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## **Council decisions – Wednesday 4 November**

### **Clean bill of health for district's drinking water**

Selwyn's drinking water has received a clean bill of health for complying with drinking water standards under the Health Act.

The Council's drinking water supplies were passed as complying with national drinking water standards in all areas assessed by the Ministry of Health annual compliance report for the 2019/20 financial year, including bacteriological, protozoa and chemical compliance.

The report, presented to Council at this week's meeting, showed nitrate levels were below the maximum allowable levels in all schemes and that all Council supplies were fully compliant for bacteria in both the treatment plants and reticulation.

For protozoa compliance, eight schemes were not compliant for the full year. These were schemes that were being upgraded during the year or will be upgraded in the current financial year.

### **No Māori Ward to be established for elections**

Following discussions with local rūnanga the Council has agreed it will not add a Māori Ward for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections.

The Council is required to consider whether or not to establish a Māori Ward, prior to its representation review carried out every six years.

The Representation Review Committee sought the views of local rūnanga and during discussions with Mayor Sam Broughton both Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga indicated that they do not support the establishment of a Māori Ward or Wards at the present time.

### **Next steps to formally legalise Coalgate roads**

The Council has agreed to take the next steps on legalising undedicated roads in Coalgate.

Historically, these roads were laid out when Coalgate was first planned, but were not properly transferred to the Crown. This left issues around unclear ownership and use and left properties without legal road access, which has limited options for property development and Council being able to meet the roading access needs of the township.

The Council consulted with Coalgate residents on its intentions. Following that consultation it decided to begin the process of claiming the undedicated roads.

The Council will now begin the process of claiming these roads using the Public Works Act 1981. Once achieved this will allow it to then decide the best use of the land together with the community.

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

[https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/357427/PUBLIC-AGENDA-Council-4-November-2020-final.pdf](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/357427/PUBLIC-AGENDA-Council-4-November-2020-final.pdf)

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