

1 April 2021

Dear Upper Selwyn Huts Resident

## **UPDATE ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE UPPER SELWYN HUTS**

### **1. Wastewater Treatment Options**

Further to the Mayor's letter of 20 November 2020, Council staff have undertaken further investigation into alternate solutions as to how wastewater could be treated in the future, other than an onsite wastewater treatment plant at the Upper Selwyn Huts reserve.

The alternative is to install a pipeline from Ellesmere Wastewater Treatment Plant in Leeston to Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant in Rolleston. This pipeline would be installed in the road allowing the huts sewerage reticulation to be connected by a pipe under the river to a connection point at the intersection of Leeston and Bethels Roads.

The project has been included in the Council's Long Term Plan 2021-2031 and if confirmed would provide the huts community with a much better wastewater option than an onsite option as there are no local consenting challenges to overcome. The capital cost is estimated to be similar at \$3million.

### **2. Chlorination of Upper Selwyn Huts Water Supply**

Included with this letter is a letter on the soon to be commenced installation of chlorination to the water supply.

### **3. Making a submission to the Long Term Plan**

Selwyn residents can have their say, and are strongly encouraged to do so on these proposals, and others that may be of interest to them, as outlined in the Council's 10-year plan. Submissions are now open.

The consultation document – *This Way... 2031* – is available online and through Council offices and service centres from 29 March, and Mayor Sam Broughton is encouraging residents, ratepayers and stakeholders to make sure they have their say. All proposals/projects, including the consultation document, draft Long-Term Plan and a raft of supporting information, are available online at the Council's Your Say Selwyn engagement site [www.selwyn.govt.nz/thisway2031](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/thisway2031).

Printed copies of the consultation document and submission forms are also available, through the Council offices at Rolleston and all Selwyn libraries. A copy of the submission form is enclosed.

Details of community events and drop-in sessions on the Long-Term Plan will be available on the Council's social media channels and at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/thisway2031](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/thisway2031).

Submissions on the plan will close at **5pm on Friday, 30 April 2021**.

Council would welcome your views on the wastewater option in (1) above.

#### 4. Licence Renewal

All hut owners were advised by letter on 22 April 2020 of proposed changes to the new Deed of Licence. As part of the issue of wastewater options, the expiry of the Deed of Licence has been held over from 30 June 2020 until such time as a final decision is made which would then give some certainty as to the length of tenure of the occupancy of the huts and the Deed. As a final decision is yet to be made as part of the Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan the Deed of Licence will be 'held over' again, on the existing terms and conditions, until 30 June 2021.

#### 5. Licence Fee/Charge

All hut owners were advised by letter on 22 April 2020 of a proposed increases in licence fee and other charges stepping up over the next three years. The proposed fees were consulted on as part of the 2020/2021 Annual Plan consultation process and as a result of submissions the hut licence fee was reduced from the proposed \$977 to \$855 while further consideration on the hut bond occurred.

The wastewater system for the huts community is still proposed to increase from 1 July 2021 to \$1,122. The hut fee is based on recovering annual operating costs. The increase does not include the allowance for the hut bond which the Council notes will still be up for discussion as part of the licence renewal review. Please note that this annual licence fee of \$1,122 does not include any funding for the \$3million upgrade which would commence from 1 July 2023. The licence fee from that date is estimated to be \$4,368 per annum but as above does not include any allowance for a hut bond.

We welcome any submissions you might wish to make on the fee charge.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Marshall', with a stylized, cursive script.

Douglas Marshall  
**GROUP MANAGER PROPERTY**