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## **Selwyn District Council shares vision for future growth**

The Selwyn District Council has unveiled its vision and aspiration for the district for the next 50 to 100 years.

The district is the fastest growing region in the country with a projected population of 140,000 as early as 2050 and the Council has created a long-term strategic vision – Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn – to navigate this incredible growth.

At its meeting on Wednesday, Selwyn district councillors endorsed the draft of Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn for public consultation, marking a significant step towards a more sustainable and resilient future for the district.

Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn captures the Council's long-term strategic vision and aspiration for intergenerational wellbeing, sustainability, resilience, growth, change, and development.

It is based on extensive community engagement from previous Long-Term Plans (2021-31 and 2024-34) as well as the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan to provide a detailed, evidence-based framework and direction for growth.

Mayor Sam Broughton says Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn will play a key role in determining how the district grows and invests in its various areas and towns. It will guide the Council's work and the projects it plans to deliver for the community over the next 50 to 100 years.

"As the fastest-growing district in the country, Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn is vital to making sure our district grows in a way that benefits everyone for generations to come. It's about building vibrant, resilient communities that are well-connected and in tune with our natural environment. This strategy will help us embrace new opportunities and innovations while celebrating our heritage. It's our roadmap to a future where everyone in Selwyn can thrive."

From Monday, people can view the strategy live, on an [interactive website](#), allowing them to explore how it will guide future growth, the vision for our townships and their connectivity. People will also be able to adjust data to see the potential impacts of changing population and view possible scenarios for the future based on a changing climate.

From 1 July until 4 August, Selwyn communities will be invited to have their say on Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn and give feedback on whether the proposed vision and strategic framework aligns with their desires and needs for Selwyn into the future.

Findings will then inform the direction for area plans - looking at where and how different parts of the district grow - which will be brought back to the community for feedback later in the year.

Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn vision and strategy will be available at **[selwyn.govt.nz/future](https://selwyn.govt.nz/future)**.

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