



Media Release

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## **Help shape Selwyn's Future for the next 50-100 years**

Now's your chance to shape the future for the next 50 to 100 years - that's the opportunity being offered to people as public consultation starts today on Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn.

How should Selwyn's towns grow? How will we get around? What are the values we want our communities to have, and how do we get there are just some of the topics up for discussion. The approach is open for people to have their say until 4 August.

Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn is the Selwyn District Council's proposed long-term approach to intergenerational wellbeing, sustainability, resilience, growth, change, and development. Based on extensive community engagement, it proposes a vision, aspirations, and outcomes for the district's future, along with directions that will guide the entire district towards achieving these outcomes.

The long-term approach sets out a future that includes improved connectivity within and between towns, more housing options, and growing both up and out to accommodate a larger population.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the project is a compelling opportunity for the people of Selwyn to shape how the district should be left for future generations.

"Waikirikiri Selwyn is a highly sought-after place for families, businesses, and investment – so much so that we expect an extra 67,000 people will live here by 2054. This extraordinary ongoing growth and change means we need a well-planned response to sustain our people's vibrant and thriving future in the decades to come."

"I encourage everyone to look at what is being proposed in Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn and let us know whether you think we have got it right. This is about the legacy we will be leaving our grandchildren."

Once finalised, Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn will influence future decision-making, planning and investment.

The Council will use the proposed outcomes and directions to guide the priorities it will focus on in its work programmes, including housing, infrastructure, transport, the environment, people and communities, and the economy.

Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn can be explored on an interactive website at [selwyn.govt.nz/future](https://selwyn.govt.nz/future). It features possible scenarios the district will face in the future, projected population changes, the structure of our towns and how we get around, and an interactive map of the district's infrastructure, urban growth, and land use capability.

To have your say, visit [yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/waikirikiri-ki-tua-future-selwyn](https://yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/waikirikiri-ki-tua-future-selwyn) by Sunday, 4 August 2024.

## **Ends**

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