

SUBMISSION ON
SELWYN 2031 DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
BY
CASTLE HILL VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSN.

We do not wish to be heard at a submission hearing.

We comment as follows on the Submission Questions of interest to the CHCA:

2. What do you think the priorities are for the future development of Selwyn?

That there should be a good balance between the management of the high growth areas on the plains near Christchurch and the recreation and tourism values of Selwyn's high country.

3. On the basis that most growth will happen in townships of Selwyn close to Christchurch, is there a need to undertake strategic planning to manage growth in the remainder of the district?

Yes. In particular, assistance with the provision of future visitor attractions and amenities which will support Castle Hill Village as the service centre for the Craigieburn and wider Waimakariri recreation area.

5. (a) Township Network Concept?

(b) Activity Centres Network Concept?

We agree with the concept and the ranking of Castle Hill Village as both a Rural Township and a Rural Activity Centre (RAC).

General Comments:

We support the Sensational Selwyn initiative including the Ski Selwyn Six skifields and the Great Alpine Highway.

Castle Hill Village is playing a key role in the development of a system of walking and biking trails in the Waimak' Basin. Increasing numbers of visitors are making use of these trails as they become well known.

Accommodation is already provided in the village via the rental of private holiday homes which go some way towards servicing the demand from visitors taking advantage of the winter sports and other recreational pursuits offered in the vicinity.

These facilities will eventually be augmented by the introduction of further accommodation as well as food and beverage outlets in the village's business zone.

In this regard, we support the Council's stated objectives in the Growth Strategy:

- Provision of a Unique Visitor Attraction (such as the Hanmer Springs Hot Pools)
 - Hotel accommodation
 - Camping facilities particularly for Campervans.

Centre for Winter Sports in Selwyn:

Selwyn is well positioned to assist with the provision of an Ice Arena for curling, figure skating and ice hockey which would become the major visitor attraction at the centre of the skifields, that the planners are seeking. Such a facility would be built to serve not only the Selwyn District but the wider Canterbury region. We would welcome the opportunity to be part of a working party to assess such a proposal. With the use of a heat pump system the addition of hot pools to the complex would add another dimension to the attraction like they have at Tekapo Springs.

Another potential visitor attraction could be investigated on land to the north of the village centre which would be ideal for the establishment of a beginners' ski area and year round luge.

We support the concept of developing Castle Hill Village as a destination for recreational pursuits in the high country and endorse our support for a planned pavilion on our Village Green which could provide a future venue for iconic events as envisaged in the Tourism Strategy.

Castle Hill Village will also play its part in the provision of amenities as the development of the planned Crystal Valley Ski Area takes place.

We congratulate the Council in their endeavors and look forward to participating in the further development of the Selwyn 2031 Development Strategy.

D J S Reid
Chair
CHCA

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