



Media Release  
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## Selwyn's Emergency Operations Centre downsized

The Selwyn Emergency Operations Centre will be downsized overnight as heavy rain over the district eases.

A reduced duty team will continue to monitor the rain event situation overnight. Should any emergency action be required the EOC will be reactivated.

Selwyn EOC Controller, Murray Washington says the district has had significant rainfall on top of the previous significant rainfall event in July, which has caused widespread surface flooding.

"We are continuing to monitor the situation as conditions ease. Please make sure your neighbours are okay before dark, avoid unnecessary travel overnight and keep safe."

The forecast is for light rain to continue for the next few hours and stop at about midnight.

All rivers appear to be coping and none are expected to breach with current flows. Water levels in Leeston and Hororata townships are dropping quickly.

### **Road Closures**

Surface flooding remains in a number of areas, and motorists are advised to remain cautious. Contractors are continuing to monitor flood-affected areas and will inspect bridges, sealed and unsealed roads over the coming days, focusing on the worst hit areas first.

A number of road closures are in place around the district due to surface flooding, including:

Malvern Hills Road  
Hartleys Road  
Bluff Road  
North Rakaia Road  
Rakaia Selwyn Road  
Brookside Burnham Road  
Sleemans Road  
Westernras Road  
Watsons Road  
Auchenflower Road

### **Sandbagging**

The Selwyn district Council provided sand and bags for Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) personnel to sandbag properties at its discretion. FENZ sandbagged 10 properties in Leeston.

The Defence Force was not required to sandbag in Hororata as water levels began dropping before they were deployed. Sandbags and sand have been delivered to Hororata Community Centre.

Public enquiries should be directed to 03 347 2800. In case of an emergency dial 111.

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