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**SUBMISSION:**

I am a:  
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Submitting on behalf? No  
If so, on behalf of:

Wants to be heard at hearing? No

Q1  
Agree with 5 Strategic Directions? Yes  
Comments:

Q2 Priorities:  
Creation of well planned and sustainable urban centres (CBD's) particularly Rolleston and to a lesser extent Lincoln.  
Review need for recreational space (both outdoor and particularly indoor) and facilities for the Arts. In my view the need for both are currently underestimated again particularly in Rolleston.  
Agreeing on centralisation of high end facilities and services so avoiding replication in too many places for politically expedient reasons.  
Reliable and sustainable water supply that is not 'over charged' and undermines the ability of individuals and groups/clubs to create green environments within townships (Selwyn is an area of low rainfall and many soils are not moisture retentive. Gardens are valuable and irrigation for such and for green recreational space is vital if a quality environment is to be sustained. Green recreation areas that are "brown" in summer with little grass reduce the quality of the experience and therefore participation levels.

Q3 Growth in the remainder:  
Yes - reduce sprawl in these areas and keep agricultural land productive. Agree on rational economic grounds what services and facilities should reasonable be provided locally and centralise the higher end ones.

Q4 Rural subdivision:  
Yes - reduce sprawl onto agricultural land and keep towns compact for ease of access (walking, biking distance etc)

Q5a - Township network:  
A good concept but determine what each means in terms of provision of services/facilities in a rational and "non-political" manner. The well-being of the "District" should be the overall aim as opposed to the well-being on an individual town or sub-region.  
Q5b - Activity Centre network:

Q6 Self sufficiency:  
I understand the concept and in my opinion the concept has merit - in terms of developing local ownership/pride and encouraging activities such as volunteer-ism. But there is a big potential downside - the self-

sufficiency concept being interpreted as having all the services and facilities it needs/wants. Regions/towns will all look after their own in the absence of the "District Picture" and the pressure re duplication of facilities and services will naturally build. I believe this concept needs to be repackaged to avoid this issue so that District wide visions are created into which local self-sufficiency has a place.

Q7 Housing options:

Yes - allow more compact living and keep urban sprawl to a minimum.

Q8 Layout and pathways:

Allow for variation - pedestrian and cycleways (off-road) should be much more prevalent than they currently are - inter-town cycleways(within Selwyn) should be favourably considered. The lack of cycle access within larger Selwyn towns - particularly Rolleston is unacceptable in a new/modern urban development. All parts of Rolleston should be accessible by an off-road cycle network - including Izone. This network could also be accessed by pedestrians.

Q9 Strong community:

Continue to encourage community discussion/debate around needs and support where possible aspirations of those in the community who want to support Council make a difference.

Continue to provide effective leadership!

Further comments:

While the Draft Strategy is by its very nature a high level document the real issues will become apparent in the detail of implementation. Council must continue to lead - inform and encourage meaningful discussion and demonstrate that it is operating in the interests of the region as a whole and not allow local interest groups to take the strategy off-track.