



## **Consultation closing soon on Waikirikiri Selwyn Representation Review**

It's the last week for Selwyn residents to have their say on the initial proposal for changes to the Council's representation model.

More than 300 people have already made their voice heard on an initial proposal for the representation model to be used at the 2025 local body elections, with submissions closing at 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

The initial representation proposal includes reducing the number of its councillors from 10 to eight; shifting West Melton to the Springs Ward, and Burnham to Rolleston Ward; renaming the wards, and not having community boards.

Mayor Sam Broughton says it's been good to see so many people engaged and making submissions.

“Representation reviews are an incredibly important opportunity to ensure our people are properly represented around the council table. Having 326 submissions already shows people care about getting these arrangements right. These changes affect everyone in Selwyn so we need to hear from as many people as possible.”



Since its last representation review in 2021, the population in Waikirikiri Selwyn has grown about 13%, with some areas growing faster than others. This has resulted in an uneven number of people represented by each councillor.

The proposal includes slight ward boundary adjustments that would see each councillor represent roughly 10,155 people each, similar to councils such as New Plymouth, Kapiti, Taranaki and Hamilton. Malvern and Ellesmere wards would have one councillor each, while the more densely populated Rolleston and Springs wards would have three councillors each.

Following consultation, public hearings on the submissions will be heard from 26 September, with the Council expected to resolve the final proposal on 23 October. Public notification of the final proposal would be made by 4 November, with any appeals and submissions then accepted.

More information about the Council's representation review is available on the Council website [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](https://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

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