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## **Annual Plan Consultation Closes Soon**

Consultation on Selwyn District Council's draft Annual Plan will close on Friday 3 May.

Over the next twelve months a number of significant projects will be completed, including the opening of the Selwyn Aquatic Centre in June, the opening of the new Lincoln library in early 2014, and the completion of the Eastern Selwyn Sewerage Scheme which will be important to help service our growing towns.

The average proposed rates increase for 2013/14 is 5.3% - down from 5.8% proposed in the Long Term Plan. Actual rate increases will vary, as they depend on the services ratepayers receive and the relative change in their property value following a revaluation across the district.

The 2013/14 draft Annual Plan highlights a number of issues the Council is seeking feedback from the community on. These include how much we should spend on roading in the future, a proposal to liquidate Selwyn Investment Holdings Limited and how community facilities should be funded in the future.

To date the Council has received 20 submissions on the draft Plan.

Mayor Kelvin Coe says the consultation is an important chance for people to let the Council know their views by making a submission.

Council officers will be attending public meetings on Monday 30 April at 7.30pm at Glentunnel Community Centre and on Thursday 2 May at 7.30pm at the Council's Headquarters on Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston, to talk about the draft Plan.

Copies of the draft Annual Plan, a summary document and submission forms are available on the Council's website, <a href="www.selwyn.govt.nz">www.selwyn.govt.nz</a> and from Council libraries and service centres. Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 3 May 2013.

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