



Media release
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Selwyn District Council 27 April – key decisions

The Council met on Wednesday 27 April and made the following key decisions:

Draft area plans adopted for consultation: Consultation on Draft Area Plans for Ellesmere and Malvern will open in early May. The Draft Area Plans have been developed after initial consultation with townships and communities in Ellesmere and Malvern over how townships might grow and develop over the next 15 years. The plans aim to identify land use and settlement patterns, along with the supporting infrastructure that will be needed as the area grows. Consultation, which will include drop-in sessions in a number of townships, will be open until mid-June.

Reviewed bylaws released for consultation: Following a review of the Council's Trade Waste Bylaw and Wastewater Drainage Bylaw, new draft bylaws will be released for consultation next month. The Trade Waste Bylaw aims to control trade waste discharges into the wastewater system in order to protect Council infrastructure and the wider community, and facilitate compliance with discharge permits for wastewater treatment plants. The proposed Wastewater Drainage Bylaw aims to ensure that wastewater drainage is managed in a way that is appropriate for both the community and the wider environment.

Safety measures planned at water intake: The Council will install additional signage and closed circuit television monitoring at the Paparua Water Intake, near Kirwee, in an effort to deter people from swimming at the site. The intake was the site of a drowning in 2012, prompting a warning in the coroner's finding last year about the dangers of swimming near man-made irrigation structures. Although the coroner made no recommendations to the Council, a review of the site has been undertaken and a range of safety measures are being investigated. As a first step, several additional signs will be installed warning against swimming, and CCTV will be installed once a permanent power supply is available. Other measures to be considered include additional fencing, physical barriers in the river, and other structural measures to prevent access, along with increased education and enforcement.

Trust donation to Dunsandel project: The Council approved a proposal for the Selwyn District Charitable Trust to make a grant payment of \$10,000 towards the construction of the Dunsandel Community Centre.

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