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## **Council decisions – Wednesday 23 March 2022**

### **Community to have say on plan for how water will be managed**

The Council has announced a review of its 2009 5 Waters Strategy to set the strategic direction for water management in the district.

The decision to launch the review, made at the Council's meeting this week, will give the community a say in a plan for water management within Selwyn over the next 30 years.

The review will be a co-review process in partnership with mana whenua to design a One Water Strategy recognising that all water is connected passing through different parts of the network and ensuring the whole system is integrated across all five waters from the mountains to the sea.

The new strategy will consider changes to water legislation and requirements for the future and see a proposal developed for public consultation that will identified the priorities for integrated water management.

This will ensure the community has a say in how water assets are managed in the district regardless laying out a vision of what the community wants for its water services regardless of the service provider.

The 2009 policy was planned to be reviewed every six years, with the 2015 review proposing no major changes and the 2021 review delayed due to COVID-19.

### **Plan change decisions confirmed**

The Council has declined a private application to build houses on the west side of Rolleston, as it confirmed the next steps for five private plan change applications.

At its meeting on Wednesday the Council endorsed the commissioners recommendations for Private Plan Changes 73 and 76 and agreed to process private plan change applications 80, 81 and 82.

It endorsed the commissioners recommendation to decline the private plan change application to build houses along Levi's Road on the western edge of Rolleston, noting the commissioners recommendation that it was outside of the urban area and close to the Pines Waste Water Treatment Plant and Pines Resource Recovery Plant which could lead to reverse sensitivity issues in future.

It also endorsed the commissioners recommendations to allow plan change 76, in south west Rolleston which will now be considered as part of the Council's Variation

to the Proposed District Plan as required by the Resource Management Act (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021.

The Council also agreed that it would consider Private Plan Change Applications 80, 81 and 82 for processing. Staff will now begin processing these applications. Private Plan Change Application 80 is an application to rezone land adjacent to the industrial land north of State Highway 1, Rolleston for industrial purposes, while applications 81 and 82 are to rezone land for residential purposes in Rolleston.

### **Community space works progressing in West Melton and Rolleston**

The next stage of the West Melton Community Park has begun, while the artificial turfs project at Foster Park has reached a milestone.

The West Melton Community Park project is developing a new community area in the West Melton Domain adjacent to the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre.

It began with the installation of a skate area last year. At the meeting on Wednesday the Council received an update on the project confirming work has begun on a basketball court, which will be followed by construction of a covered area, with a barbecue, along with installation a new playground and final landscaping of the park area. The work is due to be completed in April.

The Council also heard the installation of new artificial hockey and football turfs at Foster Park had reached a milestone with the laying of the turfs themselves due to begin in the coming weeks. Earthworks and servicing have been completed and work started on fencing the turfs and installing lighting. The \$4.2 million project is due to be complete in May, ready for the turfs to be used for the winter sports season.

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