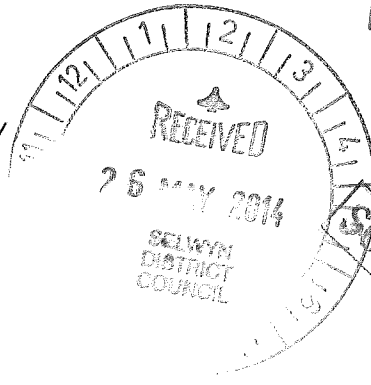


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Submission on the Selwyn 2031 Draft District Development Strategy

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The NZ Transport Agency does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

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Introduction

NZ Transport Agency's mandate is set out under the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA). It has a statutory responsibility to undertake its functions in a way that contributes to an affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system. It is also responsible for allocating land transport funding and has a requirement to give effect to the Government Policy Statement (GPS).

Overall NZ Transport Agency is supportive of the Selwyn 2031 Draft District Development Strategy (Selwyn 2031) and agrees with the strategies vision and goals. Our comments are outlined below:

BASIS FOR SELWYN 2031 and Context for the Strategy

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) is supportive of the Basis and Context for Selwyn 2031. In particular the Councils approach to ensure that sufficient and appropriately zoned land is available to facilitate residential and business recovery in accordance with the 'priority' areas identified in the Land Use Development Plan (LURP), and by focussing on the integration of land use and infrastructure across the district.

Strategic Direction

NZTA generally supports the Councils approach to achieving the five strategic directions for Selwyn identified in the strategy. In particular, the NZTA notes Council's approach to reduce travel demand through, "the consolidation of existing townships and the provision of internal cycle and walking linkages".

Activity Centres and Growth Management

In relation to development in Activity Centres, NZTA supports the approach to develop a hierarchy of centres and review the provisions for activities in the rural areas to ensure they adequately provide for appropriate activities and are consistent with the RPS and LURP.

Transport Issues and Actions

Selwyn 2031 identifies 2 key Transport Issues and Actions:

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| • The need to provide sufficient and appropriately located industrial land, particularly near strategic transport routes. | ➤ Continue to liaise with New Zealand Transport Agency with respect to state highway improvements and the implementation of CRETS. |
| • Ensuring that the district's transport network supports new growth areas and establishes appropriate links between townships | ➤ Continue to monitor and investigate options for heavy vehicle bypasses around townships e.g. Lincoln. |

NZTA agrees with Council that establishing and maintaining an efficient and effective transportation network is a key infrastructural requirement. NZTA and is keen to work with Council to develop its strategic transport plans to ensure that the transport network supports new growth or papakāinga areas and provides appropriate links between townships and adjoining districts.

The NZTA supports Council's objective to improve strategic freight networks and accessibility between townships and adjoining districts, through a one network approach consistent with the Greater Christchurch Transport Strategy (GCTS).

Furthermore, the NZTA agrees that Memorandum of Understandings (MoU), including the MoU relating to the Christchurch Southern Motorway provide guiding objectives and principles to assist parties to work proactively and collectively towards a shared understanding, and agreement in relation to how the transport network will function as a whole.

The NZTA supports the collaborative approach to work with other Rounding Controlling Authorities (RCA) in line with the 'one network' approach in undertaking the actions set out in Selwyn 2031.

Governance and monitoring

The Council has identified a clear governance structure for incorporating community feedback into achieving Selwyn 2031. However it is not clear whether the Advisory Group or Strategy and Management Group will have a direct working relationship with key stakeholders including NZTA.

Conclusion

On the whole, we consider that the relevant issues have been identified. The NZTA supports the Council developing a strategy to guide development in Selwyn to be advanced and implemented through Activity Management Plans; and other LGA strategic plans, such as Structure Plans, Master Plans and Area Plans.

The NZ Transport Agency is keen to be kept up-to-date on progress and our staff remain available to contribute to discussions where needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Selwyn 2031, of which the NZ Transport Agency is in support of.