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## Still time to help decide shape of future Council

As we near the conclusion of our preliminary consultation phase, there is still time for Selwyn communities to have their say on proposed changes to local representation.

During this initial stage of consultation, residents are being 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 part of the preliminary consultation for the Selwyn Representation Review 2024. They also have the opportunity to propose new names for the wards.

Feedback will then be used to shape a full proposal that will be brought back to the community for consultation later in the year.

All councils must review their representation arrangements at least every six years. Selwyn currently has 10 councillors representing four wards, Malvern (2), Ellesmere (2), Rolleston (3) and Springs (3).

Since the last review in 2021, Selwyn's population has continued to grow rapidly but unevenly across the district. There is now an uneven number of people each councillor represents, and ward boundaries that are no longer appropriate.

The review will ensure the Council reflects the changes in the growing district, Representation Review Committee Chair Councillor Phil Dean says.

"It's been good to see how thoughtful people have been in their feedback so far. It's important that we get this representation structure right – so that residents can be confident that they are well represented. To do that we need to hear from as many people as possible."

Two options being considered are:

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.

You can find out further information, view proposed ward maps, suggest ward names and have your say on the representation proposal, by visiting [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](https://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) and completing the online submission form.

Consultation closes at 5pm Thursday 2 May. Any submissions received after this time will not be considered.

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