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Selwyn communities have their say on shape of future Council

Selwyn communities have had their say on the shape of future Council after preliminary consultation closed yesterday on proposed changes to local representation.

229 submissions were received on the Council's online engagement tool, Your Say Selwyn, during this initial stage of consultation which ran from 2 April to 2 May 2024.

Selwyn currently has 10 councillors representing four wards, Malvern (2), Ellesmere (2), Rolleston (3) and Springs (3).

Communities were asked for their views on two possible options for the number of councillors, ward boundaries and the future of community boards in the district, as well as their ideas for new ward names.

Representation Review Committee Chair, Councillor Phil Dean, says it's pleasing to see the number of people across the district who have engaged with this important process.

"Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to tell us their preferred option and offered their unique ideas for our ward names.

"This review really matters because we want our elected members to reflect who we are as a district, so our communities feel connected to their respective wards, knowing their interests are represented fairly and equally".

The two options for consideration were:

1. Four wards, eight councillors, no community boards. Maintain four wards similar to the current structure with minimal boundary changes. West Melton would join Prebbleton and Lincoln, Burnham would join Rolleston.
2. Three wards, 10 councillors, no community boards. Malvern would join Ellesmere, West Melton would join Prebbleton and Lincoln, Burnham would join Rolleston.

Findings will now be reviewed by the Representation Committee for Council consideration, and a final proposal will be brought back to the community for consultation later in the year.

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