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High Long-Term Plan engagement sparks additional days for public hearings

Selwyn District Council is adding extra days to its public hearings on the Long-Term Plan (LTP) community consultation, after more than 200 submitters expressed their wish to speak to councillors about their feedback.

The draft LTP 2024-34 hearings had been scheduled to happen on 10, 13 and 14 of May, however record engagement with the Council's LTP consultation has prompted Council to extend the hearings to take place on Saturday 11 and Wednesday 15 of May as well. Thursday 16 May is reserved as a backup.

An extra half-hour of hearings will also be happening on Friday 10 and Tuesday 14 May to accommodate submitters.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the need for additional hearing days and times is welcome news for the Council, as it begins working through its highest number of submissions it has ever received on an LTP.

"This year has seen a tremendous outpouring from residents to have their say on our district's draft 10-year plan. We worked hard to be accessible and available to our community at different places and times – including after-hours to ensure they could be heard, and we're very appreciative to have received just over 1,500 submissions. We are now working to ensure that all submitters who said they wanted to speak to us, can do so at our public hearings."

The Council is contacting those submitters to confirm their speaking date and time. The hearings schedule is:

- Friday 10 May: 9am – 5.30pm
- Saturday 11 May: 12.30pm – 5pm
- Monday 13 May: 9am – 7pm
- Tuesday 14 May: 9am – 5.30pm
- Wednesday 15 May: 1pm – 6pm
- Thursday 16 May: 10am – 12pm (reserved – to be confirmed)

The Council accepted public submissions on its draft LTP across a four-week consultation period from 2 April to 2 May. This included hosting several pop-up sessions at local venues and events where councillors and staff were available to speak to residents about the proposed plans for the district. It also hosted an after-hours online information session to reach residents who were unable to speak to Council during the day.

The draft LTP 2024-34 hearings are open to the public and will be livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/c/SelwynDistrictCouncil

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