



Media Release

Tuesday 20 February 2018

Civil Defence emergency declared in Selwyn

Selwyn District Council has declared a Civil Defence State of Emergency for the Selwyn district tonight (Tuesday 20 February), in response to the effects of ex-Cyclone Gita.

Selwyn Civil Defence local controller Murray Washington says the state of emergency has been declared due to the Selwyn River potentially flooding overnight which may require evacuations of low-lying communities tomorrow morning. The sustained heavy rain today is expected to continue and worsen at about 10pm this evening.

The state of emergency will assist Civil Defence authorities in evacuating at-risk areas if necessary. The Council Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is actively monitoring at-risk areas.

Residents at the Upper and Lower Selwyn Huts are advised to be prepared to self-evacuate if necessary, Mr Washington says.

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