



Media Release

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## Flag options fly at Council offices

Selwyn residents will have the opportunity over the next three months to have a first-hand look at the current New Zealand flag and the preferred alternative flag in the upcoming referendum.

The existing flag and the Silver Fern flag, selected in the first flag referendum, will be flying at the Council offices at Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston, from now until the final referendum closes on 24 March 2016.

The Council is one of a number of locations nationwide where people can view the flags flying side by side on flagpoles.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe says the Council is pleased to be contributing to the flag consideration project. "The flag referendum is a significant decision for our country, which will impact on current and future generations," he says.

"It's important that people have the chance to see the flags flying in a real-life situation during the lead up to the referendum – as this will help people in our community to make an informed decision."

The final referendum will be held from 3 to 24 March 2016. Voters will choose between the current New Zealand flag and the alternative design (Silver Fern, black, white and blue) selected in the first referendum.

### Ends

Note:

More information on the flag referendum, including locations where people can see the flags, can be found at: [www.flag.govt.nz](http://www.flag.govt.nz)

The Flag Consideration Panel has developed a set of Frequently Asked Questions, which are available at: [www.govt.nz/browse/engaging-with-government/the-nz-flag-your-chance-to-decide/more-information/](http://www.govt.nz/browse/engaging-with-government/the-nz-flag-your-chance-to-decide/more-information/)

*Photo supplied: Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe with the flags flying in front of the Council's Rolleston headquarters building.*

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