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## **Council decisions this week – Wednesday 14 August**

### **Waste Management bylaw ready for consultation**

The Council voted to adopt the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2019 and to consult on the proposed changes in the draft bylaw.

The new bylaw will, when it is adopted, replace the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2012.

It's the Council's role to manage waste and to help protect the natural environment. The bylaw forms an integral part of the management of waste in the district and is referred to in a number of documents as well as referenced on kerbside and public litter bin labels.

The key changes proposed in this review relate to kerbside collections times, waste management plans for commercial or industrial resource and building consents, as well as events.

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 13 September, 2019. To have your say go to [selwyn.govt.nz/wastebylaw2019](http://selwyn.govt.nz/wastebylaw2019)

### **Continuity in crisis plan adopted**

The Council agreed on plans for how it will support businesses to continue working and recover after an emergency.

The Business Continuity Framework of three policies—the Business Continuity Management policy, the Business Continuity Plan and the Crisis Management Plan—was adopted. The Council also agreed that it would support the further training of relevant Selwyn District Council management and staff through an orientation session on crisis management and business continuity as well as a scenario driven exercise.

### **Council supports localism**

The Council has agreed to join the Local Government New Zealand localism initiative. The localism initiative calls for more governance and decision making be moved from central government to local decision makers. The initiative is designed to promote local discussions about “who should do what?” and how do we strengthen local self-government of matters that are local. It also calls for a review of our highly centralised system of governance in New Zealand.

### **General bylaw changes agreed**

The reviewed general bylaw was adopted by Council. The general bylaw is an administrative law whose purpose is to contain provisions that are common across other by laws and do not need to be repeated. The general bylaw prevents

unnecessary duplication of provisions and means laws are more succinct.  
The new general bylaw will come into effect on 1 September.

*Note: Full reports can be found in the Council meeting Agenda at:*

[https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/307725/PUBLIC-Agenda-Council-14-august-2019.pdf](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/307725/PUBLIC-Agenda-Council-14-august-2019.pdf)

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