



Media Release
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Selwyn weather update 4.45pm

WEATHER

Rain has eased this afternoon. Lighter falls are forecast this evening and into tomorrow morning.

The rain has resulted in streams and watercourses rising quickly, with widespread surface flooding. This is affecting roads and transport routes throughout Canterbury.

Larger foothill rivers in Selwyn (including the Selwyn, Hororata and Hawkins rivers) have also risen as a result of this rainfall and there is ongoing potential for some outflows onto lower lying adjacent farmland. At this time it is not anticipated that the rivers will threaten townships or major developed areas.

For the latest rainfall information visit: <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/data/rainfall-data/>

For the latest weather updates see www.metservice.com/warnings/severe-weather-warnings.

FLOODING

River levels have risen with the heavy rain but are still well within capacity. Several smaller waterways have breached their banks causing localised flooding. Residents should remain alert to rising levels and we advise people to avoid the Selwyn river bed.

The Council camping facilities at Coes Ford and Chamberlain's Ford have been closed. All campers have been evacuated. The Coes Ford road is now closed.

Council staff are monitoring flooding which is affecting a number of properties at Hororata. Precautionary sandbagging has been put in place at some homes. No evacuations have been required at this stage.

Our advice to residents experiencing property flooding is to contact the Council Helpline (www.selwyn.govt.nz/contact-us/helpline) so that stormwater systems can be checked for blockages. If you need urgent assistance because of flooding, call 111.

For the latest flood information, including Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere, see www.ecan.govt.nz/home/flood-warning or for river flows see www.ecan.govt.nz/data/riverflow/.

WATER NETWORKS

Water supply systems remain largely unaffected. The Acheron water supply has been switched off and is operating on reservoir capacity. We urge residents on the Acheron supply to conserve water.

No boil water notices have been issued.

Council staff and contractors are continuing to monitor water and waste water supply systems.

ROADING

Road users should take extra care, drive to the conditions and allow extra time on top of their usual travel due to the extensive surface flooding.

For a map of road closures and restrictions in Selwyn see www.ramm.com/roadclosures/roadclosuremap.html?region=selwyn. This will be updated as conditions change.

As at the time of posting closures are in place on the following roads:

Auchenflower Ford, Homebush Road Ford, Lambs Road Ford, Beattys Road Ford, Waireka Road Ford, McLaughlins Road Ford, Essendon Ford, Warrens Road Ford, Mills Road Ford, Riversleigh Road Ford, Happy Jacks Ford, Hacketts Road Ford, Malvern Hills Road, Wyndale Ford, Beattys Road, Highfield Road Ford, Bluff Road, Lyndon Road, Coes Ford Road, Trents Road and Pigsaddle Road.

Restrictions are in place on the following:

Curve Road, Durrel Way, Waimakariri Gorge Road, Deans Road, Deans Road, Coaltrack Road, Bealey Road: Charing Cross, Brookside Road, and Coaltrack Road.

For State Highway information/updates see www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/regions/11.

Please take care and drive to the conditions.

COUNCIL SERVICES

There should be no disruption to Council services today. Council contractors are working across the region to monitor localised flooding and address any issues.

No further updates are anticipated this evening and overnight unless the situation deteriorates significantly.

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