledgement that the proposed change to the development contributions policy shall not apply to existing consents within the catchment.

It is my intention to commence work in accord with this consent in coming months.

Hamish Wheelans
Submission

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

An increase between 0 to 3.5%. Businesses across NZ are making cutbacks, the council can too. Identify cutbacks in services.

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.

I agree with an increase between 0% and 3.5%. Look for savings in services. All businesses are making cut backs, the council can too.
Submission

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

No rates 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.

Defer this project since it is problematic anyway.

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

Same. Defer since not ready.

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

Yes

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.

Continue with this

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

Continue with this

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.

Focus on basics like water and wastewater. Then community projects where new facilities are needed. If things are ok then defer upgrades.
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Submission

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

As little as possible in the way of increases and no catch-up increases in the future. Reduce expenditure on projects to accommodate reduced income.

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

Very sensible idea. Definitely defer it.

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

Yes, please do.

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

Much of the cost of growth should be covered by borrowing as this expenditure is needed to support future rate payers. Current rate payers should not be paying for growth.

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.

Yes. I support this.

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

Less money should be spent on projects that are largely cosmetic. First priority should be on projects whose main purpose is to provide enough water, waste water and roading for future growth. And future rate payers should pay for this via borrowing now and paying for it from future rates.

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.

Spend less in general. This council has been far too extravagant with money. Projects should be completed in a much more economical manner (less spent on landscaping and other unnecessary expenses etc) and some projects should be permanently scaled back. As tourism is expected to scale back, consideration needs to be given to reducing expenditure on tourism based projects, eg toilets at Hororata. Clearly this is being done for tourism reasons (otherwise Govt tourism fund would not be part paying for it) and this is now questionable following covid-19.

Current Rolleston central township upgrade is totally unnecessary.
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Submission

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

In view of the current uncertainty occasioned by Covid 19 I believe that Council should postpone any major projects where ground has yet to be broken, but continue with maintenance of all existing assets, and base the forthcoming year's rates on the bare cost of that approach. Many ratepayers will be facing ongoing straightened circumstances and not all businesses in the district will survive. Importantly, the growth projections that underlie both the Annual Plan and the Long Term Plan may no longer apply. Time will tell whether the Long Term Plan remains appropriate; in the meantime I consider a holding pattern to be the wisest choice.

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 that this project should be deferred, see response to (1) above.

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.

Over the previous ten years the Selwyn District has experienced rapid growth on all fronts. Much of this growth is evident in the development of Rolleston, and seems to be oriented towards rural and logistics businesses. As such these businesses and by extension their employees should be relatively sheltered from the worst effects of the pandemic.

But other parts of the District may not be as fortunate. There can be no doubt that the world that emerges from the pandemic will be a vastly changed one from that which preceded it. As I have stated above I believe that Council should adopt a holding pattern for as long as it might take for a clear picture of its future obligations to emerge, and use the interval to re-examine its priorities.

The world is changing rapidly and some traditional priorities such as the provision of public libraries may no longer be appropriate in a digital age. There are no doubt many examples of Council funded assets and activities that come from a bygone age and no longer serve their intended purpose. I believe that Council should pause its development activities for the time being and use the time to vigorously scrutinise all of its activities with a view to eliminating those which do not fit with the needs of a modern post pandemic world.
Submission

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

Some can afford to pay the rate increases, but some will struggle. Ideally, those who can afford should pay the rate increases, but it would be good if there was a simple process to allow reduced rates for some (eg those on benefits, excluding NZ superannuation).

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

Agree

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

Agree

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

SDC needs more money to address a range of water issues, especially clean water. No though for irrigation schemes.

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.

Agree

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

Not sure

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

Address climate change more effectively.
1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

Option 3: No increase. Hold the 2020/21 rates at the same level as the 2019/20 rate.

Why should Prebbleton residents pay for an upgrade to the Rolleston Town Center? All we seem to see is where the Selwyn council spend vast amounts of money in the Rolleston area. I have not seen hardly any changes in Prebbleton in the past 3 years. The rates are expensive now and I am a two income family especially now where most will be impacted financially by the recession we are entering. Perhaps the council should look at their salaries, I took a decreases of 35% when covid-19 hit to help protect my staff. This is not the time for a rate increase.
Submission


4. Water rates and volume costs should be decreased as more people using the system, should become cheaper not more expensive. No matter what we, the public put forward Council will do just as they please anyway following 'The Plan'

5. Why did Council not think about Darfields waste water a few annual plans ago?

6. Stop wasting our money, if you were personally accountable you would be more careful spending our hard earned money.

7. Council will do whatever 'The Plan' is anyway.

8. Covid 19 is BS, it is the excuse used to bring on the Agenda 2030 NWO takeover with full control of all facets of our lives.
Submission

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

I strongly object to the rate increase in Whitecliffs. Other than rubbish collection we have no other services. I don’t shop in Rolleston as my Husband works in ChCh so all the big projects there don’t benefit us. Given the current situation a rates freeze would make more sense. Useless the council has a big project coming up for Whitecliffs I see no reason to rise the rates.

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.

Making the Completion of the Glentunnel to Whitecliffs cycleway a priority 2020/2021.

A rates freeze to all areas with no capital projects happening.
Submission

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

No increase, given current economic conditions. Council should be cutting opex costs and reviewing salaries and non core projects, eg.-being solely focused on rubbish, drainage, roads, water.

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

This is non essential and should be deferred.

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

Not essential, should deferred.

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

Residents shouldn’t be paying for water. If any infrastructure cost is needed it should be levied on development costs. Not happy with any extra charge. Option 2 if no choice in the matter.

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.

It Should be deferred.

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.

Selwyn council needs to take residents positions since covid 19 into account. I notice there were no offers of rate deferred payment options. I hope that Selwyn does not adopt similar excesses such as Christchurch city council. A workforce where 25% are receiving salaries in excess of $100,000 is way out of touch with working residents/ ratepayers and needs to be recognized as unsustainable. The rates system is out of touch and the environment canterbury costs should be reviewed.
Submission

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

Option 2

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

The Council should enforce penalties for restrictor removal and the bylaw rewritten so that Council can force landowners to repair their water reticulation beyond the restrictor to reduce leaks and wastage.

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 reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield is long overdue.

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

Option 1

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

Why is the Council hammering the rural sector with rates increases ranging from 5.4% to 7.3% when the township/urban rates rises range from 3.3% to 3.9%? It is disingenuous of Council/Council staff to say the average rates increase is 3.5%. They should be stating the range, i.e. from 3.3% to 7.3%. Why is there a proposed 7.3% increase for rural Malvern?
Submission

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

In view of the impact Covid-19 is having on many of the residents (reduced wages, loss of jobs, job uncertainty) I do not support the proposed 3.5% - 6% rates increase (I didn't get a clear picture from this document re what the proposed rate % increase is). I would support a smaller increase to take inflation into account and to provide for maintenance of existing services rather than any major new projects.

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

Agree

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

Agree

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

In view of the impact Covid-19 is having on many of the residents (reduced wages, loss of jobs, job uncertainty) I do not support the proposed water charges increase. I think the Selwyn District Council needs to take a more measured approach to approving what appears to be unlimited housing development (particularly in Rolleston) to manage impact on increased demand for water.

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.

Agree

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

Agree with proposal as it appears to be the more equitable option of the two provided to manage the development contributions. However, I am concerned about the comment regarding increased water capacity would provide for further development in West Melton "The expenditure provides capacity for 20 lots." Where is this proposed development planned? There already is Wilfield which still has a lot of empty sections.

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

Support the key projects

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.
a) Defer or scrap proposed Animal Control Bylaw - we are all struggling with the 'new normal' and do not need any more changes to have to deal with, nor do we need the Council taking over what is an MPI/SPCA responsibility.

b) Prioritise community wellbeing projects - such as the proposed consultations for the various community centres and the key projects already underway.
Submission

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

I believe that Coalgate township should not have a rates increase. There has been no work undertaken in the coalgate township that justifies the proposed 4.9% rate increase. Furthermore, there is no justification for our rates to increase at an above average percentage in the first place. I note that larger towns such as Rolleston only have marginally higher increases yet they benefit from a vast range of development and community services compared to Coalgate who has little to nothing in relation to services and development.

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.

Stop putting so much funding into Rolleston and share the resources and money across the wider rural communities to ensure an equitable distribution of funding and development for smaller towns in the Selwyn district.
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Submission

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

I feel that has small town like Coalgate We shouldn't be given such a high rates increase with nothing being brought to our town boundaries. We don't even have street lights. I cant push my daughter around the town in her wheelchair as there are very limited footpaths. I feel Darfield should have a new community centre so that people from Coalgate, Glentunnel Whitecliffs don't have to travel to Rolleston for sports, holiday activities etc.

We as a community are over paying such high rates just to cater for Rolleston to get everything new when Darfield constantly misses out even though it is meant to cater as a larger town to its close by communities such as Coalgate Glentunnel Whitecliffs, Sheffield

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.

Take a look at how much money has been pumped into rolleston and start making rolleston residents cough up not other surrounding towns that want there own facilities and get missed out every time. Im sick of reading about rolleston getting this and the next thing when the west side of selwyn just want the basics we certainly pay enough with our rates for some of it to stay this side of the main highway.
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Submission

1. I believe that the rates increases in 2020/21 should be reduced as much as possible.

Covid 19 has had a major effect on incomes and many households will be struggling. A possible saving could be made by putting a wage/salary freeze on all council staff for the next 12 months. A lot of us have taken pay cuts and it would be good to see the council taking some of the pain as well. Disappointed that council has not considered this already.

2. Support Option


4. Support option 2 only as this is the best of three bad options. Need to keep rate payer costs down and threatening in other options for future increases is meaningless. Council will always find an excuse to increase charges.

5. Continue to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield. However, costs need to be minimised as much as possible and it should be paid by those who will benefit from the scheme. This is how the Rolleston one was paid for.

6. Not enough options available for this topic. The policy should be changed to take into account inflation. We are not sitting on zero percent inflation. Development contributions should be introduced for the Block of Land and the West Melton issues.

7. New neighbourhood reserves. The cost of these should be met by the developers who are creating the new areas.

8. As advised above. Rates increases need to be minimised. Rate payers are not a bottomless pit of money for council to access. With income cuts to a large number of rate payers, would like to see zero pay increases for council staff for at least 12 months. We all need to share the pain of what the country is going through.
Submission

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

Lincoln Envirotown Trust sees it as important that during these times of uncertainty and economic hardship for many Selwyn residents, every effort is made to minimise rate increases. However, it would probably be unfeasible to institute a zero increase as the impact on existing services, and projects already started would seem inevitable. Given that we would not like to see projects already underway delayed, the preferred option would be for an increase that maintains existing work but may impact projects that were due to commence.

Option 2 would fit our hopes for balance between households current difficulties and the need to keep Selwyn District progressing.

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

Lincoln Envirotown Trust believes that water should be regarded in the same way as any other commodity. Consumers need to be made aware that it is scarce and that each litre consumed comes at a price. However, given the uncertainties which will come about with climate change it is also vitally important to maintain and invest in fixed assets to provide a growing supply of clean water as our numbers grow.

Option 1 seems to carry the balance between pricing of water and ensuring supply.

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

Lincoln Envirotown Trust is happy to note that there is no suggestion of projects that have been started being put on hold. We are particularly pleased that the “Reconnect” waste management project is proceeding as planned. We believe that in Council Plans this should make “Key Project” status. Its importance is not only in improving our recycling capabilities but in its provision for reusing and education. It has the makings of a unique facility and Selwyn District Council are to be thanked for their vision in its inception. One point we would make in regard to current recycling is that full publicity needs to be ongoing on the types of plastics that can now be recycled. As we are all aware if people put all plastic into recycling there is a danger of perfectly recyclable material being diverted to landfill. We will be do all we can to keep the public aware of such issues.

We fully support the continuation of the other Key Projects. They all carry an emphasis on health and community engagement which we regard as important values for our society. It is also extremely pleasing to note the number of local projects that have been brought forward in their implementation. As will be briefly outlined below Lincoln Envirotown believes in aiming at local community development as the way to progress.

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.
During lock down Lincoln Envirotown saw a hugely noticeable concern for, and interest in, local community involvement and we believe that Council Plans should build on these.

The cycle and foot paths that Council engineered over recent years were hugely appreciated during lock down and we feel it is a time to think of increasing such amenities and encouraging people to enjoy their local environs. In this respect we feel that it is important that all reserve areas are open to the public and indeed more recreational park areas are sought. We share the concerns of the Lincoln community that reserve green areas around the previous Ellesmere Country Club remain closed to the public.

We applaud the Council in its encouragement of cycling and hope that this will continue to be developed. We would encourage the council to provide ample bicycle stands in local main streets and shopping areas. This will not only encourage cycling per se, but the type of community shopping we refer to below. As the numbers of cyclists grow it is of course of paramount importance to keep them as safe as possible. In the past Council has done a good job of making us aware of good cycling practices and warning drivers of dangers. These campaigns would need to continue.

Pedestrian shopping and entertainment areas will encourage small retail development and a return to local main street shopping in place of driving to large city malls.

The direction of any plans should always consider whether they will encourage small local businesses, enable people to be part of and enjoy their local communities, and have good environmental outcomes.
Submission

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

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

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

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.
   Don't increase.

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.
   Defer this.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.
   Don't spend.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?
   Do a rates freeze, don't spend

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. I am struggling to pay my rates now, so can not afford to pay any increase in rates. So, do a rates freeze, to help those on low and fixed incomes who are struggling now financially.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/2021.

Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.
Do a total rates freeze.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project
Don't spend any more at all.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management
Don't increase water charges at all.

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.
Don't spend any more at all.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.
Don't spend any more at all.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document
Do a rates freeze and spend as little as possible, to try to reduce rates.

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.

Do a rates freeze, spend as little as possible, and try to reduce rates. As a pensioner, I have found that my grocery-bill has doubled during the lockdown because of no specials at Leeston Fresh Choice (eg potatoes for $8 a kg instead of $3.50 on special, cheap frozen potato chips usually $2 a kg not available & only the dearer $4.60 brand available).

I am struggling to pay my rates now, so can definitely not afford to pay any increase in rates.
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Submission

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

Rates increases should be lower in the context of economic recession. Central Govt taxes are not increasing, so local taxes shouldn't either. The rural areas are particularly hard hit with over 7% in some areas. If costs are much higher in those areas ways should be found to spread the load wider.

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

Yes defer. Get it right at the planning stage

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

Yes review.

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

Variable Water charges are 18% of my rates. This is too high. Keep variable charges low.

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.

It is good to have it limited to the mapped areas shown if it must happen. There are other ways, other technology, to achieve blackwater processing for infill smaller sections for elderly. The cost is huge for something not necessary.

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.

I hope that Council does not axe social services funding (rather than amenities) in its efforts to reduce rate rises.
Submission

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

I would keep the increase, it doesn't seem wise to reduce and defer works.

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

ok with this
Submission

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

I am in favour of an increase in rates of between 0% and 3.5% as suggested in your third option. This allows some plans that are most urgent to move forward and permits some rates relief for those in financial trouble.
Submission

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

It is noted in your council Plan Report 20/21 that you comment on the "huge impact" that C-19 is having "on households and businesses, and that many will be facing difficulties for some time."

When the govt subsidies finish shortly it will be a significant financial impact for those households and families most affected through C-19. For example, job loss, single income households, redundancies, reduction of work hours, businesses that end up being no longer viable over the next 6 months etc.

These are the people in our community who are currently and could continue to be greatly disadvantaged and directly affected financially by policies such as rates increases and water rate increases.

It is incredulous, that you put the financial needs of the council before the needs of the people in your community in these unprecedented times.

Perhaps you should align your policies with national government economic strategy and social health and well-being policies, and look at these increases when the economy is back on its feet!! Which is predicted to be about 2-3 years.

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

SEE POINT 1

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.

SEE POINT 1.

Have an overall economic strategic plan that aligns with government thinking and projections of how the economic is going to bounce back.

Arrange an organisation psychologist to consult with your team around how to manage communities that have repeatedly had to deal with crisis / stress and change, and how best to support your community.
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Submission
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Refer to the attached submission
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Submission to the Selwyn District Council annual and long-term plans

The Lake Coleridge Community Committee has asked me to seek the inclusion of the following initiatives in the Selwyn District Council future plans:

**Playground refurbishment** – It is understood that this project was included within the budgets for between 2022 and 2026 however we would like to submit that this proposal be brought forward. We understand that the refurbishment is about refreshing the safety requirements of the area as well as the equipment, including the installation of new equipment such as a ‘spider net’.

**Arboretum and tracks** - The community would like to see a review of the joint role between SDC and Trust Power in looking at the long-term management of the Trust Power Hart Arboretum at Lake Coleridge village. This review needs to confirm the long-term plans for the arboretum including its walking tracks as well as establishing responsibilities and funding for the on-going maintenance of this historic feature of the village.

**Village Planting** – The community would like to see the Lake Coleridge Reserves Draft Management Plan that was issued by the SDC in September 2014 confirmed and appropriately funded. This plan includes recommendations for the development and maintenance of all reserve areas in the Coleridge village.

**Waste Management** – The community would like to see improved waste management facilities in the village including recycling and potentially the provision of kerbside collection.

**New Toilet Block** – The community is aware that SDC have plans for a new toilet facility on the reserve area by the Post Office and have asked if a drinking fountain and water bottle filling station can be added as part of that development.

**Overall long-term plan** - The committee would like the opportunity to endorse plans that support the focus on raising visitor experience and numbers to the area in order to grow the community and the businesses that supports.

Regards

Richard McCulloch, Secretary
Submission

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Submission to the Selwyn District Council annual and long-term plans

I am a resident and rate payer in the Lake Coleridge village and I am advocating for long term council support that is directed at increasing the opportunities to attract visitors to the area. Recent enhancements by the council to install toilets and improve the environment by plantings as well as the encouragement of Te Araroa trail walkers has been a great start, but I believe that we need to be encouraging more people, predominantly from within Canterbury but also from our wider NZ family.

In order to achieve this, I believe that we need to invest in activities that will attract people to travel from throughout Canterbury to the area. For example, we have the largest lake in the area which is a magnet for water sport activities, however access to the lake is limited over rough gravel roads.

The development of more accessible boat launching facilities and suitable parking at the lake will certainly attract boaters and other recreational users. Since the closure of most lakeside camping facilities some years ago, the incidence of visitors to the lake have reduced significantly with only a few visitors at the weekends.

The same could be said for boat launching into the Rakaia river, which is currently achieved by courtesy and support of the local farm. Other activities that would potentially benefit from improved access could include cycle trails as well as supporting the development and enhancement of walking tracks around the lake area and skiing at Mt Olympus. All of these activities could be further enhanced by the creation of a camping reserve. I respectfully suggest that many of these facilities could, in part, be funded by the governments ‘Regional Development Fund’ thus easing the burden on Selwyn and Canterbury.

In terms of short term plans, I support the suggested enhancements to the recreation reserves and playground area, but I would also like to see improved refuse handling in the village, including the possibility of kerb side collections, particularly if the council is considering increasing our rates for a service that is significantly inferior to other parts of the district.

I hope that you are able to consider these ideas as part of your annual and long-term plans for the area.

Regards

Richard McCulloch
Submission

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

Do not agree that Whitecliffs, Glentunnel, Coalgate have an almost 5% increase. These communities do not have the same amenities as other communities but are having the highest increase. Any increases need to be tied to the actual services that are provided to these communities especially in light of the Covid 19 economic effects everyone is facing.

I wish my pay was increased by the same rates percentage increase every year!!!

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

Good idea, hopefully will enable lower rates

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

No issue

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

My preference would be option 2 in the plan

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.

Seems like a great cost for little gain when considering the majority of households in Darfield are using a septic tank system.
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Submission

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

I strongly oppose any rates increase this year - I think that a rates freeze should be implemented.

I think council is too free in giving rates increases and seems to be targeting smaller outer-lying communities to fund big projects that are largely inaccessible to people living in these areas.

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

I think council needs to find other ways to fund these essential services - rather than increasing charges, charges should already include provisions for maintenance and upgrading of systems. Council should be carrying some of these costs rather than passing it on to all ratepayers.

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.

That the council completes the Glentunnel to whitecliffs cycle walkway in the 2020-2021 year.

Council needs to make limiting rates rises a priority not just not but in general - rates should not be increasing faster than inflation of the rate the average wage increases.
Submission

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

There should be no rates increase for 20/21, not only because of the current covid crisis but also because a 3.5% increase is extortionate and nowhere near in line with pay increases for many people, plus taking into account the rising costs in many other areas of general basic living.

There has to be a way where Selwyn Council can cut costs in many areas, like the general public has to do in day to day basic living. When you take into account the expansion of Rolleston and wider Selwyn area over the last number of years and the revenue generated from this you got to wonder why these high increases 19/20, & proposed 20/21, 21/22, are necessary.
Submission

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

No increase in fact should consider a rates discount to share pain with ratepayers.

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

Defer. Irresponsible to continue to increase rates when the country is going to take a massive economical hit.

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

Defer. No time for expenditure on other than utilities.

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

I agree that water races for stock water are becoming obsolete. I am re-submitting my view of 30 years that it remains unfair to target rate water charges from Selwyn for rural properties in Christchurch City district purely because a water race (with sporadic flows) passes the gate. User pays is a fair concept but properties don't pay for power or internet unless they are users and the same should apply for properties NOT in the Selwyn District who just happen to have a water race trickling past their gate. By all means apply a general community rating to water reticulation but please remove Christchurch City ratepayers from your water rating base unless they are users of your water.

Currently I am paying Selwyn for the privilege of maintaining the stretch of Selwyn water race that flows past our gate. I continue to feel like one of Tom Sawyer's mates. ie ripped off.

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.

Good idea. My only caution is that consultants can bleed the taxpayer dry and not always advance the objective of good decision making. If one looks far enough usually one can find a town somewhere around the globe that has been innovative and successful with a similar problem. Often cheaper than re-inventing the wheel. Cast the net wide and get Council staff to do some leg work.

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

Having just paid a development contribution I think it is a wrought. If the Council wants a development in their district they should encourage it. The Council will benefit from rates in perpetuity from the development. Taking a big one off just adds cost to the project making it that much harder to get off the ground.

7. 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.
see above more is not necessarily better and this applies to people. The district has grown fine but one doesn’t want to see a city from sea to mountain. It only took LA about 50 years. The Council needs to be ruthless. Halt aspirational capital spend this year, consider all staff taking a 20% paycut and focus on CORE knitting water quality... infrastructure maintenance... waste water and waste management... water quality

In other words pause and prioritise, and reflect on what is a nice to have (aspirational) and what is essential (core service). Those of us old enough remember when it was an event for a new house to go up. Whilst in today's world that sounds like stagnation it is not a bad place to be for a while and that is what we are heading in to again. The Council needs to tighten its belt, support its rating base of residents, workers and businesses, and hunker down for the long haul. We don't need lots of capital items ahead of clean water, environmentally clean waste water services and waste management
Submission

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

It would be good for Selwyn District Council to have a freeze on any rates increases. Basically because of the economic downturn due to the Covid-19 crisis and many people are suffering because of it.

The program on tv mentioned that there are a large number of local councils that are freezing rates increases until the economic times are better.

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

Yes, please defer or pause it for the same reason as above. Its not the time to be expanding facilities or planning for them.

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

Review but again it is not a time for expansion.

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

Please charge those that are using the most water for the use of that water – why should someone that is careful with water usage subsidise those that are careless.

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.

Again, the ones that connect should pay for it. Does Darfield really need it??

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

Would love to know what the 3 technical changes are, that are proposed.

Thanks a lot for the opportunity to provide feedback.
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Submission

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

The council should have the ability to access very reasonable interest rates through central government and just like central government is doing now is the time to increase the borrowing and get on with some much needed infrastructure projects to keep the country running and allow the money to flow back into the businesses that will undertake these projects.

You may be able to lower rates and complete more projects at the same time by increasing debt. According to the graphs in the long term plan we are well below our debt ceiling.

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

This sounds like a bad idea - get on with it while people are looking for work and interest rates are cheap

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

Like wise this needs to happen ASAP while interest rates are cheap and people are looking for work

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 priority needs to be on efficient use of the ability of the council to borrow money at reasonable rates and spend this money in the community on projects that will benefit everyone for many many years and not waste it on consultation and reports - just get on and get it done like you have been up until now. We are well placed to get through this.
Submission

There have been submissions made in the years 2017 and 2018 on behalf of the Kirwee Community Committee for the widening of Courtenay Road, Kirwee, south of SH73 to the quietening zone. There is a significant need for Courtenay Road to be widened in view of increasing heavy traffic through Courtenay Road, combined with the bi-annual South Island Field Days which is now a permanent fixture on the calendar.

This event brings significant increase in heavy traffic over a very short period of time which has in the past created substantial damage to the verges of the road. The quietening zone also needs to be moved further down Courtenay Road and to take into consideration the increasing traffic with tankers and trucks using this road.

Can this please be considered.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
   Option 1 increase by 3.5%

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.
   Option 1 - review needs

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.
   Option 1 - review needs

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.
   Option 1 - agree with charges, user pays.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.
   Option 1

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

   Why no money spent on your second largest town? When is Gerald Street getting its improvements?
Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

To Selwyn District Council, The Canterbury District Health Board has emphasised the importance of developing a reticulated wastewater network in Darfield. It is good to see that progress is being made in this area and that Council have approved a business case for an inner Darfield plan. Whilst the CDHB’s preference would be for all Darfield to be reticulated, the plan for a business case for the inner Darfield area is a step in the right direction. The CDHB’s comments regarding funding echo previous comments regarding that significant capital investment projects including the Selwyn Aquatic Centre have been levied from district wide rates to reduce the direct burden on one particular community.

This approach should be considered when looking at funding options should the project be approved in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. Council should also look to include and collaborate with developers that plan to reticulate their developments in order to look for efficiencies and avoid duplication. It is noted that this is referred to, however no specific details have been provided.

Dr Cheryl Brunton
Public Health Physician
Community and Public Health Canterbury District Health Board
Submission

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

I believe in a zero rates increase for the next 12 months

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

Yes defer.

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

I don’t know enough about this.

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

I don’t think we should do this right now.

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 funding the darfield waste water system should not be on a district wide rate should be on a targeted rate.

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

I don’t know enough about it

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.

No
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21. maintain the proposed average 3.5% increase.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21. I support: Option 3: Hold the 2020/21 rates at the same level as the 2019/20 rates. With so much uncertainty for us all, this will be something that will bring a sense of certainty for households and remove the distraction of further pain and costs. Those households, including our own, are now no longer in a position to support additional expenditure after also making personal cuts to our lifestyle. Holding the rates gives the community families time to regather as individuals and as a community and we will hopefully then be in a better position to consider this question at a later time.

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 concur with deferring the project for more detailed consideration in the Long-Term Plan 2021–2031

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project. I concur with a review wider community needs for facilities in Leeston.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management. I concur with Option 3: to maintain the level of fixed charge at the current level · Water Supply Targeted Rate remains at $244 · Adopt a higher level of increase for the variable charge (volumetric, based on water use): Volumetric charge increases from 48c to 58c per cubic metre · Per water unit rate for restricted supplies increases from $175 to $212. I feel it is fairer that the user pays and the increase costs are not moved to the ratepayers generically

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. Agree there needs to be further consultation regarding this proposal. It may now not be the right moment.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy. I believe this needs to be moved back and to be further considered. Too much too soon and the ratepayers do not get on board or participate in consultation.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document? Please ensure the Health Hub is rolled out to cater for the district’s growth so we do not see extensions/add-ons as with the recreation centre’s pool. Get it right first time would be a goal to work towards. Local project spending must not be allowed to explode post covid.

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. I felt there was little presence from the our Mayor and Council by way of local updates during the covid response - too much nationwide media and not enough local/community info. There would be lots of positives happening in Selwyn that could have been included in the local paper or media. Mobile neon boards could have been informative for the community staying local. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the plan and also a thumbs up to those in the Council who answer phones and customer enquiries.
Submission

May 20th 2020

I certainly object to the proposal for new Licence Fees. I consider your proposal immoral and illegal. A new sewer system has not even been decided upon at this time and the proposal for 15 years that we should pay for it and then be discarded is absolutely unheard of in any other township. You state that our fees need to be raised to pay expenses to Contractors to look after our little place. Having been married to the late Dave Neil who was Caretaker here for many years I know exactly how much he was paid, and also the other expenses the Committee were responsible for.

I mentioned to the SDC when Dave became ill and had to retire, that using contractors would be so much more costly than a Caretaker. I was assured at this time that it wouldn’t be, as would come out of general costs/rates. I believed you!!!! I am really beginning to think that this was your plan all along, devised to make it too expensive for most of us to live here and thus get rid of us as has been stated by members of SDC.

I also believe that sending us such information during the covid 19 virus was cruel and inhumane. Not only do some us have health concerns but also financial ones and it came during a time when we could not meet and discuss your plans leaving me (for one) being very upset This is a time when "kindness" is being preached ad nauseam and most Councils are at least trying to maybe help those in need.

Maybe if you would like us to move on perhaps some compensation should be considered as with your plans we will be unable to sell. I actually quite like living here and the majority of people actually make good neighbors.. Your plans are certainly a recipe for poor health and mental health of the Community here. I can not fathom how any Council would wish to destroy a Community this way

I have to end with an emotional question. How would each of you feel if some Council was doing this to your Mother?

Sheila Neil
Submission

I am happy to support the pathway to be completed from Glentunnel to as far as safety permits reasonable anywhere before or up to Whitecliffs.

Maggie Wright
Submission

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

We would favour and increase as suggested between 0% and 3.5%. Any saving should be focused on keeping infrastructure services (eg transportation, wastewater storm water systems etc) with less focus sporting projects. Work on the health hub could be delayed since there are still health services in most areas supplying services to Selwyn areas.
Submission

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

Option 3: No increase. Hold the 2020/21 rates at the same level as the 2019/20 rates. Some people have lost their jobs.

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

Option 3:

Maintain the level of fixed charge at the current level. Some people have lost their jobs.

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.

Council does an excellent job of informing ratepayers in our District
Submission

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

--> Option 3. In the current COVID-19 situation, please consider a rates freeze carefully as many will be struggling to meet basic requirements.

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

--> Option 2: Keep at 4%. Why is the council preferred option double of what was laid out 2 years ago?? And with so much growth in the region surely a lot more levy & rates will be collected from residents anyway.
Submission

There are four points to my submission:

1. The increase to $4000 per year is based on a sewer system that has not yet been chosen. There is a firm who have been out to look at the Huts and could provide a system for a lot less. The running costs would also be less. They have tried to contact staff to arrange to meet but calls have not been returned. I feel that the large amount quoted for the licence fee has been done to try and intimidate us.

2. The increase from this year is to recover costs accrued over several years. We have had an experience when this happened before and we found that the costs were not ours. The debt was written of. We have yet to see a proper set of accounts from the time the committee was sacked. Is it normal practice to accrue costs and then pass them on in a lump sum?

3. We should be included on the district wide rate for water and sewer. We are being discriminated against.

4. I object to a bond (and a licence) that says we will be gone in 15 years. The licence should be renewable subject to climate change and a bond should not be charged. If we are going to be evicted we should be compensated.

Susan Rogers
Submission

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

option 1

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

Option 1 but asap
Submission

The Closing of the Ellesmere water race in Te Pirita.

The Camden Group is a multi farm business that has farmed in the Selwyn District for the past 26 years.

We have 3 farms in Te Pirita and one farm at Bankside that pay the water race per hectare and service charge rates as part of our rates demand.

Chiswick Farm Ltd and Praire Farm Ltd are particularly affected by the Ellesmere main race as it flows through these properties.

We submit that the Ellesmere water race in Te Pirita is closed.

We submit on the following grounds:

1. The Ellesmere Water Race system is no longer used due to the development of irrigation in the area. We do not require the water race.

2. The water race per hectare and service charge are a large expense in our operational budget for which we get no return. We do not want to continue to pay the cost of the water race rates.

3. The main race through Chiswick and Praire is an impediment to these farming businesses, adds unnecessary costs with access, flooding and ongoing maintenance and increases the Health and Safety risks to the operation of these farms.

Leo Donkers General Manager of Camden Group
Submission

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

Rates must be cut 10 from 1 July 2020 for two years, then ongoing indexed to inflation.

Shortfall to be funded by long term fixed borrowing at our current, historical low interest rates. Use the two years to cut costs, renegotiate contracts, delay developments and projects. The benefits will be: increased buying/spending power to ratepayers, business owners and farmers, which will help generate work and jobs.

Also cut expenses, bureaucracy and inefficiency. Pay cut of 25% at Chief Executive level and scale down for all remaining staff to 0% at living wage. Hire independent parties / advisors to talk to all levels of staffing, starting in reverse - lowest paid to highest paid - and let them anonymously identify savings and inefficiencies they see anywhere in Council. It must be done without fear for those who want to have their say!!

Interview builders, contractors, ratepayers and business owners, including farmers, for their views on improvements and / or cuts then LISTEN and implement!

Council must not become a job creation centre at the expense of the ratepayer. This should be a government initiative. We don't want examples of a $50,000 job costing $20,000 to create at the expense of the ratepayer or ex business owner, who may now be unemployed. Let the ratepayer choose how to spend the savings on rates.

A dollar trickling up creates more than a dollar trickling down!
Submission

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

I am disappointed that Glentunnel is up for a 5% increase in rates on top of a rather large increase last year. Surely Rolleston with a large growth should incur higher rates increases due to the amount of infrastructure/roading changes. We have septic tanks and limited water in Glentunnel - and no activities considered in the LTP. This is too much of a rates hike on such a small community.

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

As long as the costs remain low during this process and external consultants aren’t being paid a premium

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

Glentunnel has water restrictions - so limited in supply. I do not believe this community should be faced with further increases.

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.

Proceed

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

I would tighten the amount of spending on external contractors and consultants.

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.

A high increase in rates for only a small proportion of Selwyn is incredibly unfair - a lot of the community are facing job losses. Surely a blanket rates increase across the entire district would be more appropriate than singling out small rural communities
Submission

1. I prefer option 3.

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 this option

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

I support this option

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

I support this option. Water quality must be secured for the health of our population. I also support water conservation initiatives.

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 option.

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

I have no view on this.

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

I do not think the Liffey Domain toilet should be upgraded given the proximity of a toilet at the library site.

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.

I think the Council should be capitalising on the modifying effect of the lockdown by facilitating more walking and cycling while people still recall the benefits and convenience of it. People now probably would be willing to accept reduced traffic and reduced traffic speed. Now is the time for Council to be pushing ahead with lower speeds in and approaching townships. Long term planning should be considering ways of diverting heavy traffic away from towns and villages to make those environments safer and more enjoyable to be out in.

It is also important in this time when we are concentrating on Covid19 response that we do not drop the ball on climate change response. Promoting options for alternatives to ICE vehicles is critical.
Submission

A walkway joining Whitecliffs to Glentunnel is in the LTP to be constructed in 2032.

I submit that this project be brought forward to the 2020/2021 Annual Plan, for the following reasons:

1. The expense of the said walkway has been considerably reduced for the council by members of the community who are currently constructing the most difficult 500m, on private property. This has included discussions with the land owner and farm manager, shifting of fences, removal of vegetation and employing an experienced digger operator. The shingle has been donated by a local farmer. A local builder has offered to build the bridge over existing railway buttresses. The remaining two sections of the walkway on road side are relatively straightforward compared to the above 500m.

2. The demographics of Whitecliffs have changed dramatically over the last 10 years. There are now approx 200 permanent adult residents and 50 children in the area. Hence more traffic, bikers and walkers every day on the 100kph road between Whitecliffs & Glentunnel.

The number of campervans in the summer using the Whitecliffs free camping at the Domain have also hugely increased. This is a safety issue, a walkway will give both walkers and bikers a safe path and increase the social well being in both the Whitecliffs & Glentunnel communities.
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.

I would like to see more intensive native plant restoration work to enhance local biodiversity. I believe it should be a top priority for SDC given the scarcity of remnant native plants remaining on the Canterbury Plains (<0.5% native remnants remain) and those that do are threatened with surrounding dairy farms killing their existence (e.g. Bankside Reserve and other close dryland remnants removed illegally). Our endemic biodiversity is acutely threatened and need our protection before more species go extinct.

The government’s recent announcement of 1.1 billion for green jobs appears to provide a framework to help to restore the "dawn chorus" in the Selwyn District. Planting along corridors such as drains, roads, rivers and railways would provide antive habitat, reduce nutrient runoff, while making the vista more pleasing to the eye. Organisations like Te Ara Kākāriki have a good reputation and experience in restoring natives in the region and they could continue to create stepping stones through this landscape dominated by pasture and exotic hedgerows.

Tree planting is incredibly therapeutic and such activities will be important in a post-lockdown/Covid-19 environment. We owe it to our environment and the threatened species that are close to extinction in some cases.

What has become clear to me is that this recent pandemic may be an early indicator of what other emergencies lie around the corner; global warming! Planting trees is one of the best things we can do for our region, our country and our people.
Submission

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

3.9% does not sound too bad, BUT Darfield rural is 6.4%, How can this increase be justified. On an income that is fixed or decreasing this 6.4% is excessive. What are the rural people getting that the Darfield people are not?

We have: * Our own water supplies that is another cost * unsealed roads * a ford that after flooding is not repaired for several months requiring another 8ks to visit our nearest town. * roads that need repairing * roads that are dangerous and when these are reported to council are not repaired but signs erected to say there are bumps in the road! * no street lights * no caretaker for our hall and reserve * no rubbish collection at the gate It is very easy to work out that the rural rate is excessive considering the lack of services provided, particularly in the Malvern Ward where there is little budgeted for future projects.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21. Please keep them as they are but allow kindness on payment plans.

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

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

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

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.
   Yes

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

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.

   Please please keep thinking about public transport - trains to chch from rolleston, buses from dunsandel and other unconnected areas INTO ROLLESTON to join with the already great service there.
Submission

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

I oppose any proposed rates rise given the lack of value for money Darfield residents gain as a consequence of these rates increases; we seem to be funding benefits for Rolleston residents and the council. Rather than increase rates, staffing levels at the council should be reduced and remaining staff should take pay cuts, which other councils have undertaken. Opposition to rates rises is particularly salient given the tough economic conditions ahead for many of the residents in the area as a consequence of the current coronavirus disease 19 pandemic.

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 oppose the proposal to proceed with work regarding the development of a reticulated wastewater system for Darfield and Kirwee. As acknowledged by Selwyn District Council, there is no scientific evidence from either an environmental or a public health perspective that supports the need for a reticulated wastewater system in Darfield, yet the council seems to have developed an argument for the reticulated wastewater system around the spurious “driver” “Public health risk from failing systems”. I note that the report “A Case for a Change” has not been independently peer-reviewed (Stantec cannot provide an independent peer review given its vested interest in this project), and together with the very small sample sizes used in the research for this proposed project, these factors undermine the quality of this document. While the commercial property owners may be more supportive of this proposal, if they had to fund the entire reticulated wastewater system themselves, their support would vanish, which suggests they are looking towards the residential ratepayers to maximize their financial gains and this seems extremely self-serving. Opposition to the proposal to proceed with work regarding the development of a reticulated wastewater system for Darfield and Kirwee is particularly salient given the tough economic conditions ahead for many of the residents in the area as a consequence of the current coronavirus disease 19 pandemic.

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 cutting staff pay, reducing the headcount at the council, reducing the caliber and number of vehicles the staff use, and cancelling frivolous projects, for example, Rolleston's swimming pool extension. You will save money, because staff and councillors will not be able to go on pointless overseas trips to so-called sister cities, because it's too risky due to COVID-19.
Submission

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

There shouldn't be a rate rise considering the people who have lost their job I know of a young couple with a young who have not even been in their 1st home for a year one of which has been off work for all through Level 4 and 3 because she didn't work in an essential service and the partner was ground staff at the airport and was no longer required and they have a mortgage to pay like all young couples That will be heaps of people struggling in the same position.

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

It is not urgent so could be deferred in favour of more urgent things like maintaining the roads or put towards keeping rates down

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

If anything is not urgent it should be deferred at this time in favour of not putting more financial stress on rate payers

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

When you introduced the water rates we did wonder how long it would be before you started increasing the price and that has already happened and it doesn't require further increases as the idea in the first place was so you charged to maintain the water

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.

It is great to progress with things if the country was in a better state but the world having had the covid-19 pandemic things need to be cut back that aren't urgent for this financial year and possibly some pushed back further than one year.

We are sure that there is a lot of people out there in the district who would love to be on the salaries that the local Selwyn District Council gave themselves a pay rise awhile ago which could have been avoided and that money could have been put to better use in some of the council long or short term commitments
Submission

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

I oppose the proposed rates increase, because the council should instead be thinking about cutting staff pay, reducing the headcount at the council, reducing the caliber and number of vehicles the staff use, and cancelling frivolous projects, for example, Rolleston’s swimming pool extension. The council has no problem spending the ratepayers’ money, without thought or conscience. NO TO A RATES INCREASE.

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 oppose the proposal to proceed with work regarding the development of a reticulated wastewater system for Darfield and Kirwee, because I see this as the thin end of a wedge for a Darfield sewerage scheme the residential ratepayers don’t want I attended a residential ratepayers’ meeting about the Darfield sewerage scheme, and not one residential ratepayer wanted the scheme; consider the financial burden this scheme will place on residential ratepayers.

When is the council going to listen to the residential ratepayers who clearly don’t want this scheme? If developers and the businesses in Darfield want this scheme, they should pay for the whole thing as they stand to benefit most from it.

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.

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Submission

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

Option 2 - with so many people and companies needing employment, it will be a good time to competitively have submissions for re-costing projects. A rates increase would not be a good idea or welcomed in this economic climate.

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

Agree - Option 2 A cohesive approach to community centres would benefit the wider community. This should include the health and fitness requirements as well as social and support to schools (i.e. small amphitheatres in each community for learning film, drama and arts skills and that can also be used for community meetings and events)

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

Agree Option 1 - A cohesive approach to community centres would benefit the wider community. This should include the health and fitness requirements as well as social and support to schools (i.e. small amphitheatres in each community for learning film, drama and arts skills and that can also be used for community meetings and events)

Leeston desperately needs an amphitheatre. The College has terrible facilities and there is no encouragement for Students to practice the arts. This theatre could be built on community land and user by the schools as well as the community.

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

Option 3 Water should be charged as used. High water users need to factor that cost into their business. High residential users should also pay. In short user pays.

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.

Same rule for all areas, user pays.

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

Option 1 - agree

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

Bigger sections - people need more space for safety and security Wider roads to include walking lane, faster lane (scooters, skateboards, bikes) and cars Wider aisles in any retail More spacious parking very important Licences for animal ownership - you do dogs - why not cows, horses and livestock. This is an important issue Noise levels reviewed as more people work and learn from home - loud businesses need to not be in residential areas. Planning for retirement villages is a necessity with an aging population. This will also create jobs. Security - this needs to improve with technology used to
improve safety and security of residents including health measures (infrared temperatures). As an example schools or malls/retail could have these set up outside and the camera can be set to alert high temperatures or ill health as well as providing security.

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.

Well - there is a lot! But this is (possibly) not the first time this type of threat (biological) will affect the world. When planning developments space should be allowed - bigger sections so space between neighbours, roading to include a walking land, AND a bike/skateboard/scooter lanes as well as cars and adequate off road parking per property. Security cams should be put on each new street as well at the time of building. The reality is that people will need space to stay well. It was very obvious that general "space" is very necessary - even keeping 2 metres away from people is difficult on footpaths. Everything needs to be much more spacious and that needs to happen from now on with every subdivision planned. Also retail plans and developments need to have much wider aisles for clients and distance parking. The other issue is noise. People deserve peace - factories and workshops that generate a certain noise level need to be "out of townships" Working from home will become a much bigger thing in the future as will online learning, so noise will be a much bigger issue with more people "at home" during the day. The last thing is animal welfare. Like people, animals need space to live well. A minimum amount per land per animal needs to be established and enforced. Intensive farming should require very strict permits. Hobby farmers should also need a permit for animals on their land as this is where a lot of issues seem to be with overcrowding and underfeeding. A permit or license would mean each hobby farm is evaluated and a limit of animals set with details on care and perhaps compulsory lifestyle block seminar attendance. Things need to change - now is the time to do it.
Submission

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

There are going to be a lot of job losses happening in the next year from people in the private sector and I would rather see a rate freeze for 12 months especially when some of the larger projects are looking at being deferred for 12 months to 2 years.

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

I agree with deferring the Prebbleton Community Center to allow for proper public consultation and to build a building that suits their communities needs with the view to allow for future expansion.

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

Same as for Prebbleton.

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

I would prefer option 2.

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.

From what I have heard there are a number of people not wanting the proposed scheme and the cost being one of the main factors. I think there needs to be a transparent finance options fully researched and presented to the residents. A project of this size might require a percentage of funding to come from the district wide rates. Peoples future employment and there ability to afford the cost.

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

I have dealt with developers all my working life and while we do need them there are a lot of them that will screw down the profit margins of any contractor to the point that some of the contractors are made bankrupt. So in short I do not agree with any amendment that see’s the developer paying less.

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

I strongly hold the view that there is not enough public consultation over projects that can have a wider community impact. It has been seen in the past that public consultation as being a tick the box exercise by the council and that the final decision has already been made. Also a degree of arrogance from some council staff mainly in pass years of "what
would they know." I personally know of 3 university lecturers of which one is retired and a leading brain surgeon that lives in our area. Please keep the public consultation transparent.

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 must keep in mind the effects COVID 19 will have on employment and rate payer’s financial hardships. Not everyone is in secure employment.

Thanks Daryl Smith
Submission

On behalf of the Glentunnel Township Committee we would like support the Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committees submission on a walkway/cycleway between our 2 communities.

The route of the proposed walkway is well used and having a defined walkway/cycleway will help greatly with safety as the road is getting busier.

Regards, Glenn Chambers
Submission

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

Rates must be held at zero increase. I own two hectares - I get no H.P water, no sewerage, no footpaths, no street lights, in fact zero from Council yet my rates are approaching $3000 PA - absolutely ridiculous - high cost NO benefits.

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

Hold progress

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

Hold progress

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

Increase water charges so user pays full cost.

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.

Ok provided Darfield receivers of the water pay FULL COST OF SYSTEM

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

Hold

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

Future developments must be based on USER pays. Huge costs for projects in Rolleston (pools, parks etc) should not be born by ALL OF US. Most are so far away we would never use the facilities. Rural ratepayers are getting a RAW DEAL.

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.

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Submission to Selwyn District Council
Annual Plan Consultation 2020/2021

Submitted by: Lincoln Community Committee
Topic: Annual Plan Budget Priorities

The Lincoln Community Committee requests the Selwyn District Council give urgent consideration to the issues below to be included in the Annual Plan 2020/2021 Budget.

Lincoln Town Centre Plan
The Committee continues to be frustrated by the prolonged delay in implementing the Lincoln Town Centre Plan which was adopted in 2016 to renew and upgrade the town centre of Lincoln. Funding has been put aside in the draft 2020/2021 to review the structure plan but no funding and Programs of work are in place. Whilst supportive of the Plan the committee believes there are some urgent issues which need to be considered in the 2020/2021 Annual plan. The Committee considers Lincoln Town Centre to be just as much a key project seemingly fast-tracked as the Rolleston Town Centre- Te Ara Ātea.

Issues to be included in the 2020/2021 Annual Plan

1) **The crossing points of the Gerald/ Edward Street and James street intersection and the Edward street / East belt intersection**
   The committee continues to receive concerns from the community about the safety of the location of the crossing points of the Gerald/ Edward Street and James Street intersection and the Edward street / East belt intersection. We believe that the location of this crossing and the crossing on East Belt is not close enough to the intersections and therefore visibility of approaching traffic is obscured. The committee considers this to be a Health and Safety issue.

2) **Bollards/Delineation on Gerald Street.**
   The shopping complex from 5b (Pharmacy) through to 9 Gerald Street (i-Sushi) should have bollards or some type of delineation installed on the footpath/car parking boundary. There have been incidents over the years of vehicles crashing through shop frontages. It poses a safety issue for pedestrians using the footpath, and inconvenience and loss of income to the shop owners. The Committee considers this to be a Health and Safety issue.

3) **Lighting for Meyenberg Square and Miss Bartles’ Green**
   The Community Committee’s involvement in landscaping both of these areas over the past few years has been significant. Installation of up-lighting around the Piwakawaka Sculpture and Miss Bartles’ Green would enhance safety and public use of this space considerably.

4) **Footpath along Boundary Road to connect the Lincoln / Rolleston Cycleway.**
   A footpath along Boundary Road, beside the existing Macrocarpa hedge is needed to link up with the Lincoln/Rolleston Cycleway. The safety of the Lincoln Primary School children, the Lincoln High School Pupils and community members who use this cycleway is at risk. Unfortunately, there is no safe footpath along this stretch of the road and to make matters worse the buses gather on the other side of the road. The committee also considers this to be a Health and safety issue.

4) **Bike Pump Track.**
   A Bike Pump Track would be an asset for the younger residents of Lincoln who have already attempted to create their own in the Liffey Reserve. The current vacant area of land opposite the Lincoln Events Centre, on the corner of North Belt and Meijer Drive would be a...
safe, central location for the installation of a track. It would cater for a wide variety of rider skill levels in a visible area, simple to use and not expensive to construct.

5) **Maintaining Reserve Land around former Ellesmere Country Club site.**
The Committee has long advocated the need for recreational use of the reserve land for community use. This site is situated on the bank of the historic Millpond and recognized for its historical and natural values. We request the Council considers landscaping and funding a reserve near the new bridge on the site of the Country Club building and that enough land be put aside for substantial pathway connecting this reserve along the waterfront to Millpond Lane.

6) **Park and Ride Facility**
As the Lincoln area grows, predicted 11,795 by 2028, the increased vehicle, pedestrian and cycle use in the area needs to be addressed. A park and ride facility is necessary for daily commuters, to free up car parking in the township, which would also decrease the impact on Gerald Street.

Kathryn Claridge  
Chairperson - Lincoln Community Committee  
21 May 2020
Submission

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

A small increase is required because we want to have continued development of our facilities and services. I would like to see a raising of the rates rebate income cap to take the pressure of those on lower income.

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

Support option 1.

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

I’m disappointed not to see any biodiversity or restoration projects listed.

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.

We would like to see native plant restoration and local biodiversity be a top priority for SDC going forward. With less than 0.5% native remnants left, our biodiversity is acutely threatened. Our local flora and fauna are genetically unique and we need to work harder and faster to increase it.

Landowner requests for support from Te Ara Kākāriki have increased 300% in the last six years and volunteer support has grown too showing the community prioritises biodiversity. Te Ara Kākāriki are grateful of Selwyn District Council’s ongoing support of our programmes but would like to see this support increase in line with community support.

We would also like to encourage SDC to take advantage of the government’s recent announcement of 1.1 billion for green jobs.

Te Ara Kākāriki currently plant 20,000 native seedlings a year, mostly with volunteers but would like to increase this significantly by employing locals to take part in a training/work programme to plant and maintain large projects. We have investigated several suitable sites of six to ten hectares and have the expertise to train people and carry out such projects successfully. This could be a valuable boost to Selwyn Biodiversity as well as part of Selwyns post Covid recovery.

Lastly, our award winning Kids Discovery Planout programme, working with Selwyn schools is very in demand. SDC supports the programme in kind with the provision of plants and maintenance for some sites. We partner with Enviroschools on the programme giving students the opportunity to restore a local site and learn about the whole ecosystem through action based activity. By educating our students about our biodiversity, they learn to value and protect it as adults.

Feedback from teachers and students taking part is excellent and we would like to be able to offer the programme to additional schools so request financial support to grow the programme. Ngā mihi, Letitia Lum
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Feedback from teachers and students taking part is excellent and we would like to be able to offer the programme to additional schools. We request financial support to expand this successful programme.
Submission

Consideration of projects to be put on hold or moved to a later date to free up some funds for a rate increase cut.

Prebbleton community centre: Defer – could go on the new Ward park site, save having to build one in future.

Leeston community centre: Defer – now needs to include library and medical center

Water charges: Delay water charge increase until govt legislation is finalised. (may end up paying for it twice)

Darfield wastewater: Must be user pays – not district wide rate – until it has been operational for at least 1 year. LOCAL PROJECTS

Things that can easily be deferred to find savings:

Leeston Park cricket nets $37k. (nice to have not a must have)

Southbridge hall entrance $35k (brought forward, put it back)

New reserve in Southbridge $88k Hororata Blackberry Patch House - $50k – brought forward, put it back

Lake Coleridge playground equipment $61K – brought forward, not essential

Darfield Community Centre entrance upgrade$52K – can wait a year

Brookside Park Cricket nets $40K nice to have not a must have)

Foster Park internal roadways - $433K – just let the contractors paths be shingled over for now? It’s a short 20m drive from car parks to the access points of the indoor courts, how is that costing half a million dollars to pave?

Another new reserve in Rolleston $155K- think there are enough for now

Lighting at tennis courts- $39k (nice to have not a must have. Tennis participation in decline. **these amount to $1m of deferred projects across the district.

COUNCIL’S EVENTS:

Is it a core function for council to run community events throughout summer. Are movie nights, skate jams, picnic in the park and street barbecues a core service and is this money well spent, use of paid council employee time, considering the low turnout?

Canterbury Museum We currently contribute $31 per household to this, which is at least $800,000 per year. Is this going to go up this financial year? We need to consider this cost also.

Rate late fees being considered "income"
I would like to highlight my concerns about comments made in recent Council meetings regarding the impact of lowering the late rate fees from 10% to 3% and the impact this would have on the council's income. I was further surprised to hear that the council considers this income and a plan needs to be considered of how to "recover this loss".

There are two problems with this. One - you are stating it is relied upon that these funds are gathered regularly, and there is a reliance on this income being sustained. As highlighted recently with statements made about needing to understand the financial impact of losing $500K per year on rate late payment fees if there was an agreement to lower the rates from 10% to 3%. Rate Late fees should not be considered income, nor relied upon as being regular. If you do this, it also insinuates you are relying on peoples ability to make payments on time, or penalising them for it in order to gather the revenue to meet your income targets for that particular period.

Two - There are legal obligations you must meet in response to enforcement of late fees and using them as "income" rather than using these funds to cover the costs associated with the recovery process.

Overall approaching this area of the council's budget with the conversations being more worried about losing this "income" and how to recover it, as opposed to prevention of it taking place in the first instance would be more frowned upon than encouraged. Items such as the direct deposit options you "can" take up if you wanted to that are poorly marketed are not enough to manage this risk. If you wanted to look into prevention and also revenue gathering, you could consider a proposal to Central government to do a couple of things. Have everyone that is a rate payer sign up for the Direct Debit programme. Have everyone pay their rates in advance and not in arrears.

This has a few advantages: • The Council gets the payments earlier and has the income earlier to invest and earn interest off (a more ethical way to generate income) • The Council has a lower risk of late fees as the Direct Debit functionality lowers the risk of this taking place • The rate payer has a little more control over not getting a large bill at the end of the quarter, rather a fortnightly or weekly payment that is easier to manage for them’ • The Rate payer doesn’t not need to remember their bills due date and method of payment etc each time they are due to make payment I want to reiterate the point I made earlier about reducing late penalty fee to 3%. Clearly the SDC can rely on a proportion of people not being able to pay rates even when economy is buoyant. Therefore, going forward in Covid related downturn even more people are going to struggle. Therefore, my position is one that rates late penalty should be reduced to 3% and that in the year ahead late payment fees are put into interest bearing accounts that is a fairer solution. SDC do not lose as much money and not as expensive for ratepayers especially due to Covid. Another additional consideration could be to have a look at the rates hardship policy that Hurunui DC has implemented and consider that as another option? All of the above can only be considered if the councils approach was to look at prevention rather then an income stream.

Consideration for event fund to be allocated for the 2020/2021 Selwyn event season.

• Events have always played a significant role in the recovery from disasters, we know events can help to improve social cohesion, community spirit and pride; develop a stronger identity and sense of place and improve cross-cultural awareness and understanding.

• Events also have proven economic benefits to the community. • Many of Selwyn's biggest events are held in October - March. If COVID 19 management guidelines do allow for these events to be run funding options (ie sponsorship and gaming funding) is going to be significantly reduced which may many they are not held. The bigger events like the Selwyn Spring Show, Fireworks, Hororata Highland Games and Selwyn Motor Fest (to name just a few) provide fundraising platforms for multiple community groups. The lose of these events from both a social and economic impact will be significant.

•Request that the SDC consider a specific event fund for the next 12 months which can be accessed by events that can prove they provide a social and economic benefit to the district. This investment would generate income for community groups, small business holders (stalls) and give the district a platform to promote local businesses and tourism. There would be a significant return on this investment. Then more of the existing Community Fund could then be directed toward supporting other community initiatives. • Request that the SDC works with event providers in the district on a framework that will support not only the recovery of events in Selwyn but also the community from COVID 19 Personally I would like to see Rates for business postponed for 6 months to allow business in the Selwyn District to be able to get
themselves up and running again, have an opportunity to begin to generate income and then make rate payments. I would not like to see rates for businesses frozen now and then lumped on at a later date, therefore increasing the burden further down the road.

With regards to personal or residential rate increases. I am comfortable with the 3.5% proposed increase as it is a small increase amount to us that is not going to impact us greatly financially. What I would not like to see happen is the Council enters this year with a 0% increase only to follow it with a 6% or higher increase the following year. Incremental increases are better for us to manage than none and then a huge one. \ 

Other families will differ in their circumstances, which is why I have put forward some ideas for consideration that are both beneficial to the councils running costs and obligations and are beneficial to the rate payer. Its easy to have a cry about anything and everything, however there are no silver bullets here and there will ALWAYS be someone that wont agree regardless what you do. What advantage you do have is you have a fiscally well run council that is in a stronger position to make big decisions that others are not so fortunate.

Good luck with getting to the answers :).
Submission

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

As we have gone from a position of having pure water in the Glentunnel area to now having heavily granulated chlorinated water I do not agree if the increase will not be spent on means of removing the chlorine and reinstalling the UV filtration system.

8. I support the proposed Whitecliffs to Glentunnel Walkway/Cycle-way being created. This will significantly enhance the local area that has had limited monies spent for many years. This would also connect the villages and create wider social cohesion and collaboration. Additionally, with the increase in Children in the Whitecliffs area a safe cycle and walkway would increase their ability to cycle safely to and from school.
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The rates seem to go up every year, I understand the township is growing and there is a need for more services in saying that. Growth of the town increases revenue and does new business to Izone, I think now is the time to hold an new projects. And give the rate payers of Selwyn so relief after Covid19.

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

As above hold future projects and leave some money in the communities that need it.

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

I have no opinion about this.

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

As above new growth through new rates should be used, for incoming residents etc. But growth of water management should wait for rescission to pass.

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.

Wastewater should proceed but only at a baseline.

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

I have no view on this.

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.

Ajust sending to leave money in the hands of the district to off set a recession, saving businesses and preventing residents live the area to cheaper options.
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Submission

With reference to a letter sent out regarding flooding in the Selwyn river I wish to ask several questions.

Why were people living near the Selwyn river all their lives with a lot of memories of floods in the river? Why there has not been control of gorse and broom in the riverbed? Why the shingle under the Bealey Road bridge has not been cleared? Does the council realize that in a big flood the bridge could become a dam of gorse, broom and trees that get washed down the river? How many jobs have been created to work on this crazy idea?

Graham Gough
Submission

To Selwyn District Council

From what I can gather Whitecliffs is planned to have among the highest rate increases in Selwyn, I would like to challenge you as to why this is the case when we see very little in the way of new amenities or funding in our community. Even the simple things like grounds maintenance seems to be fairly minimally done. I recognize there has been lots done in the domain/campground and is looking great but this has little benefit to our local community and significantly increases traffic all summer.

So, why, I ask, is Whitecliffs rates increase so high when simple services like mowing the lawns in our common cant even be done properly or on time let alone buildings maintained without squeezing the resources out of a stone.

I am on the township comity and active in the community, more than happy to get stuck into projects as are the majority of Whitecliffs residents but a bit of support and encouragement from the council would go a long way.

As a community Whitecliffs have been working hard on a cycle/walkway that links Whitecliffs and Glentunnel safely, we are in the process of completing the most challenging section of the track, Breakneck Corner, off our own bat and fund sourcing. I understand this walkway is in your plan for the future but I would like to use this submission to ask that now the hard section is taken care of, that you, the council, will come onboard and help finish both ends of the project. please recognize our work so far as a measure of the importance of this walkway to not just Whitecliffs but the wider Malvern community and support us in finishing a project to insure the safety of the people and children of this area.

Regards Mark Wragg
Submission

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

Any increase in rates should be at no more than the annual rate of inflation. In the current covid economic environment, council must also trim all costs where it can to minimize rate increases where possible.

Council proposes an "average" increase of 3.5% with a range of 2.5 - 7.3%. I note the five highest proposed increases are all in the rural or commercial examples. Being based on capital value, the exponential increase in rates on these rural properties, is unjust.

Malvern rural rates proposed 7.3% increase for example is an extra $935 up to $13,672 which is a large expense for many of these farms. Majority of these places are self sufficient for water and septic too. When the average proposed rates for the major townships is $3,278 or less than 25% of the Malvern rural, the capital value base of general purpose rates shows how inequitable the whole system is.

Council and wider NZ government need to review how the rating structure could be improved to move away from capital values rating.

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

Makes sense to defer the building when a community is not ready for it, and spend those council staff hours and funds designated for that centre in other projects that are ready to proceed.

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

Great idea to have a community facility that can incorporate multiple users and give the community time to have input into their wants and needs.

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

Agree this should be a user pays system for water use, but need greater contributions from developers and new houses joining the existing schemes.

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

The contribution from developers should be increased by inflation. This is the policy and it should be maintained year on year. When interest rates and inflation increase at high levels, are council going to back down and reduce the annual inflationary increase? As this is unlikely, a consistent approach needs to be taken.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?
Bring forward the Hororata Community Centre project as the community is well advanced in planning and with financial support. The momentum is already there within the community and has had council support and involvement. With Prebbleton and Leeson projects potentially being delayed, it would make sense to bring the Hororata project forward.

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.

Selwyn did all it could as it had to follow Government directives, good work SDC. CRT was also efficient at ensuring communities were doing OK through Selwyn Gets Ready network, an efficient arm of SDC.
Submission

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

I Oppose rate rise. I suggest a rate freeze give the current situation.

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.

Completion of the cycleway between glentunnel and Whitecliffs.
Submission

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the Council’s six key issues for the 2020/21 year.

Whilst not greatly affected by the issues raised I declare a strong long-term interest in community development and, therefore, cannot resist giving my viewpoint.

As declared in my submission on FASTFORWARD’28 it is hard not to be impressed with the candid and open way the Selwyn District Council seeks comment from residents. The ability with which Council forms useful connections with residents impresses and can only be to everyone’s advantage.

There are matters that are not mentioned which I find puzzling …

1. As one of New Zealand’s fastest growing Districts it is assumed such growth in residential development translates to an increased rate take. Is this so? Has it been factored into calculations?
2. Similarly new buildings / businesses continue to appear on the Business Park / Inland Port areas, west of Highway One, with increasing frequency. The latter undoubtedly translates to more jobs and a constant flow of new residents. But does it also mean a significant increase in Council’s rate take?
3. If my assumptions are valid is an increase in the District rates necessary?

Yours sincerely

Ted Woodhill
Major issues for consultation

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

   The annual plan document acknowledges the fact that the world is changing dramatically, as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and we are living with heightened uncertainty. In the absence of specific detail on the extent to which ratepayers’ lives have been affected it would seem the prudent action would be to impose a rates freeze for 2020/2021.

   To imply that a rates freeze would result in catch-up increases in future years is seen as an unfortunate and unnecessary threat. There are other alternatives. Empathy for those who find themselves severely disadvantaged by the pandemic should be Council’s catch-phrase and should be a guiding principle in Council’s actions.

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

   Can I draw your attention to a comment I made in my response to FASTFORWARD’28: “The twenty-five communities in Selwyn where community centres / halls exist do not have an equal claim for new or upgraded facilities. The needs of an isolated community such as Hororata should be viewed quite differently to that of Prebbleton. Like it or not Prebbleton is seen as a dormitory town for Christchurch. Or, at least, it was when I lived there 40 years ago!

   I stand by my comment on the issue made in FASTFORWARD’28 that the completion of the motorway, together with the creation of new sporting and cultural facilities in Christchurch, following the earthquakes, can only increase the ease with which Selwyn residents can access impressive new facilities coming on-stream in Christchurch. Wisdom is seen in complementing the latter rather than competing with what Christchurch has to offer. It must be remembered Prebbleton’s location on the city’s fringe offers resident’s choice.

   It is heartening to see the surge in residential development. The same cannot be said for the town’s retail and commercial sector. I feel a sense of sorrow for the town’s retailers, as to the passerby, the town’s centre appears on life support. With a population around 5000 why is the latter so? The solution to this dilemma should be a Council priority. What help can Council offer? A lifestyle is being offered by the Woolworth’s Group. A new FreshChoice Supermarket and Café, with associated doctors’ surgery and pharmacy, may be the catalyst needed to revitalise and render wider business owners’ profitability.

   Why are people, who so obviously work and shop elsewhere, eager to build and settle in Prebbleton? The answer to this question, along with the residents’ expectations, may give a more accurate indication of whether a Community Centre is needed and what shape it should take. It is obvious, from a casual drive-by the existing Hall is a relic of bygone days and no longer fit for purpose.

   It is disturbing to learn the Community Centre outlined in FASTFORWARD’28 was based simply on a preliminary consultation. Is it any wonder Council is none the wiser on the residents’ preferences on the shape and location of the proposed facility? Council’s current proposal to defer the project for a few years and move the budget [$6 million] from 2020/21 into LTP 2021/2031 to allow for further planning and consultation seems unavoidable. The success or otherwise of the Woolworths’ initiative will be a useful guide to Council’s future actions … a ‘watch and see’ brief is a wise option.

   Deferring the project pending more detailed considerations is the only available option given the circumstances.
3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project:

FASTFORWARD’28 gave a conservative account on the needs of a new community facility for Leeston. The in-depth research expected of Council, as in Prebbleton, was woefully inadequate ... otherwise the omission of the library and the medical centre from the proposal would not have occurred. The fact that a 2019 assessment of the current Leeston Library building showed it was earthquake prone, gives cause for concern ... the fact that the needs of the Leeston Library and Medical Centre were not originally inclusions in the original proposal outlined in FASTFORWARD’28 is puzzling. This mirrors Council’s inability to grasp, with accuracy and certainty, the needs of the Prebbleton Community. It raises serious questions around Council’s desire and ability to assess the needs of its satellite communities. This may not necessarily be a Council weakness but indicate the need to engage a professional facilitator to lead and guide community ‘workshops’.

Can I reaffirm a comment made in my submission on FASTFORWARD’28 the fact that Leeston has the residual issue of losing the District Council Centre in favour of Rolleston. The latter must have been at great cost to Leeston’s business community. It is pay-back time. The enterprising owner / publican of Leeston’s Crate and Barrel Hotel has certainly put a stake in the ground declaring his confidence in the town’s future with the creation of a magnificent hotel, restaurant and venue centre. I feel sure Leeston has other business leaders who share his enterprise and vision. Council certainly needs to establish a Community Centre for Leeston worthy of the name.

The Council now wants to review the original Community Centre proposal to take into account the need for library, medical and other facilities. This Council further maintains, “also deferring a proposed extension to Leeston Park while the wider community needs are explored.” I look forward to reading the submissions of others ... is Council endeavouring to merge two widely differing proposals into one? Should they not be treated at two separate entities and the Leeston Park project continue as previously planned? These are matters for the residents of the wider Leeston community to ponder.

Council has been given a necessary ‘breathing space’ to allow Leeston’s needs to be fully explored.

4. Increasing water supply charges to provide quality improvements and demand management.

This is an essential service and should be treated as such.

5. Darfield’s wastewater. Planning and building a new wastewater system

It is disappointing to read of Council’s struggles, in association with significant others, to gain what is basic community infrastructure. The proposals being pursued seem timid and hardly 21st Century solutions. One can only reflect on why has it taken so long?

By comparison my own experience in a small Southland Borough with a population similar to Darfield, which commissioned a comprehensive reticulated water supply in 1976 and in 1985 the final connections to the Borough’s sewerage scheme took place. Both services attracted a 2:1 Health Department subsidy. 35 years and 44 years later, respectively, it is hard not to share the disappointment of those, in Selwyn Communities, who still await services which should have been made available to them decades ago.

It is what it is, I guess, so matters must be progressed as and when possible.

6. Changes to our Development Contributions Policy. This is a matter for affected parties.
Good morning, my name is Fay Risdon. I have recently retired from my position as a Corrections Officer at CM Prison. I have owned a hut here for a period of nineteen years and during this time I have used my hut as a vocational retreat. I have forged extremely strong bonds with the community attending funerals, weddings and birthdays and welcomed a new-born baby.

These life events put me on track to enjoy a pleasurable affordable retirement that I have worked strenuously to achieve.

Recently I moved to my hut in a full-time capacity and my daughter Erika Koderich (NZ Army) and her partner William Lamers (Builder) with their baby daughter purchased the adjoining property next-door to begin their future as a means of coping financially during these uncertain times.

We understand the need for an upgrade of a waste water treatment plant but the costs are far too expensive over a 15 year period, there needs to be an extension of time and reduced rate. The New Zealand government has stated that the population needs to be distributed more evenly around New Zealand, away from the cities. In my opinion, Selwyn Huts with a population exceeding over one hundred people, the area is mostly made up of superannuants, low income, low educational which evokes low self esteem. People which have little ability of making suitable life choices ranging from bipolar depression etc. These people require life assurity that they have a home. Selwyn Council in this argument of change has fained over one hundred occupants little in the way of their ability to rehouse and furthermore has totally destroyed any way forward financially or emotionally.

Selwyn Council what if this was your predicament? Could you carry these costs with absolutely no hope or alternative offered.

Yours sincerely
Fay Risdon & Erika Koderich
Submission

Please consider supplying a rubbish/recycling collection service on Wairiri Road

Thanks
Submission

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

Representing over 120 people from the Windwhistle and Lake Coleridge communities, the Windwhistle District Society wishes to lodge our objections to the proposed 7.3% rates increase for the Malvern rural area. We are aware that the projected increase is unlikely to proceed this year, but request councillors and planners understand that such a disproportionate increase will not be accepted in any future years either.

The vast majority of residents in our rural community drive for miles outside our district, anywhere between 20 minutes to over an hour for some – on roads that are barely being maintained, let alone progressively improved – to access services such as rubbish and recycling, libraries, swimming pools and sports fields.

Due to distance limitations, our utilisation of these facilities is infrequent at best, non-existent for most people. With extremely high scenic land values we are already paying exceedingly more than our fair share on a per head basis. Our utilisation rates exacerbate this discrepancy further. We understand that continual rates increases are necessary but request that any future increases are kept in line with other district’s averages.

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.

Further to the development of services to the Lake Coleridge community, we the Windwhistle District Society request that council begins active investigation into providing a rubbish and recycling service for the Windwhistle Community.

In recent years, in consultation with the council, we have operated our own, user-pays refuse centre at Tui Creek (next to Terrace Downs) with rubbish and recycling removed via contract to Ashburton. There are approximately 30 member households – all actively sorting recycling to contract requirements and all getting increasingly frustrated that we have to go to this effort when it should be a basic service provided by our local council. We can understand in past there has been a low population base in the Windwhistle area that such services could not be justified.

This has changed considerably in the last 10-15 years. Our local population has increased dramatically and we respectfully insist council provided services increase accordingly.
Submission

The words of the 'Councilors Affirmation' which is said before meetings," to serve the citizens of Selwyn, use gifts of understanding, courage, commonsense, wisdom, integrity, that we may solve problems effectively, recognizing each others values, being fair minded and ready to listen to others point of views.. etc etc."

It has amazed me the lack of humanity the Councilors have shown towards the Selwyn Huts community. It is like you don't consider us as part of the Selwyn District or the Selwyn District Councils responsibility, or a worth while community that needs investment. We as hut holders, have attended dozens of meetings, trying to get answers over many different issues. We have had many meetings over the sewage and wastewater options, but no decisions.

You have refused to include us in the district wide rate for upgrade to the sewer system, even though we have already paid for it twice, by the community,( which qualified us to be included as the SDC already owns, maintains and administers it.)

And in the Springston South Recreational Reserves Management Plan 2014 it states that "capital work, including renewals and new capital developments, is funded from a combination of targeted rates, reserve contributions from subdivision development and grants.

Setting the Huge fee increase before a system has been agreed on is not right or ethical! To propose to increase the licence fee up to $4745. and the rates to $1250., which totals approx $6000 per year! The impact of this is HUGE, Devastating. To give the huts only a 15 year consent is very shortsighted and inhumane considering the Upper Huts have never flooded. We know that we are subject to the high water table and the big weather events effecting the Waikerikeri River. Climate change will eventually have an effect ; I ask for at least a 30 year lease ( as has been suggested by council staff ) or... let climate change make the decision obvious.!( to end full time occupation of the huts)

By putting the whole of any expense (including a bond payment) onto the hut holders, and a very limited time resource consent, not only puts an unmanageable dept onto people but also makes the huts worthless.

There is nothing of ' enhancing the wellbeing" for Selwyn Huts rate payers. Since the Council decision to allow for full time occupancy and also to rent out the huts, it has brought many people who have found an affordable place to live. Folk that are on fixed incomes, retired people, young families, beneficiaries and many fragile folk that have found a place to call home that is affordable. Also, still a mixture of much loved family Bach's owners, which retain the sense of the recreational reserve, and have still been affordable because they are humble wee old fashioned places, not million dollar mansions with big boats parked outside!!!

And as you are aware, there are a few vulnerable people that next stop is a tent at Coes Ford or prison.

We are rate payers on two properties in the Selwyn district. One, our home in Southbridge and our wee family bach at the Selwyn Huts. We consider ourselves very much part of the Huts community and value it greatly. Especially at this time of world wide pandemic and uncertainty. Your intentions to bring such a huge burden of expense and stress will leave us and many others no choice but to abandon our huts/ homes.

Please put a higher value on the impact of "enhancing the wellbeing " of this community.
Submission

1. As ratepayers and residents of the Upper Selwyn Huts we wish to register our very strong objections to both the suggested costs (both now and into the future) and additional conditions to our licence to occupy including the requirement to pay for the demolition of our property. We would infer that the Selwyn District Council has breached the Human Rights Act in that we have been discriminated against by way of being treated unfairly and less favourably than other persons in the same or similar circumstances. We have been excluded from the upgrade of our wastewater system (which we originally paid for) into the District wide rating scheme. We have been erroneously told that the scheme in question is the only one we can adopt which is absolutely not the case.

2. We absolutely oppose contributing OUR money to your $3M wastewater scheme for which NO formal costing or plan has been presented. The Selwyn District Council has the responsibility, as our representatives, to provide ratepayers with an affordable and mutually agreeable system which is also acceptable to Ecan into the future. The residents have already paid for the current system for which we require an upgrade, the earthquake damaged pipes require fixing and an opportunity needs to be given to present a plan of our choice and be affordable by all. 3. No detailed and audited set of accounts has been presented to the residents of the Upper Selwyn Huts we have absolutely no faith in any of the figures presented. There has been no explanation around the opening account deficit and no supporting explanation of any of the proposed charges. WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THESE FIGURES ALL BE SUBSTANTIATED BY AN INDEPENDANT AUDITOR.

4. Because these are our homes, we would expect fair and equitable treatment and be included in all decision making processes as any democratic system would require, with the humanitarian issues already tabled by others, be taken into account in any further dealings with our community. We refuse to accept the conditions by the Council requiring us to spend OUR money, and the decisions being made "for us" and not "with us." On humanitarian grounds, we would ask that the health and wellbeing of our community be taken into account. We would defy anyone reading this submission to put themselves in our shoes and agreeing to these extremely expensive costs and conditions which you consider we should buy into. Thank you.
Submission

I would like to see a rubbish / recycling service investigated for Wairiri Road.
Submission

To whom it may concern at the S.D.C.;

We have just moved out of a total lock down with Covid 19 and even now are living through a very different world. We do not know what the future will be for us in NZ, but it is certain that for some time it will not be back to normal, what ever that is. For many this is a time of considerable financial hardship.

It is a time when there is debate at the local Christchurch City Council level about rates, and how to keep these at a level that can be afforded.

I am stunned that at this time Selwyn District Council has sent out a scale of fees that is both unrealistic and insensitive. I object strongly to the change in rates from Oct 2019 of $582 to the new rate for July 2020 of $977 which represents a 67% increase. This sudden change is very hard to justify. As well as this the following year shows an increase of about 40% and the year later about 29%. In total from 2019 to 2022 this represents an increase of about 200%.

The 15 year licence period referred to, seems to depend on a number of factors. “it could be shorter or longer”. During these years the hut owners are expected to ‘pay’ for whatever waste water system is finally decided upon. Provided the system that is put in place is agreed upon by hut owners this is not unreasonable. Some would argue that both water and waste water should be part of the total Selwyn Council systems. However to state in point 8 of the ‘discussion on the proposal’ document, that at the end of the time, be it 15 years or some other , that the water & sewer system remains in Council ownership is quite unreasonable. ‘The licence holders have no claim on it.’

Further more accepting the fact that at some stage, through environmental or other factors, the huts at Selwyn may no longer be able to exist, I object most strongly at being required to post a bond now of $5000, to offset possible problems about hut removal at that time.

I am one of the ‘senior’ ( 80 next birthday) licence holders at Selwyn Huts and it seems to me that the general tone and detail of the new licence documents etc, makes it increasingly difficult to enjoy the Selwyn Huts in the way we have done for so many years now, unless some significant changes are made.

I trust that my comments above will be presented and noted, and acted upon.
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Submission

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

Refer attached document
8th May 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to show my support for funding allocations and development of the Coalgate Bluff Track and wider walking trails in the Malvern community.

I work for the Selwyn Sports Trust and we see great benefit in having assets, like the Coalgate Bluff Track maintained and developed. This beautiful trail is a well used part of the community and is within easy access from Coalgate, Glentunnel, Hororata, Greendale and Darfield.

Our work within the Malvern Primary Schools could greatly benefit from the use of a linking trail in the Hororata, Coalgate, Glentunnel area. We have held rogaine events on the farm neighbouring the Bluff track, and being able to incorporate the trail would be a welcomed addition.

A loop for the campers at Glentunnel, Whitecliffs and residents of the area, would be a valuable development, to add to the walk and cycle lane that has been developed.

In light of Covid-19 there has been great emphasis placed on our well-being and the positive impacts of physical activity during this time. How lucky are we to have this wonderful trail, in the great outdoors that would benefit so many for such little investment.

Yours sincerely,

Jayde Mayberry
Physical Activity Activator
Selwyn Sports Trust
Submission

To: Selwyn District Council

I bought my house 7 years ago for my future security and a home to call my own. I have transformed this run down little house into a lovely home with my own 2 hands.

I have always paid my fees, my rate on time and in full as well as maintaining my home. I’m proud of what I’ve achieved.

But with proposed increases in rates etc I’m afraid I cannot afford this. I am 57, single, no family or children. My only family is the friends I’ve made in the community.

If I haven’t got my house here, I have nothing nowhere.

I’m a low income earner, worsened by COVID crisis and am now a beneficiary, the thought of losing my house is very distressing and adds to my depression and anxiety.

Sincerely
Glenda Hope
Submission

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

We oppose you for increasing our rates up 15% in two years: - Adding up all the property values and dividing by the number of houses is a complete rip off, especially for lower value properties. What do we get, a footpath that is rarely used, a couple of speed restriction signs. One other thing I forgot to mention, we did get to contribute to the Rolleston Swimming pool.

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

Is this another charge to gauge more money from Selwyn rate payers?

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

We oppose Selwyn District Council in using our rates to fund other projects around the area. Let the user of those areas pay.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
I would prefer no rates increase. I am a pensioner and cannot afford an increase at the present time.

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 do not feel this project is necessary at this time and agree to defer this project.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.
I agree with Council to review this proposal and not spend any unnecessary ratepayer contributions at this time.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.
Enough money is currently being spent on water quality at the present time and there shouldn't be any need to increase the contribution of funds in this area.

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.
As a pensioner rates are expensive enough without increasing the rates for a system that is unnecessary as all houses have an adequate septic system in place currently. The financial climate needs to improve before resident can outlay anymore for rates.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy. There needs to be no increase in this area.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document? Council's proposals need to reflect the current financial climate for their ratepayers.

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.
No increase in rates. Think of your ratepayers. There is not going to be much extra money around in the immediate future.
Submission

This is regarding Selwyn Huts rate proposal

Don’t agree with the bond for hut removal, this is based on the assumption that the huts will be removed in 15 years, if the licence does continue past the 15 years will the bond be refunded with appropriate interest. Present licence already provides for hut owner on giving up a licence being responsible for the huts removal. Don’t agree with the estimate cost of 3,000,000 dollars for sewer work where there is no detailed plan for the upgrade so the cost is speculative. And no costing from different contractors has been submitted.

Having no fixed interest rate on any such loan will make proposed figures irrelevant.

Don’t agree that hut owners are responsible for cost of the sewer upgrade as existing sewer scheme is owned by the landlord, this being the council who are responsible for maintenance and upkeep and at the end of any proposed licensing period the water and sewer systems remain in council ownership, so the council are responsible for the cost on any upgrade that needs to be done.
Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.
   I would prefer a limited rate increase across the board i.e. All areas should have the same level of increase whether you are in a rural or urban area. Current rural actual land value are well down below on QV or GV valuations.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.
   This project is not a necessary project in the current climate so I agree with Council to defer.

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

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.
   Enough money is currently being spent on water quality. What is wrong with the quality at the present time? Nothing. Keep to the status quo.

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 feel this system is not required as all are currently on septic systems. To alter this at this stage will be at an exorbitant cost to Darfield residents. Surely the town is nearly at maximum growth. The current economic climate limits available finance. The system should have been implemented when Council allowed subdivision.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.
   No increases necessary at the present time.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?
   Council needs to be mindful of the financial situation for the majority of its ratepayers. Increasing rates at this time will make it very hard for many of its District residents.

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.
   Only proceed with necessary improvements at this time.
Submission

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6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy. There needs to be no increase in this area.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document? There needs to be NO increase in this area.

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. Think of your ratepayers, there is not going to be much extra money around in the immediate future.
Submission

1. I prefer the higher side of the scale, however to acknowledge the Covid impacts on many employment situations a lower rate may be wise. It is important however not to have a future rate increase to "makeup" shortfalls. I think that is the best compromise in the current situation so as a compromise I suggest 2.75%.

2. I support the pause in the development of the Community Centre Project to enable the uncertainty to be corrected for location and type. Specific consultation with the community is recommended and the delay (pause) should not be longer than 12 Months.

3. Leeston should have a review to define the needs and scope of a combined services community facility.

4. Water supply and quality are critical life sustainability elements. Selwyn has had a history of water issues. Provision to cope with population growth, land use and environmental factors for biodiversity and water quality (nitrification) are critical for a sustainable future. I support reasonable water charges.

5. This issue has perplexed me for years and as I enter the fixed income phase of retirement the thought of 25-30K per household in the Darfield catchment for wastewater treatment is a major concern. Darfield has a unique geological profile atop hundreds of meters of alluvial deposits. Current system (septic tanks or consolidated sub division septics systems) can achieve effective treatment of wastewater returned to the ground. That said it is an argument that will not stand with future growth and environmental pressures. So I urge careful and full consultation to enable the community to understand the transition from individual septic systems to a full reticulated community scheme. Future proof that infrastructure with both scope and technology so future residents do not experience short sighted cost saving for such development.

6. Selwyn as always had a system of district wide contributions to critical community infrastructure such as the HQ rebuild and the aquatic centre. This has been tailored to acknowledge existing rates such as Libraries and pool rates. I would support a well defined contribution to the region stadium when ever (and if ever CCC can get it self sorted). Developers have traditionally paid for infrastructure critical for a development (water/power supply) expansions and the user for quality enhancements. I think this is a good pattern and historically valid.

7. The list is reasonable and has been factored in to the budgeting estimates that defined the 3.5% rate rise. If the feedback settles on a lesser rate there will be a need to redefine the local project list. Well done the summary document posted to the community it focused on the key points easy to read and understand. The online submission system is very useful thanks for the opportunity to contribute.

8. I think the full measure of the impacts of Covid has not been fully realised we at still adapting I think this will be an ongoing review (adaptation) so far New Zealand on the whole has been an excellent example to the world Selwyn has done a good job.
Submission

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

Rates to stay at previous year’s level for one year to assist people who lost jobs or had reduced pay over lockdown period.

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

Present user rate should remain. Increased charges to new subdivision and businesses.

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.

Essential that this proceed quickly. Lack of sewerage is halting development in Darfield.

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

Suggest sliding scale so residents who subdividing a 4 hectare block or smaller section have lower fees than present while subdivision developers continue at present rate. Rationale: small subdivisions are often Mum and Dad situations where present land area is too big and land is wasted- plus allows for denser settlement which require fewer services than major subdivision.
Submission

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

I strongly oppose the increase in rates.

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.

Given the impact covid 19 has had on both people and the economy a rate freeze would be a more favourable option.

I strongly support the completion of the cycleway between Glentunnel and Whitecliffs 2020/2021.
Submission

1. Option 3. As with every year, this is a depressing topic. For years rates go up (way) above inflation rates, whereas my income has gone up by about 2% since 2010. We are getting close to retirement and we are quite concerned and worried about the ever increasing rates. Of course, our preferred option is option 3 (no increase), but without the threat to be penalised in years to come. Every year there are new projects being used to justify rate increases. I am sure many of these projects have come to an end and have been paid for, but rates don’t come down - why is that?

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out. Option 1

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project. Option 1

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management. Option 2 although, what I don’t understand is that the council must have a big increase in its 3-waters budget with all the new residential developments and houses being built adding many new ratepayers. Surely that should cover a huge amount of the costs?

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. (see comment to 4. about land developers)

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy. Option 1

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document? I am paying rates for a Rolleston swimming pool and for the use of libraries. Living in Prebbleton and working in Christchurch, it comes at an extra cost in money and time to use those facilities. I am not happy to have to keep paying for that or for the swimming-pool upgrade.

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. Other comment. - We have a water race running trough our property, which we enjoy. However, we get a lot of silt coming from the Waimakariri settling in the stream, which contributes to rising water levels. While I understand your hands-off approach and leave the looking-after of the stream to the property owners, it would be nice to have some assistance with the removal of the silt - I don’t understand why the charges for green waste bins are so high. I understand that the council uses green waste to produce mulch (or whatever) to make money. I think the charges should come down by a long way to encourage people to use them instead of dumping greens into land fill.
Submission

- The following comments are based on proposed changes to the administration of the Greendale hall, pavilion and reserve.

- A proportion of rates can be saved by reverting to the previous administration of leaving the management of rural halls and reserves under local voluntary committees.

- The new proposed central booking and invoicing system has added increased administration costs to Council.

- This is on top of both hugely increased hall and reserves rates for some rural areas along with increased staff cost as stated in the annual report.

- New proposed hire charges will lead to halls being unaffordable and not used.

- What is the problem with the present system that the Council are trying to fix with increased administration and hire charges?

- It would appear that there has been a fundamental shift in the Council’s function in that a community asset is becoming an income generating asset for the Council.

- This goes against the Council’s stated role to promote community wellbeing in the district. They say that community facilities strengthen local communities in a number of ways, including providing places and spaces for people to meet and interact, supporting voluntary community committees in which people work together and develop a sense of common purpose, facilitating community social, leisure, education and cultural activities and providing places for people to participate in sport and recreation.

- Even with the powers of committees withdrawn over the pandemic lockdown local committees were still required to enable halls to be reopened.

- There is a well proven system in place that is cost and administratively effective so why change it?
Submission

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

Option 3: Hold the 2020/21 rates at the same level as the 2019/20 rates The Council needs to focus on essential work and minimise spending on discretionary or "feel good" items.

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

Option 1: Defer the project for more detailed consideration in the Long-Term Plan 2021–2031

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

Option 1: Review wider community needs for facilities in Leeston

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

I think that any water charge increase should be kept to the absolute minimum and not implemented unless they are absolutely required. I do not agree with planning for an unknown future - the money will get "lost". Water is an essential service and as such should be available to all residential properties. Commercial enterprises in all areas of Selwyn should be paying for their water use. It is not acceptable for some businesses to be opting out of the installation of meters and therefore getting unlimited water.

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.

Is a reticulated wastewater scheme absolutely necessary? Or could there be an adequate solution on a more individual basis? Any investigations should be costed comprehensively and money only spent if it is regarded by the community as essential to have a system.

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

The Developments Contribution Policy should reflect the cost to develop land and I don’t really support either of the proposed options. There does need to be an inflationary increase and the real development costs do need to be charged - they should not be a cost to ratepayers.

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

I think that the Council needs to review priorities post Covid-19 and focus on essential activities and services to keep costs and rates to a minimum.

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.
I think that post Covid-19 Selwyn DC needs to review communities affected by the changes in economy and tourism. It is an opportunity to review the infrastructure in areas which have seen high tourist loads so that this can be managed better in the future when tourism increases again. eg Arthur’s Pass - there is a desperate need for adequate services to manage the campers and freedom campers who stay in the area over summer (both domestic and international travellers)

It is not acceptable to have ad hoc businesses emerging from residential properties which are not being governed by the same regulations as established accommodation providers. There is a need to centralise a camping area with adequate facilities to service perhaps similar to the portable toilet/shower blocks that have been used in Central Otago. This needs to be put into place to preserve the National Park and prevent further pollution. The Council needs to be proactive with planning for the future at this time, rather than reacting later.
Submission

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

To give the reason for deferring this project being to allow further planning and consultation is an insult.

We have had 'consultation' after 'consultation' over the years - the last being less than 12 months ago (August 2019) when we spent several hours preparing material and speaking with Anna Coleman - the 'Consultant'.

It was obvious from that meeting that nothing was going to happen.

It is stated that this project (a new Community Centre for Prebbleton) will be mainly funded from a mix of borrowing, reserve development contributions and a land sale.

We are interested to know what land you are intending to sell. The land that the current Public Hall is on may not be for sale. As an Incorporated society, we may decide to keep the hall so that locals have somewhere they can afford to hire.

We would be very disappointed if a new facility meant that our local groups and users could no longer afford to hire it as is the case with many of the new community centres.

With some of our committee members being over 70 we are not able to hold a meeting and some of our members do not have a computer and so face-to-face discussions are off for the moment.

The future of our Public Hall is a matter which members will need to discuss when we can get together.
Submission

The affordability between so few people and the very short timeframe to repay. This same thing to happen again in 15 years if the consent is only for 15 years. $3,000,000 plus. Seventy dwellings to pay for it.

I feel we will not have the full community taking this up. Going on the lower figures the cost is that much higher. A lot of the existing occupied dwellings are one person on either national super or very low income. We all expect to pay reasonable increases over the years as everyone else has to but to expect one to have to find a 700% increase and not be able to sell, then have to pay a bond of $5750 to demolish a perfectly good home is a bit over the top.

My wife & myself bought our home in 2000 and were granted permanency under the management committee in 2008. That is when we upgraded and put money into improving to let us live on a small income and be debt free. We need to be able to run a car as public transport is not available here. To be able to keep ourselves self sufficient and not be a burden on the community or family. We thought that later we would be able to sell (sadly that is no longer possible) to cover funeral costs. Personally we think the council have done the dirty on us as we were led to believe that we would be included on the uniform water & sewer rate by David Ward at the first meeting we had on this subject.

It is our understanding that this rate was to help the smaller community’s with these costs. We are expected to pay for community halls (which we do not have) and swimming pools but not on the uniform rate for water & sewer. We strongly feel that as a community that we are being discriminated against. We believe the costs that have been given to us are totally unaffordable to anyone that is on a low income.

We know for a fact should one of us die the other one will not be able to pay this amount. We also feel that to ask us to pay a $5000 Bond to remove our homes at the end of the licence period is an insult and we will not sign a licence with that in it. We also feel that the word permanent should still be included as it gives a feeling of security. We feel that the council predetermining the end date of the huts because of sea level rise is an affront and then to issue a building consent on the other side of the river, what sort of sewer system do they plan to have.

We would suggest the council look at a system that is affordable for the Huts as there must be a system that is much cheaper. Three million dollars is a helluva lot of money to pay for 15 years.

We would like to see an itemised costing for this. as we feel there is a lot of guess work in it.
Submission opposing the changes to the deed of lease for upper Selwyn huts 2020

To whom it may concern

I am a hut owner at the upper Selwyn huts number 102

I purchased my Hutt 14 years ago primarily for the lifestyle and the enjoyment of the surrounding area and open spaces. I then decided to retire here after the changes to our deed of lease meant that I could live here full-time.

Throughout my time here I have been an active member of our diverse community here, including section leader for our civil defence starting and maintaining the library and book exchange I’m a committee of the social club and enjoyed participating in our community garden as one of its founding members.

The proposed substantial increase in rates lease and the significant cost of a new thermage system bought on by the councils dereliction means that I will now not be able to afford to live in my home of retirement. As a long-term variable rate payer I would have thought the council would have a duty of care to all it’s rate pass particularly in a diverse community such as ours.

Your actions and in decisions have cause a lot of stress and anxiety to the whole community hear.

I sincerely hope you reconsider the proposed deed of lease and it’s applications and it’s implications on some of the more vulnerable members of our community here and in particular retirees such as myself.

Sincerely yours Lynn Partridge
Submission

To whom it may concern, Re proposal to increase licence fees.

I am writing on behalf of myself and my daughter, and all others that live here that do not have a voice. We own two huts, one for 34 years and the other for the last decade.

This is my home, paid for with hard earned cash as no mortgages or bank pay systems are possible.

The village is very unique which used to be very friendly and united. This all changed when the council took over, removing our caretaker and contracting out repairs. This is not cost effective, which is why there is so much concern about efficiency with contract workers wasting time and our money!

I disagree STRONGLY with the exorbitant amount of money the council wants to spend on the wastewater. WHY would hut owners spend $30,000 plus per hut over 15 years, then be physically moved out or have huts demolished....there has to have been a more economical choice? In years previously I was happy to pay $4000 for the present wastewater upgrade.

The council NEEDS to be seen in a more favourable light, so do the RIGHT THING!

We do not agree on the increase to our Licence Fees.

Rose Brocherie & Trekessa Nesbitt
Submission

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

SUBMISSION TO THE SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL REGARDS PROPOSED INCREASES IN RATES IN THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE 2020/21 RATING PERIOD.

I would like to submit on two aspects of the changes in Rates recently proposed by the Selwyn District Council.

1. The Council was originally proposing an average rate increase of 3.5%. The detrimental economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on businesses and people’s jobs in Selwyn makes such an increase totally inappropriate. The Council must be in tune with the difficult circumstances many ratepayers find themselves in and respond accordingly.

Many businesses are taking drastic measures to ensure their own survival. Many in fact will not survive. The result will be a rapid rise in unemployment. The council must recognise these realities and adjust its business accordingly, in the same way as many in the private sector are having to do. The best that Council can do is to not add to the financial burdens on rate payers at this difficult time.

It will require the council to be bold in reducing or cutting new spending programmes, using it's healthy balance sheet in the same way as central government has done, putting wages cuts in place for senior staff and using this time to find more efficient ways of delivering services to ratepayers.

2. In the proposed rate changes document tables were provided which show the impact on proposed rises across towns and rural districts in the county. Individual increases range from 2.5% for Lake Coleridge to 7.3% for rural Malvern.

Given that the average increase proposed across the county was 3.5%, as a resident in rural Malvern, a 3.8% increase over the average seems excessive. Material provided by Council about proposed spending programmes do not provide any insight into reasons for this discrepancy. In fact, there is little new spending in rural Malvern when compared to Rolleston for example.

While residents in rural Malvern would appreciate an explanation as to why they are being asked for a 7.3% increase, they would far sooner see an adjustment made that had them paying rates at a level similar to ratepayers across the rest of the county. Please explain!

Bernard and Jane Duncan
Alistair and Elizabeth Frizzell
Submission

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

Refer attached submission
22nd May 2020

Mr D Ward
Chef Executive
Selwyn District Council
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Rolleston 7643

Dear David

Central Plains Water Ltd – Annual Plan Submission

Central Plains water Ltd (CPWL) wishes to make the following submission in relation to the Proposed Annual Plan 2020/21.

CPWL does not wish to be heard in relation to this submission.

This submission addresses two of the major issues for consultation:

Options for rates increase;
There is expected to be significant economic impact on the District as a whole resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic. Despite the relative strength of the agricultural sector, CPWL believes this economic impact will have far reaching impacts across the District. Consequently, CPWL believes that the Plan should reflect this economic uncertainty and opt to retain the existing 2019/20 rating charges accepting there will need to be increases in the future to address the ongoing development and maintenance requirements across the District.

Darfield Wastewater;
Given the existing nitrate levels in ground water sources in the Darfield area CPWL considers it appropriate that a reticulated wastewater system be constructed. CPWL therefore supports the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for the township of Darfield.

CPWL has no further submission to make on the draft Annual Plan.

CPWL wishes to submit several matters for consideration as part of the preparation for the review of the Long Term Plan scheduled for 2020. These issues are set out below:

Submission to the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan / 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy

Central Plains Water Ltd (CPWL) operates a $450M reticulated water supply network primarily delivering irrigation water to approximately 45,000ha within a potential 63,000ha area located in the in Malvern and Ellesmere Wards. Some water is provided as a raw water supply to treatment works operated by the Selwyn District Council (SDC) as well as to stock water supplies, principally in the Springfield / Sheffield area and firefighting water across the entire reticulated network.

CPWL holds consents to take water from the Waimakariri and Rakaia Rivers totalling in excess of 30 cumecs. The infrastructure has been built with an 80-year design life and is expected to be operational for at least 100 years. The Scheme comprises a 17km open headrace canal, a 2 million cubic metre storage pond and
over 350 kms of buried pipeline of between 2.4m and 0.25m diameter. Over 350 farms and a small number of lifestyle blocks are supplied by the Scheme.

Whilst the Scheme is able to deliver water to a greater area than it does at present, the infrastructure is also able to be modified, which, subject to consents would be able to deliver water for other purposes. An example of such a modification would be the integration of a water storage facility fed from the Headrace Canal and able to provide access to water as a resource for farming, urban demand, ecological outcomes and potentially amenity use as well.

The Long Term Plan (LTP) acknowledges that the most significant factor in its planning is the potential growth in population for the District and Climate Change impacts. Your predictions show a near doubling of the District population in the next 30 years. In this same time span, sea level rise may amount to 30% of the predicted rise by the end of the 21st Century (up to 1.1m in a high carbon model), whilst the reduced snowfall in the Alps and the increase in high intensity weather events will result in more frequent and significant floods in the rivers. A diversification of the Districts current water supply and management solutions would provide a higher degree of reliability to a sustainable resource. CPWL believes it would be able to be part of the solution and provide this added level of security if medium- and long-term planning allowed for some infrastructural integration.

Following a review of the draft Annual Plan and the existing Long-Term Plan CPWL wishes to submit on the following areas:

- Water Supply (LTP)
- Stormwater Management (LTP)
- Stockwater, and
- Wastewater (LTP)
- Three Waters Review (Annual Plan Page 22)
- Climate Change (Annual Plan Page 20)

Water Supply
At present the Council manages 39 water supply schemes in the District. The majority of these are from deep groundwater bores [21]. The groundwater resource is currently over allocated in the Selwyn Waikura Zone and whilst the replacement of irrigation water abstraction with surface water via the CPWL Scheme is improving aquifer volumes, the long-term reliance on groundwater alone may create a risk to supply in the long term. In addition, the water quality associated with groundwater bores is variable, and in some areas, e.g. Darfield, is relatively high in nitrate concentrations. The LTP states that the increased demands for the supply of water has “put pressure on resource consent abstraction limits and network infrastructure”.

The LTP also points out that the potential with climate change for periods of drought that would compromise supply of water, compounded by the increased demand associated with such events, should be included in the planning for future supply.

CPWL Position
In the long term it is considered appropriate that the SDC consider supplementary supply to the existing schemes through linkage to a secondary source such as that which can be provided from the CPWL infrastructure. It should be noted that CPWL currently has the capacity and infrastructure to supply raw water to the Sheffield water supply scheme.

could be a multi-regional supply – we could supply CCC or SDC if they need it have a joint expenditure back up?
Stormwater Management

Over time the combination of groundwater abstraction over the greater Selwyn – Waihora zone, coupled with the extensive drainage work undertaken in the lower areas of the catchment have resulted in the loss of cultural and ecological values associated with the lowland streams in the vicinity of Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora. The loss of amenity values associated with the lower Selwyn River have receive National attention in the past two or three decades. A number of initiatives have been undertaken to address these impacts, all of which will take time to manifest in improved outcomes.

One significant measure has been the replacement of 66% of the groundwater abstraction that existed to support agricultural irrigation. In addition, initiatives such as the Near River Recharge project on the Selwyn River will seek to replenish near surface aquifers with surface water from the Rakais River to historic average levels.

When the anticipated groundwater rise is coupled with the impact of sea level rise and the frequency of high intensity flood events linked to high rainfall in the West of the District, provision for stormwater management in the lower catchment needs addressed. Whilst the LTP anticipates that the impact of climate change will be greatest on water supply and land drainage it also states the impacts are considered to be minor in the 30-year horizon. It is the view of CPWL that these impacts should be considered in a continuum rather than a time bound period and to fail to address these long-term impacts at an earlier date, simply ignores their intergenerational nature. It is CPWL’s view that the approach adopted by Council loads the costs of the measures that will be required on the ratepayers who are yet to be born rather than spreading the cost over multiple generations.

Water Races

CPWL endorses the SDC Plan’s view that the function of these races will shift from being a source of productive water to one with a more ecological values outcome. In the Springfield area, CPWL has been working with SDC and landowners to close water races and replace them with reticulated, piped stockwater. CPWL is keen to see this initiative expand throughout the Shelfield Scheme and is proactively working towards this outcome. It is good to see the Water Race Committee is also working in the same direction. The provision of stockwater throughout the balance of the CPWL Command Area (non-Shelfield Scheme) is more problematic, however CPWL remains open to discussions with SDC as to how this might be achieved in the medium to long term.

CPWL is grateful for the opportunity to present these submissions.

Yours sincerely

Mark Pizey
General Manager
Central Plains Water Ltd
Submission

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

I am in favour of option 3 - no increase.

I oppose any rate increase for the 2020/2021 year.

The community wellbeing of the Selwyn District Council ratepayers must be at the heart of staff making council decisions.

Some understanding, compassion and support is required. Enough stress and strain has been placed on families and ratepayers due to the unforeseen impact of COVID-19.

Several are already on low incomes and others are worried about employment, health and general well-being. For many other ratepayers in our community, the real financial burden will be felt in the coming months.

The Community Wellbeing Amendment Act 2019 clearly asks Local Government to focus on the four areas outlined on page 23 of your Annual Plan 2020/2021 Consultation document.

The first two, Social and Economic, draw attention to addressing the impact of health and financial well-being of families and ratepayers. This in my opinion, fits squarely into the obligations of all elected councillors and staff making financial decisions about rates on behalf of ratepayers within Selwyn District Council.

In conclusion, OPTION 3 is the only practical and sensible choice for the 2020/2021 year.

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.

Postpone any rates increase for the 2020/2021 year
Submission

Submission Re Zone Change in Hororata

Hororata Citizens Association Meeting 28th January 2020

A motion was put and passed that “the zoning of land between Duncan’s Rd and Downs Rd be restored back to Rural Residential from Rural Outer Plains”.

Background Information

This zone change occurred at a time when residents in the area already had land consented for sale in what was a Rural Residential zone.

In September 2001 the new District Plan was notified. This new Plan had rezoned this land from Rural Residential to Rural Outer Plains. It was adopted without the community being given any opportunity to have input. No reason was ever given for the zone change.

It is alleged that the Canterbury Gliding Club who were tenants on the Hororata Reserve requested the Council to protect their flying zones by halting any further development of land opposite the Reserve.

Those residents who already had sections for sale then found they were required to get Resource Consents for their subdivisions. This incurred significant extra cost and delays.

Businesses opposite the Reserve discovered that the Gliding Club tenant had the right to object to and so curtail any new developments like factory/building expansion to enable further growth of their businesses. All this resulted in an Environment Court Hearing with Hororata Concerned Citizens challenging the Council and their Gliding Club tenant at great community cost.

The Canterbury Gliding Club is no longer a tenant of the Hororata Reserve and the runways have been converted back to farmland. The Hororata Citizens Association fully supports the reinstatement of the Rural Residential zoning opposite the Hororata Reserve to allow future development to occur on this land which already contains 16 houses/businesses.

Alan Thorne Hororata Citizens Association
Submission

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

I John Harcourt ,( Selwyn ratepayer ) feel that there should be no rates increase for the 2020 /21 year my reason for this is of the items on your list of 6 key issues items 2 -- 3-- 5 will only be talked about over the next 12 months.

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

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

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

Water meter charges can be easily adjusted to sort this

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.

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

this only applies to developers so should not even be on this list . What you should be doing is trimming costs and concentrating on the companies that the Council has purchased making a profit ------ ( Ferguson Contracting ) ,the Irrigation firm or is Bill Woods wrong
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Phone (mobile): 027 331 5131
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Submission

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

Refer to the attached submission
22 May 2020

Annual Plan Submissions
Selwyn District Council
**By email:** annualplan20@selwyn.govt.nz

Tēnā koe,

**SDC ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION**

This response has been prepared by Te Taumutu Rūnanga (Taumutu) as the principal Rūnanga of Ngāi Tahu that exercises rangatiratanga over the Selwyn District.

We trust the information contained below within the submission is sufficient. However, should you wish to discuss any aspect further, please do not hesitate to contact Megen McKay at the office of Taumutu (megen.mckay@ngaitahu.iwi.nz or 027 331 5131) in the first instance.

Nāku noa, nā

Elizabath Brown
Chair, Te Taumutu Rūnanga Incorporated Society.
Submission on Selwyn District SDC Annual Plan 2020/21

Executive Summary
Te Taumutu Rūnanga has reviewed the Selwyn District SDC (SDC) Annual Plan and submits that:

1. Discussions with Te Taumutu Rūnanga should ensue about SDC’s contribution to Te Pa o Moki (Marae) running costs and/or its redevelopment as a well-used community facility by community members.

2. SDC create a work programme to progress a long-term, resilient and enduring relationship between Te Taumutu Rūnanga and SDC, that includes employing staff who are proficient in Te Ao Māori and will work towards better outcomes for both the SDC, in terms of their Treaty obligations to mana whenua, and to Te Taumutu Rūnanga.

3. SDC plan for a Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWaR) Agreements to be established with Te Taumutu Rūnanga.

4. Te Taumutu Rūnanga continues to be engaged to provide cultural advice and input into community physical design.

5. We discuss plans to extend Te Waihora Rail Trail between Lincoln and Motukarara around the western shore of the Lake to Taumutu.

6. The Fisherman’s Point water supply upgrade project be completed within this upcoming financial year.

7. SDC upholds te mana or te wai regarding ground and surface water supplies and make regulatory and voluntary provisions for it, so as to avoid having to chlorinate te wai now and in the future.

8. A district wide contribution is made to maintain and improve water races in the district and specifically the races that supplement flows in Te Waikēkēwai where our Waiwhakaheketupapaku are located as well as provide connection benefits to other environmental infrastructure (e.g.) wetlands and tributaries of Te Waihora.

9. The Te Pa o Moki water testing arrangement with SDC continues.

10. Recycled waste is collected regularly from the marae to assist us to achieve the goal of zero waste to landfill.

11. Our position on upcoming projects are:
   (a) Prebbleton Community Centre – Prefer option 1
   (b) Leeston community facility project – Prefer option 1

12. Our position on Long-term plan projects is:
   (a) Climate Change - Te Taumutu Rūnanga would welcome opportunities to work alongside SDC and the Mayoral Forum Climate Change Steering Group.
   (b) Three Waters Review – Te Taumutu Rūnanga would welcome working alongside SDC to review the Three Waters initiative.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga Background
Te Taumutu Rūnanga is one of 18 Papatipu Rūnanga established by the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is the tribal representative body of Ngāi Tahu Whānui and a recognized iwi authority. Its takīwā includes from Te Parinui o Whiti north in Marlborough west to Kahurangi Point and south to Rakirira/Stewarts Island and offshore islands.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga is the administrative council of the hapū o Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki.
The takiwā (territory) of Ngāi Te Ruahihiki the hāpu who are represented by Te Taumutu Rūnanga, is centred around Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere) and extends across the central part of Kā Pākihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha (the Canterbury Plains) to Kā Tiritiri o Te Moana (The Southern Alps) to the west, the Waimakariri River in the north and to the Hakatere (Ashburton River) in the south. It shares interests with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, and Wairewa Rūnanga to the north, south and east respectively, as well as other rūnanga based on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū (Banks Peninsula) who have traditional associations with Te Waihora.

The people of Te Taumutu Rūnanga descend from the tīpuna or ancestor, Te Ruahikihiki and his son Moki (II) who settled at Taumutu in the seventeenth century. Te Ruahikihiki moved from Akaroa Harbour to Taumutu on the southern shores of Te Waihora. Te Ruahikihiki settled at the pā Orariki, which is where the present day Hone Wetere church and hāpu urupā are located. Moki (II) established his pā site nearby at Taumutu, on the site where the present Te Pa o Moki is located, near the south-western edge of Te Waihora.

Statutory Framework
Part 1 of the Act clarifies that local authorities do not have Treaty of Waitangi obligations under the LGA (those responsibilities lie with the Crown), but Part 6 of the Act includes provisions for local government to consult with Māori and involve them in decision-making processes.

The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) requires local authorities to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities, and to do so in a way that is sustainable now and for the future.

Section 4 requires respect for the Crown’s responsibility under the Treaty of Waitangi and improvement of opportunities for Maori to contribute to local government decision-making.

Under the LGA, a local authority must provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority, consider ways in which it may foster the development of Maori capacity to contribute to the decision making processes of the local authority, and provide relevant information to Maori for the purposes of enabling Maori to contribute to decision making (s.81). A local authority can address this by ensuring processes are in place for consulting with Māori.

Submission Points

Te Pa o Moki Marae
As the only marae in the district and as a highly valued community facility (particularly for schools within the district), Te Taumutu Rūnanga would value discussions with SDC about contributions toward either the planned redevelopment of facilities or ongoing annual running costs that the Rūnanga currently subsidizes for all community groups that visit.

The following are annual marae costs:

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Excluded from the above calculations but essential to marae operations are staff wages and related expenses, business operating costs (accounting, legal), office equipment, IT hardware software & support, website and booking systems, koha and travel reimbursement to volunteers who support marae bookings, telephone costs, community reporting costs (monthly and annual reports etc), costs of events held at the marae (e.g. tangi, kai, marquee, equipment hire, etc.) and all non-marae costs (i.e.) costs to deliver on our strategic priorities to our 28,000+ membership. This includes Kaitiakitanga (environmental guardianship), Ruahikihikitanga (culture and identity), Hauora (wellbeing, health, justice and education), as well as economic development to help resource the above.

Total income from marae visits is approximately $38,000 per year, meaning we run the marae at a loss. Currently the marae is used more for the wider Selwyn Community than it is for our own members, many of whom reside in Selwyn as ratepayers and are therefore Selwyn community members too.

By far most of our bookings are for schools in our takiwā (Selwyn District). We employ staff to support school visits in two ways: (1) on-site during their visit to ensure an authentic, engaged visit and (2) pre-visit support. We employ 1FTE staff member to support schools and whānau education aspirations. Our staff member (ex-teacher) has developed curriculum appropriate sessions for the marae visit and works with teachers to ensure they can lead the lessons during the visits.

We can safely and comfortably accept up to 50 day visitors per day and charge $174 excluding GST. If at capacity (which is usually the case with school visits), this equates to a total charge of $3.48 per person for the full day use of the marae.

Schools in the takiwā have indicated that this is the maximum they can afford to pay. They want and are beholden to provide their students with opportunities to learn about manawhenua in their community, and the most appropriate place for them to do this is at the Marae. For these reasons, we have no choice but to accept these bookings despite every visit costing us money.

Given the explanation above and with respect, we request the SDC to contribute towards these costs. Community members, particularly children through school visits, regularly use the marae facilities. We provide this support to our community at substantial financial cost.

We submit that discussions with Te Taumutu Rūnanga should ensue about SDC’s contribution to Te Pa o Moki running costs and/or its redevelopment as a well-used community facility by community members.

Progressive Relationship

Te Taumutu Rūnanga supports local level management and decision making. In recent years we have enjoyed a progressive relationship with Selwyn District SDC, however, there is much opportunity for the development of a steady, stable, positive relationship. We encourage SDC to conduct research into SDC-manawhenua relationships to learn from those that have been successful in developing a productive and proactive relationship with manawhenua.
We draw attention to our relationship with Environment Canterbury (ECan). In 2012 ECan and Ngāi Tahu created the Tuia Programme. The Taumutu relationship with ECan has markedly improved in all areas since the onset of the Tuia programme. It has also helped all levels within ECan (Governors and staff) to better understand our Māori world view – Te Ao Māori.

Effective relationships only work if they occur across all levels of decision making and management. The ECan Tuia relationship is engaged at both the governance (Te Rōpū Tuia) and operations (Te Paiherenga) levels.

In 2012, Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga and Environment Canterbury signed a relationship agreement for the programme known as Tuia. ‘Tuia’ means working together arm in arm. The agreement marked a new era of collaboration between the organisations and a new approach to the management of natural resources in the region, one which acknowledges and brings together the tikanga responsibilities of Ngāi Tahu and the statutory responsibilities of Environment Canterbury.

The signing of an agreement between Ngāi Tahu and commissioners formalised the relationship and acknowledged the responsibilities of each party and jointly affirmed ‘the importance of an enduring and collaborative relationship’. While a co-governance structure for Te Waihora now binds the regional SDC in Canterbury with the iwi authority, the Tuia partnership runs far deeper. Tuia is about relationships, commitments and mutual respect, shared understandings and shared values. The expected outcome as a result is also shared: a sustainable environment for current and future generations.

As part of ECan’s commitment to the Tuia relationship, they employed a team of staff dedicated to help facilitate and improve the relationship between the Regional Council and Ngāi Tahu and its Papatipu Rūnanga by educating, across all levels of ECan, the Māori world view - Te Ao Māori.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga does not have the capacity to assist the SDC to develop a basic understanding of Te Ao Māori. We acknowledge the SDC has recently hired a contractor to teach basic Te Reo however, gaining a basic understanding of Te Reo is not the same as gaining an understanding of Te Ao Māori. It is a start to learning but will not provide SDC staff with an understanding of Ruahikihikitanga with the confidence needed to act on genuine attempts to acknowledge Taumutu tino rangatiratanga. We encourage SDC to support their staff to gain this confidence.

Having a dedicated Tuia-like team is important to ensure the engagement with Te Taumutu Rūnanga is effective and efficient across all SDC functions and this will lead to improved outcomes for both SDC and the Rūnanga. We have seen a significant increase and genuine desire to engage. Te Taumutu Rūnanga lacks the capacity to respond to all engagement requests. With a basic understanding and knowledge of Te Ao Māori, SDC staff would be able to confidently make basic decisions on embedding culture in the community and engage when the request is more targeted.

A Tuia team who could actively work with SDC governance, management and staff to understand what is of relevance and what matters to Te Taumutu Rūnanga and what that might look like in terms of ‘business as usual’, will always have proactive outcomes. They could support SDC staff to engage at the right level, on the right things and at the right time. Much of the time the Tuia team’s work could focus on supporting and building the capability of SDC staff with the ultimate goal being, that the Tuia team could do themselves out of a job one day because SDC staff have become proficient in Te Ao Māori.

They could act as Rūnanga ‘navigators’ and the ‘go to’ people in the first instance, in recognition that the relationship needs to be truly integrated into the culture of the SDC and the way SDC works.
Also included in the Tuia team’s work could be the establishment and management of SDC-Rūnanga forum like ECan Te Rōpū Tuia and Te Paiherenga forums. Both would help build meaningful relationships with SDC at governance and senior management level and at the operational level as well as supporting Te Taumutu Rūnanga with their restoration projects. Regular face to face forums help ensure a genuine and responsive relationship.

Notably, the ECan Tuia relationship is underpinned by a work programme, where the 10 Papatipu Rūnanga in the ECan area, can work on their own restoration projects with support from ECan. Importantly the success of the Tuia relationship is not just because we can work on projects together, because that could happen anyway, the critical aspect is the Tuia team consists of staff who are knowledgeable of, are sensitive to and believe in our values. They also know what resources rūnanga have to work with and how they operate. In short, they have an intimate knowledge of us – this is due in part to the fact that some of them are our own people.

Because of this tried and true relationship approach, we would like a similar relationship with SDC. One that is set out in a formal document and despite our limited resources, perhaps underpinned by a joint work programme because working together on projects arm in arm, engenders trust and confidence in a relationship, rather than having one that is intermittent and ad hoc like we’re currently experiencing, which can at times be frustrating for both sides. Even though there are situations where an informal casual approach is best, this fails in long term organizational relationship development. We seek a long-term, resilient and enduring relationship with Selwyn District SDC.

2. We submit that SDC commences discussions with Te Taumutu, focused on establishing a Tuia-like relationship with the aim of creating a work programme to progress a long-term, resilient and enduring relationship between both organisations, and one that includes employing staff who are proficient in Te Ao Māori and who will work towards better outcomes for both the SDC, in terms of their Treaty obligations to mana whenua and to Te Taumutu Rūnanga.

Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWA) Agreement
Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWA) Agreements were introduced in the Resource Management Act amendments in 2017 to be a Partnership Protocol tool to provide tangata whenua with more opportunity for meaningful participation in RMA processes and decisions. Te Taumutu Rūnanga are keen to develop such an Agreement with SDC. We encourage appropriate resourcing be set aside in the upcoming SDC budget to enable appropriate progress of such.

This Protocol will also inform any obligations of the SDC to consult with Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Ngāi Tahu the Iwi Authority, under the Local Government Act 2002, or any other legislation within the jurisdiction of SDC, and broadly across the full suite of SDC duties and functions.

Although we are committed to a Protocol under MWA, they are limited to resource management engagement and accordingly cannot substitute Relationship Agreement/Tuia-like programme that we seek. The MWA are mandatory and impose relationship obligations. A truly meaningful relationship moves from what ‘has to be done’ to what ‘wants to be done’ by both parties. We want to develop our relationship beyond bare minimum and instead focus our scarce time and resources on relationships that want to work with us rather than being obliged to.

3. We submit that SDC plan for a Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWA) Agreement to be established with Te Taumutu Rūnanga.
SDC facilities and in-community projects
Te Taumutu Rūnanga welcomes the opportunity to work with the SDC to reflect the partnership between the SDC and Ngāi Te Ruaahihikihi through community physical design. For example, bilingual signage, design features and artwork in all the newly built community buildings and halls, on SDC owned or administered lands, including lands that SDC are providing funds for. Although we may not have the capacity to respond to all requests, we seek engagement.

We understand that bilingual signage has been discussed with council for some years now. To acknowledge that Te Reo place names are connected by whakapapa, it was decided to put the bilingual signage discussion on hold, until Taumutu has discussions with Tūāhuriri about an appropriate Te Reo name for the general Selwyn district. Once the Selwyn district is given a Te Reo name, then other names will stem from there and place names in the same locality can be assigned. These names will then inform the bilingual signage. Discussions with Tūāhuriri were being planned but were unable to proceed due to the Covid 19 lockdown, however, once things can resume back to normal, discussions will be progressed.

4. We submit that Te Taumutu Rūnanga continues to be engaged to provide cultural advice and input into community physical design.

Walking and cycling strategy
Te Taumutu Rūnanga would welcome discussions with SDC about extending the Te Waihora Rail Trail from Lincoln/Motukarara around the western shore of the Lake to Taumutu. Extending the rail trail has been a long-term aspiration for us and we are keen for progress.

5. We submit that we discuss plans to extend Te Waihora Rail Trail between Lincoln and Motukarara around the western shore of the Lake to Taumutu.

Water supply – Fisherman’s Point infrastructure
A water supply upgrade for Fisherman’s Point has been discussed for the past 4-5 years. Water supply and pressure is an essential service, but it continues to be an on-going problem for our residents.

6. We submit that the Fisherman’s Point water supply upgrade project be completed within this upcoming financial year.

Safe Drinking Water - Chlorination
Te Taumutu Rūnanga expects that providing for and upholding te mana o te wai (RMA NPSFM 2014, 2017) for both ground and surface water supplies would ensure that drinking water supplies would not be compromised to the extent that requires chlorination. Action needs to be taken via the District Plan review to manage land use activities to ensure healthy drinking water supplies are protected or restored and the need to treat water is minimized and over time not required. Te hauora o te tangata must have primacy over land use activities.

7. We submit that SDC upholds te mana or te wai regarding ground and surface water supplies and make regulatory and voluntary provisions for it, so as to avoid having to chlorinate te wai now and in the future.

Water race rating review
Te Taumutu Rūnanga supports the introduction of the district wide rate contribution for maintaining the environmental/public good aspects of water races. In particular, the Rūnanga wish to see the water race that supplements flows into Te Waikēkēwai because it helps to maintain flows through tribally significant water burial sites. In a broader sense, many of the districts water races have replaced streams and
wetlands that have long been drained or diverted and have become the sanctuaries for many of our
mahinga kai and taonga species that would have otherwise been lost to us. The Rūnanga would like to see
this public rate used over time to also modify the "race/drain" appearances and introduce riffles, planted
stream banks (where it does not impede maintenance), and connected wetlands etc, in order to enhance
habitat variability.

8. We submit that a district wide contribution is made to maintain and improve water races in the
district and specifically the races that supplement flows in Te Waiōkēkēwai where our
Waiwhakaheketupapaku are located as well as provide connection benefits to other
environmental infrastructure (e.g.) wetlands and tributaries of Te Waihora.

Drinking water
SDC recently re-instated testing marae drinking water supply regularly which we very much appreciate,
and we seek for this arrangement to continue.

9. We submit that the Te Pa o Moki water testing arrangement with SDC continues.

Solid waste
Te Taumutu Rūnanga encourages extending waste collection in the district to include Te Pa o Moki. Te
Taumutu Rūnanga currently pays privately for all waste removal as SDC waste collection does not extend
to our marae. We are progressing a green-marae project whereby we have zero landfill waste goals.

10. We specifically request/submit that recycled waste is collected regularly from the marae to assist
us to achieve the goal of zero waste to landfill.

Upcoming projects
Te Taumutu Rūnanga actively engages in large community projects through submissions and/or the RMA
process that requires engagement with mana whenua. We intend to engage on all large community
projects. In the meantime, our interim position is:

- Prebbleton Community Centre – Prefer option 1
- Leeston community facility project – Prefer option 1

Long-term plan projects

- Climate Change - Te Taumutu Rūnanga would welcome opportunities to work alongside SDC and
  the Mayoral Forum Climate Change Steering Group.
- Three Waters Review – Te Taumutu Rūnanga would welcome working alongside SDC to review
  the Three Waters initiative.
Submission

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the upgrade and development of the walking track that links Coalgate and Glentunnel on True right of the Selwyn River.

This trail as been a community project for decades thanks to the landowner, the Thwaites family and volunteers.

I have been involved in the bike industry for 30 years and am now a brand ambassador and adventure filmmaker(and dairy farmer at Hororata).

I see the potential for this facility to become a major walking and cycling attraction to the Malvern area and mid Selwyn district. This area has few off road biking and walking opportunities for families and beginners. The trail does not need major work to bring it up to industry standards for grade 1-2 (easy-beginner)and to be of a high standard for dual use.

I believe for a small capital investment this facility will become a valuable asset to community health and well being in the Selwyn district and SDC has an obligation to move to fund feasibility and construction subsidies.

I am happy to be contacted concerning my opinion and feedback to the process moving forward. Please phone on 0275840039, contact via this email or view my website for my industry legitimacy
Submission

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

Refer attached submission
I wish to make the following comments on the District Plan:

1. Rates Review:

I am concerned that the Malvern Rural rates have a much higher proposed percentage change that other rural rates. I can only assume that is based on recent updated QVs. Those higher QVs do not reflect the market or economic situation in rural Malvern. The completion of stage 2 CPW has most likely contributed to that, but the actual results so far have not brought increased income to the properties, nor increased market values. The land owners have incurred considerable personal expense to do the development, now have Banks putting much pressure on them to reduce debt they were pushing a few years ago, the first season was very wet and now we are in a recognised drought. Covid 19 has put pressure on getting stock processed to further reduce income. There have been properties on the market for over 2 years with no interest and the very few sales have sold well under QV – between 20% and 30% I have been told. There is quite a distance between QV and market value at present.

To put such a big increase in rates is to further burden those in rural Malvern who have taken on financial burden for both the benefit of themselves and the wider community, when, as yet, they have seen little, if any return. SDC has not done any major development to improve the Malvern Rural area, to make it more convenient or simple to live here. Our road, shingle, is often impassable in heavy rain, as last year and has large boulders in summer lifted by traffic and the grader. We now have a longer route to both Darfield at times, and to Rolleston. As everything becomes centralised in Rolleston, it gets further from Malvern people. The extra distance to access Rolleston will continue for some time, so many of us go to Christchurch for facilities as it is closer, easier and we can access the professional services we require. We are becoming more dependent on our limited local volunteers for many needs. We also do not have the benefit of good internet and other services all the time, and in some places not at all.

There is no justification at this time to have a greater increase for Malvern rural rates, when the Council has not increased expenditure in this area and it appears to be based on a supposed increased property value that is not borne out in the market, in fact just the opposite is happening.

2. Prebbleton Community Centre and Leeston Community Facilities.

These projects should not progress until further consideration has been given to the local needs and wishes.

3. Water Supply Charges

Water Supply charges should be on a more equal user pays basis. This would encourage conservation and consideration of water use. It should be taken into consideration that some rural water uses on schemes, ie Darfield, have one water supply for both the household and their business use – ie staff facilities like staff rooms and showers and this should be considered in the household allocation. I am unsure how business allocation of water is done. Other rural users supplement their SDC scheme water by their own means.
Submission

The proposal is to install an all weather walking/bike track between the bridge at coalgate and the bridge at Glentunnel on the base on the hill, would be a major benefit to the community as it is local and low carbon footprint, involves physical exercise.

It is something the community can have a sense of ownership of, and if it is an all weather "flat" track all ages can walk or bike "the on our doorstep track". If a bridge over the Selwyn near the Willows cafe at the golf club was included people could then start /stop there and perhaps support a local business.

If some funding was available, this would quickly become a reality.
Submission

Submission opposing the Selwyn Huts Deed of Licence, Licence fee increases and the Long term plan reference to Upper Selwyn Huts paying for the Wastewater system.

To whom it may concern

I have been a resident of the Selwyn Huts since 2010 and a permanent resident since 2011. I made the choice to live here after Permanent residency was given by the Selwyn District Council.

I have enjoyed coming to the Selwyn Huts since I was a young child and owned a previous Hut for many years with my husband.

I am opposed to the reference of Permanent being removed from the draft Licence agreement. The council has given clear indications that the Huts can be occupied on a permanent basis and this is my home now. The council and your staff have caused so much stress and anxiety since they took over the management of the Huts.

I have no alternative options to move from here and oppose the rising costs created by inappropriate fees and excessive rate demands.

I am very concerned about the proposed license fee increase when it has been calculated simply from unaudited accounts since the council took over the management of the Huts. Taking the unaudited closing balance at 2017/2018 and dividing it by the number of hut owners to return the Huts into a surplus is not acceptable. The Accountants society will need to be informed of this dubious set of accounts as the council staff failed to answer questions regarding the accounts since taking over the management of the Huts.

I totally oppose any additional clause in the agreement that includes a bond and interest rates being applied to unpaid fees. There is no reason for a bond to remove a hut as they aren't going to be removed.

I strongly oppose the council statement that the Huts will come to an end in 15 years. There is no basis for this outlandish statement.

The wastewater system is the Councils responsibility and I am surprised that the council don’t understand the legal opinion from buddlefindlay that reminds the council of your responsibility under the LGA 2002 section 130. (2)

The Huts committee has identified wastewater systems that can be a suitable replacement for the system the council has allowed to fall into disrepair. The council has failed to use insurance to have the pipeline replaced and that is typical of The councils disregard for the Huts community.

There is no way I’m going to sign any agreement that has reference to an end date for the Huts. Modern wastewater systems are vastly improved since the installation of our current system, the resource consent is not the issue as new systems can achieve a clean and acceptable end process for the wastewater disposal.

Therefore I reject any reference in the Long term plan to the Upper Selwyn Huts paying for their own wastewater system.
The Selwyn Huts community are part of the Selwyn District community and are not the outcasts of society that the council staff and Councillors continue to portray. There are many residents living here who work in the District, others who choose to live here for the recreation, peace and tranquility of the area and then there are those who already lived here or who chose to live here after the Huts were deemed permanent for residency after the Christchurch earthquakes.

We pay rates and license fees that total more per square meter than residents pay in Rolleston. We are paying rates as other people do who live in the wider Selwyn District and you have no right to discriminate against the Huts community.

I look forward to receiving an invitation to a public meeting with the council staff and Councillors to review another draft agreement that meets the community’s concerns.

Yours sincerely

Anne Curtis
Submission

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

To whom it may concern

I would like to make a submission to support the Bluff Track/Trail in the Annual Plan. This will be beneficial for the whole community as it is promoting physical exercise for all ages and ability in the local and wider areas.

This venture will also support and promote local businesses near the track such as the café, shops, golf course and local playgrounds.

A start up contribution of approximately $4000 would help to get this project underway and give us time to look for other grants and donations. Please find attached a quote we received for contracting work on the track. It has been split into 4 stages.

Going forward this will be a community driven project requiring volunteers to work alongside and in collaboration with the necessary contractors to get the project finished.

REFER ATTACHED

Chris and Jane Thwaites
#1. 1st 650m.

This is the section from the Main Rd 72 to the significant creek which will require a large culvert or a small pole bridge.

We spoke with Simon along here and reckoned that could be done by a local or a volunteer work party to either do the whole lot or just clearing and rough cutting for me to finish. Can be discussed further with a price dependant on what is required.

Otherwise, from the state it is in now to finish track would be 7 days, me on the machinery plus any surface material required.

#2. Next 550m in the forest.

From the Creek to the junction of Colin’s Track is in the forest amongst the trees and large rocks. Plan here is to use the current line as a guide with a focus on easy gradient and flow in both directions keeping in mind future development potential to the west of the current track.

This terrain can be both easy going and very difficult to build in, so I estimate an average of 60m/day. Subsequently 10 days on the machines.

#3. Colin’s Track Sector

This is 1057m of pretty much good track. Other than a few holes filled and the odd berm its pretty straightforward so I estimate 2 days...

#4. Final Sector

The end of the Track off the ridge might need further investigation as the steepness of the vegetated bank so as to create a low gradient trail more suitable for less experienced riders to access the track. If all good then 3 days of work should be close to what is required if it is all straightforward.

To sum it all up...

With the first 650m done totally by me... 22 days plus any surface material (if required) $16940.00+GST plus travel.

Starting at the Culvert/bridge would be 15 days $11550+GST plus travel.
These prices are based on my daily rate plus potential use of specialised plant and machinery (Power Barrow, Hydraulic Rock Breaker, chainsaw etc) so it is an estimate and may fluctuate based on this. Likewise, the number of days may also fluctuate either way, if the terrain is especially horrible etc.
Submission

Opposing the Changes to the Selwyn Huts Draft Deed of Licence

We are hut owners at the Upper Selwyn Huts Number 49

As members of a small community within the Selwyn District we look forward to finding a solution that works for both parties so we can all move forward and continue to be contributors to one of the fastest growing and robust Districts in New Zealand.

The Current Licence is approved for permanent residency/occupancy. We purchased our home as the licenses were issued on a regular basis and therefore perceived to be in perpetuity. Therefore, it is our legitimate expectation that this is a reality.

We reject an end date to the license: Should Selwyn District Council (SDC) enforce an end date it will be enforced under duress. Financial compensation would be expected, not a charge to demolish/remove the community’s dwellings. Previous documents (SDC have records) make a reference to the hut community’s dwellings as an asset and can be “written off” Obviously the ability to claim depreciation on a residential property is fanciful and misleading.

We reject the Licence Fee increase until a wastewater system is agreed by the community. It is suggested in your letter that the Selwyn Huts working party committee have agreed to your $3 million wastewater system – Our understanding is that they agreed to explore options on a cost-effective solution and would meet all consent requirements, including local Iwi issues. (SDC meeting Tai Tapu) Again, our understanding is an option was presented to SDC staff with an estimated cost of $1million. While an estimate only it was supported by documentation as a first glance option.

The community or the USH working committee has not received evidence of tender prices received by the SDC to support the figure enclosed in the Draft Deed of Licence.

Best practice business sense would expect a minimum of 3 tenders to be submitted, before releasing figures within an official document. The $3 million price-tag and the “proposed community repayment scheme” created further distress upon receipt of the “Draft” approx. 24 hours prior to New Zealand going in to Level 4 lockdown due to Covid 19.

As to ending the huts on the premise of the rising sea level:

It is unknown exactly what the rise will be over the next 100 years. A presentation, supported by SDC and with Springs Ward councillors present, highlighted vulnerable areas around Te Waihora and forecasted sea level rising figures.

There was a focus on the USH in particular. However, included in the presentation were figures showing future impact in areas further afield (Lincoln & Leeston) which should be of major concern to the SDC, the existing residents and future developments. Houses are still being consented within these areas while the SDC is aware of potential rising sea levels. SDC has issued CCC’s in the USH community over the past 5 years, it is a very subjective argument if a suitable solution is available to the wastewater system.
This community has been trying to engage with the SDC for approx. 5 years knowing the wastewater consent was due to expire June 30th 2020. The distress and anguish created by the SDC staff in particular has had on the community over this time has been compounded with the advent of Covid-19.

The Selwyn Huts Community should be on the District Wide Rating for the wastewater System, as ratepayers we have no problem paying $349 for Library’s and Pools which we do not use, as they are part of our District and a shared cost is fair, so why are we excluded when it comes to basic amenities? Even the proposed $3 M dollar wastewater system with circa number of rateable households 24,000 would be $125 per household or over 3 years allowing interest $50 a year – Not a lot to ask.

To achieve a satisfactory outcome to any changes to the Draft Deed of Licence will require the SDC to act fairly, reasonably, with common sense, strong leadership and not be influenced by prejudice and misinformation.

Tracy & Riki Rolleston
Submission

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

The land developers prior to getting their 224C certificate are required to pay a sum of money against water infrastructure as development contributions.

This deems for the increase demand. Therefore we see no justification to increase water charges. We strongly object to this.

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

The Council should include the upgrading of the intersection of Dunns Crossing Road / Walkers Road with Main South Road. This matter has been pending since 2003.

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 prioritise the actions to alleviate the possible flooding on the public roads in Selwyn central ward identified in the "District Plan Review" Managing Flood Risk in the district” once in 200 years.
Submission

To whom it may concern

The Windwhistle Winter Sports Club fully supports a scheme for recycling/Rubbish in our area similar to the one in Arthurs Pass and Castle Hill.