



MAYOR'S FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to be able to present this document to you. It represents many years of consultation with the community and extensive research and decision-making by councillors, staff and consultants and has absorbed the time and energy of a considerable number of people who have been committed to a good outcome.

The process of plan development has been an open and transparent one with a diverse range of views being expressed by our people and outside agencies. This has been a process of engagement, of listening to and learning from others points of view, as well as Council having to meet its obligations under the Resource Management Act 1991.

A major contributing factor to the success of this document is that it is our Plan, it has been a team effort, and we can truly call it our community plan. It is a document that will enable people to pursue their goals while ensuring that the Selwyn District retains its special features and environmental qualities.

This is the second District Plan for the Selwyn District prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991, replacing the withdrawn 1995 Plan. This Plan updates, consolidates and replaces the Transitional District Plans which comprised:

- Ellesmere County Council Scheme;
- Paparoa County Council Scheme; and
- Malvern County Council Scheme

I take this opportunity to thank all those who have played a part in shaping the Plan whether by discussing it, writing to the Council, making submissions, attending meetings, negotiating and being involved in mediation. It is through this process the District's environment will be managed in a more sustainable basis into the future.

Thank you also to all those past and present elected members, staff and consultants who have been committed to the process through which our people and Council have produced this operative District Plan.

In concluding, I note the process hasn't ended. This is a "living" document. Effects will be monitored and results reviewed. There will be Plan changes, as a result of both private and Council initiatives with consultation and further debate. When this occurs I strongly recommend that those with an interest in the future wellbeing of our community ensure they continue to participate in further refining the direction of the Plan into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelvin Coe', written in a cursive style.

Kelvin Coe
MAYOR