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Dear Hut Owner

This is a follow up to my letter to you on 21 August which addressed some of the issues Hut residents had brought to our attention.

In that letter I said that I would host a meeting to hear your voice and outline wastewater options. I'm sorry that hasn't happened, this is mainly because Council has not had any new or confirmed information and we are still considering a number of options. Below is a summary of our ongoing work which I trust you will find encouraging

We investigated the possibility of using Central Government funding towards a wastewater solution, however this was not possible as a fully costed and approved solution was not 'shovel ready'.

Representatives from the Huts community had proposed an alternative \$1 million solution. We have explored this option and established that the true cost of this solution is actually \$3 million. This is because the proposal put to us did not include the work to replace the network of sewer pipes from each Hut to the treatment site. Technical advice also suggested that it would be unlikely to gain the necessary resource consents to provide medium term certainty for the community.

We have a new potential solution, we are exploring the feasibility of constructing a pipeline to send wastewater from Leeston to Rolleston. If this happens we can build a pipeline from the Huts to link into this new pipeline. We will still need to replace the network of pipes around the Huts community but the sewage would be treated at Rolleston rather than the Huts Reserve. The cost for this solution is similar to the others options at \$3 million.

Council is still working through its processes before we can confirm or discard a Leeston to Rolleston pipeline. We hope to have that work complete as part of the Long Term Plan draft by March 2021. Accordingly, the licence period hold-over advised on 7 July until 31 October 2020, is hereby further extended until 31 March 2021.

I still plan to hold a drop in session with council staff and hut license holders but until we confirm the decision about the alternative pipeline route nothing further will be scheduled.

In the interim I trust that this letter confirms our commitment at exploring options going forward and Councils continued focus on providing medium term certainty for Hut licence holders.

We are happy to receive feedback on the issues covered in this letter. Please email or contact the Council's Group Manager Property, Douglas Marshall on 347 2701 or douglas.marshall@selwyn.govt.nz

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Sam Broughton
Mayor of Selwyn