



## **Last chance to provide feedback on Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn**



The Selwyn community only has a few days left to provide feedback on the future vision for the district in the next 50-100 years.

The Selwyn District Council last month released Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn for consultation to hear from people what future they want to see for themselves and future generations. The consultation period finishes on August 4.

There have been over 15,000 visits to the interactive web platform [selwyn.govt.nz/future](https://selwyn.govt.nz/future) and the [consultation](#) page, showing a keen interest in the plan and council staff are encouraging more people to provide a submission to understand the support or concerns around the future vision.

“The conversations we’re having and the numbers of residents exploring the website shows people have a high level of interest in the future of their community, but we want to invite more people to let us know what they like and where they want changes, so we get our future direction right,” says Selwyn District Council Deputy Mayor Malcolm Lyall.

Waikirikiri Selwyn is a highly sought-after place for families, businesses and investment, and is expected to grow by an additional 67,000 people by 2054.

Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn will influence future decision-making, planning and investment for the community, Mr Lyall says.

“We will use the proposed outcomes and directions in this vision to guide what we prioritise in our work programme, including housing, infrastructure, transport, the environment, people, communities, and the economy.”

The local community clearly realises the importance of getting this strategic framework right for our children and grandchildren with thousands exploring the interactive website that shows how our towns and rural areas could develop in different scenarios.



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