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## Consultation on plan closes soon

Residents who haven't yet had their say on plans for Selwyn's future, still have time to express their views.

Submissions on *Towards '25*, Selwyn District Council's Long Term Plan Consultation Document, close at 5pm on Monday 4 May.

"*Towards '25* sets out the projects and activities the Council is planning over the next 10 years and how these will be funded," says Mayor Kelvin Coe. "It's important for the Council to hear from our community about what projects and ideas people support and don't support so that Councillors can make informed decisions for Selwyn's future."

Average annual rate rises of 4.5% are forecast over the next 10 years, but rate changes will vary by area.

Substantial investment in roading and new community facilities is included in the draft plan. Planned projects include developing new roundabouts and undertaking road widening on key routes connecting to the Southern Motorway Stage Two extension, improvements to roading, and the development of a number of new community facilities.

A range of other local projects are also planned including the development of new cycleways, extending or developing a number of local parks and the development of Area Plans for Ellesmere and Malvern, showing where shops, businesses and local facilities could be located.

Changes to rating are also proposed to introduce a standard district-wide rate for water, wastewater, community centres and halls and recreation reserves. Properties that don't currently pay for water and wastewater services would not have to pay the district wide rate. Where water use is metered, households would pay a lower district wide base rate for water plus a per cubic meter charge.

To date 81 submissions have been received on the draft plan. Topics which have been most commented on by submitters include the proposed Rolleston flyover, upgrades planned as a result of the Southern Motorway stage two extension, district wide rating changes, Rolleston Library and road maintenance/ sealing issues.

Copies of *Towards '25* and submission forms are available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25), from local libraries or by phoning the Council on 318 8338 or 347 2800 to request a copy. Copies are also available from these locations:

- Arthur's Pass store
- Dunsandel store
- Glentunnel store
- Kirwee Challenge
- Prebbleton Village Fresh

- Southbridge End of Line Café
- Station73 Cafe, Springfield
- Springston dairy
- The store @ Tai Tapu
- West Melton BP

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