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District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

Submission from

Community and Public Health Division

(A division of the Canterbury District Health Board)

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Introduction

The Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Selwyn District Development Strategy 2031. The CDHB is making this submission to promote the reduction of adverse environmental effects on the health of people and communities and to improve, promote and protect their health pursuant to the New Zealand Public Health and Disabilities Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956.

This submission has been developed by Community and Public Health, a division of the CDHB. Our submission focuses on key health issues, identifying a range of recommendations for consideration and incorporation into the Strategy.

The CDHB commend the Council on recognising the need for a high level growth strategy for the District which provides a framework for future development particularly in view of rapid growth in the area. All planning, policies and developments can potentially affect the health of people physically and psychologically. The design of our environments can influence, directly and indirectly, the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

The implications of this strategy will impact on the health of the community but these connections have not been recognised in the draft. In order to determine the most appropriate course of action to address the needs of the community a holistic approach which includes the consideration of the determinants of health is recommended. We encourage an integrated approach across multiple perspectives and a range of disciplines, to enhance constructive thinking and encourage innovation. The aim is to plan in ways that build stronger more sustainable social environmental and economic outcomes, promote health of all and keep sight of the shared vision for stronger, healthier and more resilient communities. The Integrated Recovery Planning Guide (<http://www.cph.co.nz/files/HWReviewDCRPS.pdf>) gives guidance on how to build a healthy, sustainable and resilient community and is recommended reference material.

Council are encouraged to consider a rapid health and wellbeing review of the draft as was undertaken on the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement in December 2010 by personnel from Canterbury District Health Board and the Regional Council. The two day workshop reviewed fourteen chapters and the recommendations contributed to the regional council's internal review process. Staff from Community and Public Health may be able to assist in a similar review of the Selwyn District Development Strategy 2031.

Recommendation: That the Integrated Recovery Planning Guide is referred to when reviewing and implementing the Strategy.

Specific comment relating to Issues

See table below.

Conclusion

The submitter does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

The submitter welcomes participation in any further discussions.



6th June, 2014

Dr Ramon Pink

Date

Medical Officer of Health

Issues	Discussion	CDHB suggested amendments/action points
13.Wastewater	CDHB commends the council for recognising that treatment and disposal of wastewater may be a significant constraint for the future growth of Leeston, Southbridge, Dunsandel and Darfield townships.	CDHB support investigation options for wastewater infrastructure upgrades to Leeston, Southbridge, Dunsandel and Darfield.
14.Water	<p>Infrastructure (page 34-35, 39) CDHB shares Council's concern expressed regarding problems experienced with quality of drinking water for several of their supplies over recent years. Overall we support Councils approach as expressed in this Strategy.</p> <p>Council was proactive in the preparation of Water Safety Plans for most of their drinking-water supplies well before the requirements under the Health (Drinking-water) Amendment Act 2007 (HDWAA). The current WSPs expire next year (2015), WSPs are risk based and present an ideal format to review risks to all supplies and identify solutions and associated costs.</p> <p>CDHB support the inclusion in table 1.3 of the action regarding investigating options for a revised rating structure to fund provision of infrastructure. In general the drinking water supplies that require significant up-grading to comply with the Drinking-Water Standards are often those serving smaller populations. These communities can face significant costs compared to those living in Rolleston, Lincoln, and Prebbleton. CDHB support the action of including an assessment of smaller settlements constrained by an absence of potable water in the Area Plans for Darfield and Leeston.</p>	<p>Include an action in Table 1.3 (page 40) regarding preparation of revised/new WSPs for all drinking-water supplies.</p> <p>CDHB support investigating options for a revised rating structure and hope that an option that is more equitable across the district can be adopted.</p>

30.Efficient and Safe Transport	The CDHB supports the participation of Selwyn district in the 'one network' approach to transport planning for greater Christchurch. As the fastest growing region in New Zealand, Selwyn is becoming home to many people who travel to work and other activities in Christchurch and surrounding areas on a daily basis.	
32.Public transport	The CDHB supports the recognition in the Strategy of heavy reliance on private motor vehicles in the region, and need to increase opportunities for residents to choose other transport modes, both when moving about within townships and for commuting to activities in other areas. Increased use of public transport and active transport modes will provide many benefits for communities and the wider region, including improved health and wellbeing, economic development and increased support for local businesses, and environmental benefits.	The CDHB recommends that the Council prepare a strategic plan to systematically consider and develop public and active transport linkages and infrastructure, as part of the 'one network' transport approach. This should include promoting multi-mode options, (such as park and ride, or park and cycle) for outlying areas currently not well connected by public and active transport modes.
46.Community Support	The CDHB commend the Council on the acknowledgement of an association between strong safe communities and public wellbeing.	The CDHB support the actions relating to Health, Education and Social Services in Section 4.2 (page 76)
49: Lake Ellesmere	The Selwyn District Council is to be commended on the proactive approach to protecting Te Waihora / Lake Ellesmere. Storm Water Management Plans are one vital part of protecting the catchment of a Lake. Also vitally important is the mauri (life-force) of the Lake and the importance of the Te Waihora to the local rununga. Te Waihora offers a source of Mahinga Kai to many people and a focal point for many recreational activities and as mentioned is a feature of national importance.	Many groups and organisations are involved with the health of Te Waihora. It is recommended that these are mentioned in the Strategy. -
56.Impact of Central Plains Water Scheme	The Central Plains Water scheme (CPW) will have a major impact on the Selwyn district. The strategy recognises that there will be positive influences in terms of employment and increases in employment but CPW will also have the potential to impact adversely on groundwater. The strategy needs to acknowledge this and plan to support Environment Canterbury to ensure threats to ground and surface water	<u>Recommendation</u> The strategy should recognise that there is a potential threat to recreational, ground and drinking water sources and should include a plan to support Environment Canterbury to identify potential threats to drinking water sources.

	quality and drinking water sources are minimised.	
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