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Selwyn turns out to have say on 10-year plan

A record number of Selwyn residents have had their say on the Council's draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation that closed yesterday.

Over 1,460 residents and organisations made a submission to the Council between 2 April and 2 May, more than double the number of submissions made on the last Long-Term Plan three years ago (660).

Mayor Sam Broughton says he is pleased so many residents took the time to share their feedback on the future of Waikirikiri Selwyn.

"Thank you to everyone who made a submission or came to speak with us at our drop-in sessions throughout the consultation. This turnout shows that our community is committed to making their mark on our next 10 years, and we're delighted to have heard from so many people."

"We have some tough decisions before us, and every piece of feedback will help shape what goes into our final plan."

Around 200 submitters have asked to speak to councillors at public hearings on 10, 13 and 14 May. These hearings will be open to the public and livestreamed on the Council's YouTube channel.

The draft Long-Term Plan included a proposed rates increase for the 2024-25 year of 15.6 per cent, and an average rates increase across the 10 years of 8.5 per cent.

Residents were asked to have a say on three big decisions: public transport; Waihora Whata Rau – Leeston's new library, Council service centre and community facility, and upgrades to Leeston Park; and a new sports and recreation centre proposed for Darfield.

Three Matters for Community Guidance included a proposal to close Sheffield Memorial Pool; increased Council activity in economic development; and enhanced Council customer experiences through digital solutions.

The community was also asked for feedback on 15 matters that residents need to be aware of.

All feedback will be made available on the Council website ahead of the public hearings on 10-14 May.

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