



Media Release
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Leeston Community Meeting

Selwyn District Council will hold a second community meeting in Leeston on Monday 31 March to discuss stormwater options for the township which could help to manage stormwater when heavy rainfall affects the town in the future.

Parts of Leeston experienced significant flooding in June last year after 200mm of rain fell during one week.

Following the June flooding, a public meeting was held in July which indicated that the community wanted the Council to look at options to divert flood waters from the surrounding land around the township and manage localised flooding. Drop in sessions were also held so that individual property owners could talk with Council staff about any issues affecting their property.

Since the public meeting, Council staff have been working with the Leeston Community Committee to develop a number of stormwater management options which were raised at the initial meeting.

These options include:

- bypassing flood water to the north east of the township via the already consented Leeston North Stormwater bypass,
- bypassing water to the west of the township along Harman's Road,
- installing additional stormwater pipes within the township and upgrading existing drains.

The upcoming community meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 31 March at the Leeston Library. At the meeting the Council will discuss the details of these options with Leeston residents and seek their feedback.

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