



# **YOUR WATER DONE WELL**

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## Submitter Number: 1

**Full Name:** Simone Bayer

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

While it sounds good, all future possibilities of selling the entity to a private company must be prevented. We saw it happen to the trains and to other assets before.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

If it stays with the council, the costs may be higher, but the assets are safer.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Again, the security of water is important, and I do not want a loophole for the government to sell the WSCCO to a private company to make money and gain savings.

## Submitter Number: 2

**Full Name:** Gary Watson

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Any solution that prevents the ripping off of the Upper Selwyn Huts residents is fine by me.



## Submitter Number: 3

**Full Name:** Janine Smith

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I have lived in Australia and the UK where they did this very same thing and the cost to the people ended up much more. I would like to see water & waste stay with council.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

Check other countries and see how this has not worked and the cost involved to revoke the changes when you realise it hasn't worked. It will cost us more!

## Submitter Number: 4

**Full Name:** Mel Evans

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Vital that mana whenua are included on the board. Please remove the chlorine from our drinking water.

## Submitter Number: 5

**Full Name:** GARY DOYLE

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

We have our own well for drinking water and our own waste water disposal system.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

We have our own system, and have nothing to do with a council supplied system.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 6

**Full Name:** Colin eady

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Setting up a third party just lets council off the hook if anything goes wrong, plus requires a whole new management structure so costs will be greater. Doesn't make sense to add complexity. If it did you would outsource everything, why not the stormwater. We pay rates to the council for these things so that you are responsible. Should I pay a private contractor to collect my bins?

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

What is wrong with this model. Everything you need to do can be done within this model. It should not stop you working with others and sharing costs for big infrastructure etc

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 7

**Full Name:** Vicky Frost

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Do not support a separate entity with a whole new set of paid consultants, directors, etc when the council already pay people in these roles.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

In house will save money.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Another top heavy administration to pay for out of rates. Not needed. Our rate increases are already unaffordable for many.

## Submitter Number: 8

**Full Name:** Darren Graham

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 9

**Full Name:** Gary Martini

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

No need to increase an already bloated council head count as you are currently coping with the workload within the current structure... Additioanlly, water is not a person therefore does not required mumbo jumbo protection which will no doubt require \$ to cross palms of the special people.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 10

**Full Name:** Rebecca Lindsay

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Short term pain for long term gain. Long term savings are preferable.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments



## Submitter Number: 11

**Full Name:** Christine Lyne

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Sets up a whole new bureaucracy with governance and members appointed by council. This cost will be passed on to ratepayers. No detail of makeup of board and representation. CCC has just opted for in house. Wellington has a independent water service board and that is such a mess. Just creates more delays and consultation in the system which adds another layer and more inefficiencies and costs.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Holds council directly accountable to ratepayers. Does not add another layer of buearacracy and a new division and all those costs at management level eg HR, finance, boards etc

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

As previous comments. Unnecessary additional layers of management and no direct accountability to ratepayers. How much will this setup costs. Will elected officials be appointed. Will iwi be appointed. Not enough transparency or detail of costs of this operating model. Given CCC have opted in house suggests it's a better model

## Submitter Number: 12

**Full Name:** Annatasha David

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

The last thing we need is more bureaucrats and more debt! We are struggling as it is with rising rates and now you want to increase our water rates? The council in house system is working just fine, we do not need another organisation to oversee our water, it is just wasteful!

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

See previous comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 13

**Full Name:** Jane Mulholland

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 14

**Full Name:** Graeme Tucker

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Looking at the Council staffing and the recent comments of no extra work required for staff at a parking ticket court case m guess is there is enough staff to carry on in house. No need for another seperate board, CEO etc as a further expense to the ratepayer.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

Not required.

## Submitter Number: 15

**Full Name:** Andrew Loader

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I prefer that SDC maintain full control of water services delivery. While a WSCCO may increase borrowing capacity there is risk that capital works water delivery being separate from other delivery programmes such as transport, results in inefficiency and extra cost to the ratepayer.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

That it should not proceed. I don't believe that SDC would be considering this as an option if it weren't part of a government mandate therefore it is not in the districts best interest.

## Submitter Number: 16

**Full Name:** Nick Konijn

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Not another bureaucratic entity on top of our council one!

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

That is what the council is supposed to do! Not creating another entity!

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

an entity on top an entity ad infinitum

## Submitter Number: 17

**Full Name:** Neville Farquhar

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

No comment necessary.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

No comment necessary.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

No

## Submitter Number: 18

**Full Name:** Nick Hallett

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

The short term increased costs of setting up a cco during this cost of living crisis is unpalatable and i also question the cost of set up. Its under estimated and rushed. The reality will be higher costs to rate payers ongoing on top of 10 year rate rises for council rates..The offset of each option is best guess at best and i know to well cost of building this infrastructure, the additional overheads to run a cco and servicing that higher dept will be an additional burdon on the community of selwyn for a generation. This is rushed consultation without due dilligence of the true cost to the community being articulated. - 6% over the 10 years is a soft and impossible pipe!dream.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Live within the means of what we have today, prioritise spend and ensure value for money and public value is realised.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments



## Submitter Number: 19

**Full Name:** Iain Collingwood

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 20

**Full Name:** Cleve Prescott

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I fail to see the benefit of a new organisation, with its added costs, when a perfectly good in house team can be created with out the over heads

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

I fail to see the benefit of a new organisation, with its added costs, when a perfectly good in house team can be created with out the over heads, the only benefit i see is the water management business can be sold off in the mad scramble to privatise.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

I fail to see the benefit of a new organisation, with its added costs, when a perfectly good in house team can be created with out the over heads. its setting us up for added costs we can not afford or need.

## Submitter Number: 21

**Full Name:** Libby Allison

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 22

**Full Name:** Neisha Livermore

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

This is the best long term solution for our water services.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Having a specialised water management team and board would be the best outcome.

## Submitter Number: 23

**Full Name:** Hamish Crombie

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

There is no way that establishing a new entity can be cost effective. The costs of initiating the entity will be high, and the duplication of back office systems and costs cannot be lower than continuing in house. Council needs to ensure developments contribute better toward future service needs instead of allowing every subdivision to go ahead without providing for an upgrade of all infrastructure, not just 3 waters.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

See previous comment

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Please see previous comments

## Submitter Number: 24

**Full Name:** Daniel Schmidt

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

I think it makes sense to ensure water gets appropriate priority through funding.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

I think water will get politicised at times and struggle to get funded appropriately.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 25

**Full Name:** Richard McCulloch

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I cannot see that the inclusion of another organisation in the management of our water will add any efficiencies.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Local people know and understand the local issues. Bulk purchasing options could however help.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

Not sure how this could add efficiencies.

## Submitter Number: 26

**Full Name:** Nicole Holloway

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments



## Submitter Number: 27

**Full Name:** Andrew Werrett

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

It is adding yet another layer of un-necessary bureaucracy

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

The current delivery model appears to work reasonably well, and should require only a few minor tweaks to adapt

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 28

**Full Name:** Roxanne Fennell

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 29

**Full Name:** Sara Shea

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

The consultation document was well presented but it lacked sufficient information to be able to make an informed view as a resident. I have outstanding questions on: - Why Selwyn couldn't for a joint CCO with other councils to reduce costs - Apart from the rate payer subsidising, will developers in Selwyn also be contributing to paying for future options? - What are other similar councils proposing? For example options into joining forces with Christchurch? Or other fast growing districts like Waimakiriri? - If a chair person has already been appointed to a Selwyn CCO, does that mean that a decision has already been reached? I look forward to hearing information on the above. Many thanks

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

As per my previous comments, I would need more information before I could form a view

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 30

**Full Name:** Mark Paterson

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Dear Selwyn District Council, I am writing to formally submit my feedback on the proposed establishment of a Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) for drinking water and wastewater services. While I acknowledge the importance of maintaining safe and sustainable water infrastructure, I have significant concerns about the financial, operational, and transparency aspects of this proposal.

1. Transparency & Public Consultation Process

- The consultation period is only three weeks, which is insufficient for residents to fully understand the long-term financial and service delivery implications. A decision of this magnitude should involve a more extensive public engagement process.
- The Council has already appointed a chairperson to set up the WSCCO, which raises concerns that this consultation is a formality rather than a genuine effort to seek community input.
- The consultation document is only 20 pages long, with limited financial details, particularly regarding debt repayment strategies.

2. Financial Concerns & Ratepayer Impact

- The consultation document indicates that this proposal would increase council debt from 280% of rates revenue to 500% within five years. This is a significant burden on ratepayers, and it is unclear how the council plans to manage this debt long-term.
- Ratepayers are already facing 14% annual rate increases under the Long-Term Plan. The proposed WSCCO model suggests that an average household could see an additional \$600+ in rates within three years.
- There is no clear debt repayment strategy outlined. If debt reaches 500% of rates revenue, what measures will be taken to avoid further rate hikes?

3. Alternative Approaches & Comparisons with Other Councils

- The council states that maintaining in-house water services is not viable due to legislation, funding constraints, and compliance costs. However, Christchurch and Dunedin have opted to keep their water services in-house. Why is Selwyn taking a different approach, and why hasn't this been clearly explained?
- Splitting water services between the WSCCO (drinking water & sewage) and the council (stormwater, land drainage, and water races) seems inefficient. This creates duplication in staffing, equipment, and operations, which could increase costs rather than reduce them.
- Many councils require developers to contribute to infrastructure costs through development contributions. Has the council considered increasing

developer contributions instead of placing more financial pressure on existing ratepayers? 4. Request for Further Information & Extended Consultation To ensure that residents can make an informed decision, I request the following: 1. A detailed breakdown of the financial impact of this proposal, including long-term debt repayment strategies and the overall impact on rates beyond the water component. 2. An explanation of why Selwyn is not following Christchurch and Dunedin in keeping water services in-house. 3. A comparative cost-benefit analysis of separating water services (WSCCO for drinking water/sewage vs. in-house stormwater and drainage). 4. An extension of the public consultation period to allow more residents to engage with this important decision. Conclusion Given the significant financial implications and lack of clarity around debt management, I urge the council to reconsider this rushed process and provide the community with more detailed financial analysis. Transparency, fiscal responsibility, and a long-term sustainable funding plan must be the priority. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and look forward to your response.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 31

**Full Name:** Lisa Gabel

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

From my perspective, the risks clearly outweigh the benefits and the impact on rate payers is significant. As we are currently in a cost of living crisis so this is not a suitable time to increase expenditure and debt- I am concerned residents may not be able to cover this and we also need to think about the long term implications of reduced control over our water supply. There is limited transparency in the consultation documents about what this looks like.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

This is consistent with other regional councils in this area (Christchurch and a Dunedin).

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Moving to a WSCCO is fraught with risks, and have significant debt implications and sovereignty for the future. The consultation documents are not sufficiently detailed and the consultation period is very short for the nature of this proposal.

## Submitter Number: 32

**Full Name:** Scott Payne

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

How much is the new water company paying for existing infrastructure /assets that ratepayers paid for? do ratepayers get a refund for the money we have invested in the region.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

increase development contributions on any land sales or new houses. Make rainwater tanks mandatory for lawn/garden irrigation, this will reduce demand to make drinking water.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

- costs more to locals til 2034, -no control, just expectations of service, - subcontracting out to another company means headaches. eg the govt establishing companies to deliver major projects in CHCH have all failed, hospital, sports centre, convention centre, stadium costs.

## Submitter Number: 33

**Full Name:** Grace Calder

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Do not need another company running what we already have set up in council

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Seems sensible to keep control of our very valuable resource

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Will you just sell it off? I'd say that's what will happen then we will be further removed from controlling what we need the most



## Submitter Number: 34

**Full Name:** Denise/Rick Piper

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I do not see the need for change, the system at present is working well. Its not necessary to privatize as this will certainly impact our allready expensive rates

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

If its not broke why fix it

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

To me its just starting another business that has not been proven

## Submitter Number: 35

**Full Name:** Darren Wilson

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 36

**Full Name:** Ian Lawrence

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

All water management to remain as a council deliverable

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

That's the expectation my rates should be prioritised against

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 37

**Full Name:** Colin Richards

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Look, you do what you like, as you have already made up your minds. You had already signed the waste pipe contract off, before the end of that consultation period, so why waste our money with this consultation. The rate payer detests the Selwyn District Council, but you know that already.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 38

**Full Name:** Lyn Watson

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

The safety of our water is very important to our household but I don't agree with fluoride being added at any stage and the cost of water being used to be kept as low as possible for everyone.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

As long as the cost is at an amount that is affordable for each rate payer /household but at the same time keeping the water at an acceptable cost to maintain its high standard.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 39

**Full Name:** Erica Inglis

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 40

**Full Name:** Nick Hanrahan

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Keep it as it is now you are already financially crippling your rate payers we cannot afford this option

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

As stated ear we as rate payers cannot afford this. Stop spending rate money like its a bottomless pit!

## Submitter Number: 41

**Full Name:** Tim Hodge

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Please don't create a WSCCO I understand you're reacting to central government legislation. Future governments may enact new legislation too and it's far, far, far easier to respond as one Council rather than then several different CCOs. I also understand your desire to access more debt via a WSCCO. Please don't do this. Loading debt onto future generations is unwise. Having several CCO with several Boards and potential for different future owners is duplication and inefficient. I am concerned about this proposal and am strongly opposed to it.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

As per previous comments. Far, far, far prefer this option for transparency and efficiency.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Please don't do it.



## Submitter Number: 42

**Full Name:** Sue Paul

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

This seems to be the first step in privatisation of our water supply.

## Submitter Number: 43

**Full Name:** Amy Tennant

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I want the council to maintain control so rate payers can still have a say. A new organization will mean it is separate and might prioritize themselves over what is best for rate payers

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Yes, then rate payers can have a say and if we aren't happy with how it is handled we can use our votes to express that and change leadership

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

If rate payers are going to pay for this then it shouldn't be separate from the council

## Submitter Number: 44

**Full Name:** Sandra Arnott

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Has the council looked at the option of installing smaller wastewater systems throughout the region using the HTC system, whereby waste is converted into renewable resources, provide its own energy, plus energy into the grid, create activated carbon, and clean water. The quality and volume of water is clearly declining. We need to think smarter if we want to continue to grow our primary resources, whilst still have sources of potable water. There are some really innovative solutions out there, we just need to pick wisely, do it once and do it right. I ask that you all take the time to go to a company called Somax, and investigate their method of handling wastewater using a system created in Germany in the 1920s. The pros for using this system speak for themselves.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 45

**Full Name:** Cheryl Ridgen

**Organisation:**

**Suburb:** Greendale

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

We pay enough people in council now, why pay more to do the sam job

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Don't change the system we have to try and make another system means there will be more things to go wrong

## Submitter Number: 46

**Full Name:** Duncan Wood

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Subsidiaries and SOE's within local and central govt have not delivered the results we hoped in NZ. Learn from this and keep it internal where the council has better oversight and control.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

The council needs to own the water supply and services as one of their core services.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Separation of governance and operations for local and central govt services only brings communication gaps and lack of visibility from those who are ultimately responsible. We also do NOT want any further rate increases or council debt from developing new organisations. Remove the council fat, cancel projects we can't afford and be fiscally responsible please. This is another example of appalling fiscal responsibility by this mayor and his council.

## Submitter Number: 47

**Full Name:** Brent Margetts

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 48

**Full Name:** Megan Stanbury

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 49

**Full Name:** Kylee Jones

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I believe we already pay more than enough for this to be managed within the current council, not paying more to set up a seperate entity and paying even more, the water was fine prior to all the chlorine etc was added now it is undrinkable and causes skin irritability

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

I am not comfortable paying or contributing to these proposed changes

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

It is a waste of time and money



## Submitter Number: 50

**Full Name:** Jessica Jones

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

if it means we might actually be able to drink water from the tap without tasting like i've drank the town pool water, I agree 100%

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 51

**Full Name:** Mark McCallion

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

In my lived experience I'm yet to see a privately delivered service that was once a council/government entity cheaper than what that public entity delivered it. If I don't like what a public entity is doing with the water delivery quality/price I can vote for change at the ballot. There's not a lot I can do to influence what a CCO is doing. The example property model costs in the discussion don't appear to show any economic benefit, the first 3x years of increased costs of a CCO equates to 18 years worth of the rate "benefit" projected in 9 years time.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

SDC and it's current arrangements already delivers a quality & value 3 waters system. At council presentations regarding the chlorination of water in Selwyn it was estimated to have a \$83million cost in compliance costs to prove our water was safe enough to not have chlorination. For Selwyn's ratepayers that was \$231 each. Can 't imagine the testing and reporting requirements (plus a little inflation) for WDW would be much higher. The proposed CCO is \$1000's more in costs.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

Don't do it.



# Water Chlorination

## Ensuring safer water - chlorination

Under the Water Services Act 2021 (passed in November 2021), all councils must provide residual disinfection (chlorine) for all public drinking water supplies, unless an exemption from chlorination is granted by the drinking water regulator, [Taumata Arowai](https://www.taumataarowai.govt.nz/) (<https://www.taumataarowai.govt.nz/>).

Chlorination is widely and safely used in New Zealand and around the world for both short-term and permanent treatment to ensure protection against contamination.

The Council has made a major investment in recent years to upgrade its water supplies to have a multi-barrier approach using filtration, UV treatment and other barriers at all our water treatment plants. The required chlorination provides protection for water within the reticulation system (pipes and storage tanks) between the treatment plant and peoples taps.

In response to the requirements under the Water Services Act, the Council has chlorinated all its water supplies. Following consultation as part of the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031, the Council indicated that we would work with Taumata Arowai to clarify the requirements for gaining an exemption and consider the costs and rating options for upgrades to gain exemptions for our supplies.

## Exemption applications

Selwyn was the first council in the country to file for an exemption from chlorination. This application was for an exemption for the Rakaia Huts water supply.

The Council's initial application for an exemption was declined in April 2023. Following further work in February 2024, Taumata Arowai [granted \[PDF, 81 KB\]](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/2137910/Media-Release-Selwyn-District-Council-Granted-Chlorination-Exemption-for-Rakaia-Huts.pdf) ([https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/2137910/Media-Release-Selwyn-District-Council-Granted-Chlorination-Exemption-for-Rakaia-Huts.pdf](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/2137910/Media-Release-Selwyn-District-Council-Granted-Chlorination-Exemption-for-Rakaia-Huts.pdf)) the Council an exemption from chlorination for the Rakaia Huts water supply, subject to further conditions being met.

Based on the requirements for the Rakaia Huts, the Council estimated that meeting the requirements to remove chlorine from the majority of our supplies would cost \$82.6 million and the ongoing cost if an exemption was granted for a scheme would be an additional \$231 per year on the existing targeted rate for affected ratepayers.

Due to the impact on our ability to deliver safe water and the significant cost to upgrade our infrastructure, the Council decided in the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 to continue chlorinating our supplies (including Rakaia Huts) and not to apply for further chlorine exemptions.

## Frequently asked questions

Why is Selwyn water chlorinated?



How much chlorine is used in Selwyn's water?



I can taste/smell the chlorine, why?



Why can I taste the chlorine more in my cup of tea?



How do I remove chlorine if I don't want it in my water?



What about skin conditions or sensitivity to chlorine?



Is there an effect for pets?



Will chlorine affect my pipes or hot water cylinder?



What are the drinking water standards and the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules?



## Submitter Number: 52

**Full Name:** Dave Bowler

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

The council's history of over costing by setting up a new entity is not needed

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Don't dump the basics take responsibility and make it work within a budget

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 53

**Full Name:** Karl Straver

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

It should stay in house to prevent any future privatisation.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Keep it in house to capitalize on synergies already in place between council departments.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Don't do it.

## Submitter Number: 54

**Full Name:** Alex Breig

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 55

**Full Name:** Belinda Margetts

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments



## Submitter Number: 56

**Full Name:** Michael Van Haastrecht

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

These services should already be supplied by the council within existing rates. It is not beneficial for the ratepayers to have these separate entities setup. The rates burden on residents is already unsustainable for many people and should not be added to any further.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Use the energy put in this to deliver these services at a lower cost in-house

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

It is not clear how this model provides any benefits over the current model. Nor what the risks or negative impacts are of the new model

**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

The proposal doesn't provide any details on how this benefits the ratepayers the current Wellington water scandal is a showcase why this approach doesn't work.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

This is the most effective and efficient way of managing this.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Look at the wSCCO model failure in Wellington. There is no evidence or realistic expectation that SDC can do this better.

## Submitter Number: 57

**Full Name:** Alina Gheonea

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

We don't need another organization to keep the services under the Council. Don't increase our rates even more. Charge the developers for new infrastructure if they want to continue developing new subdivisions.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

This way you don't need to borrow more money for establishing a new company. And our rates will not increase to the point of people not being able to pay them. Stop spending money that you don't have at this moment when everyone struggles.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Yes a waste of money from the rates payers pockets.

## Submitter Number: 58

**Full Name:** Wayne Skelton

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

These are services that are supposed to be supplied under the current infrastructure. This will add cost which will duly be passed onto ratepayers, more cost to us for the same product no thanks

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 59

**Full Name:** Loki Stanley

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

It's the path to Privatisation. We need to maintain our necessary services in-house.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Setting up a separate company will increase cost and will be sold off in future making our water services privatised.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

It's a really bad idea.

## Submitter Number: 60

**Full Name:** Chloe S

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Making rate payers lives easier! All for it

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

If the plans you have for water go ahead, then it's looking really good for selwyn.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

There is a huge desire to have chlorine removed. There's comments in the community on how bad our skin and hair has been since living here... it just dries you out and feels like you're in the swimming pool. Any changes here would be incredible

## Submitter Number: 61

**Full Name:** Kristina Seregina

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

We need less bureaucracy & fewer rate-funded organisations. The initial setup of WSCCO will be enormous spending with little to no results to show. No clear benefits in the future. Bureaucracy for bureaucracy's sake + cushy management positions for some people. Some other big councils such as Christchurch & Auckland are not going this route - and we didn't get any clear cost-benefit analysis on why we should do this.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

All water should stay in-house & to manage this better, we need fewer useless departments, not more. More practical approach without ridiculous wellbeing and cultural considerations.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

We don't need any extra organisations that will just be bleeding money on our rates & creating debt.

## Submitter Number: 62

**Full Name:** Andrew Harper

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

The council should be able to manage drinking and wastewater in house as it does already.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Ensure everyone in the community has an equal say in water and wastewater infrastructure, not have Iwi over ruling local ratepayers

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Remove any mention of the Mana or Mauri of water unless these terms can be defined permanently in English. Remove any Iwi or Mana Whenua partnerships in association with ratepayer funded services.



## Submitter Number: 63

**Full Name:** C M

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Too expensive - MUST focus on heeling rates down not going up

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Keep costs down !! Please this is out of control

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 64

**Full Name:** Alan Coulton

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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# Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a public consultation in response to The Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 in relation to the arrangements for its delivery of water services into the future.

The Council's proposal is:  
To transition Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new publicly owned Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within the Council.

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## Submitter details

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First name\* Alan

Last name\* Coulton



Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

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## Questions

1. Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

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2. Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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3. Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

One water strategy  
whilst I support  
Ngāi Tahu & Mana Whānau  
support on strategy, I do  
not support any dollar value  
paid to Ngāi Tahu, Mana  
Whānau No one owns the water

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## Submitter Number: 65

**Full Name:** Margaret McIntosh

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Don't see the reason for the extra expense when we are already paying for the water resources

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 66

**Full Name:** Barry Mackenzie

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

This is the only avenue to be able to obtain the funding necessary to update the water system assets

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

This option limits the funding available

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

There is no political accountability in this model.

## Submitter Number: 67

**Full Name:** Facundo Carril

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 68

**Full Name:** Jonathan Scott

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

We don't need any more rates rises - stick to a budget and deliver with the in-house team you have. Our incomes cannot cope with the constant additions.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Make it happen, without consultants, without more managerial levels that just suck up the rates when we cannot afford any more increases

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments



## Submitter Number: 69

**Full Name:** Richard Wright

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

More rate payers money going into another deep hole.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 70

**Full Name:** Jeremy Bateup

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

We already have massive rates increases people cannot afford anymore increases

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 71

**Full Name:** Craig Lambie

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Why do you need to set up another corporation, Selwyn District Council already is one.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

without adding fertilizer by product and chlorine

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

History will say it never reduces the cost to rate payers .

## Submitter Number: 72

**Full Name:** Belinda Hegan

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

New council to control water will bring in more debt to the people. Our rates are to high now.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

We cant afford to pay another body to take control of our water.

## Submitter Number: 73

**Full Name:** John Roper

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

There is no need to set up a separate entity to manage water services for the following reasons: A separate entity will require administrative functions. This is already in place within SDC. Going down this path will likely end up a bureaucratic top heavy organisation with no practical hands on experience. Already SDC is forecasting significant borrowing and cost increase projections without any tangible projects or outcomes which clearly shows any cost benefits analysis. Any future expansion to water services cost should be met by any developers. Water services should not exclude stormwater as SDC has identified several flood prone areas which by default reduces the properties values however this is not reflected in any rates reduction or remedial mitigation. In summary keep the status quo in house and in changes need to be made do so within your allocated funding.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

As per previous submission.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 74

**Full Name:** Brent Gillespie

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Water and sewerage fees already make up far too much of our rates, setting up a new organization will surely only cost more

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Its not broken leave it be

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

This will only lead to more cost, manager at WECCO reporting to a manager at council rate increases are high enough

## Submitter Number: 75

**Full Name:** Katie Tilson

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

The council should have enough staff and expertise to manage this themselves. This will just cost rate payers more. I am also concerned that as a separate entity it will not be headed by elected officials and therefore will be out of ratepayer control. I don't support it a new water organisation.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

We should already have the people and expertise to cover this within council and also ensure our democratic voting rights on our water are protected. I do not agree with paying the additional overheads and costs to set up a new organisation.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

Do not go ahead with this proposal. It will cost ratepayers too much.

## Submitter Number: 76

**Full Name:** Paul Rosanowski

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I do not support a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) as I do not wish to see another cog added to the cost of the local government machine. I do not support the establishment of a WSCCO because I believe lines of accountability should be kept short, unprejudiced and transparent. Governments, national and local, are littered with failed instances of creeping, and overt, privatisation of public welfare and assets. While I understand what you mean by "Council controlled" I submit that control is more effectively exercised from inside the SDC tent. Further, I do not accept the validity of the cost predictions offered in the supporting documents here. Thank you, however, for trying.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

See previous panel here for an obverse perspective.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments



## Submitter Number: 77

**Full Name:** Kaylene Wilson

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

It makes our rates unaffordable

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

No need for duplication with our water supplies

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Its to expensive to push onto the already over stretched rate payers

## Submitter Number: 78

**Full Name:** Judy Chapman

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 79

**Full Name:** Nathan Burrows

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Stop wasting money we can not afford any further increases between council waste and a 100% increase in water cost over a few years. Not to mention the fixed charge which has also increased. Purely wasteful.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Waste of money

## Submitter Number: 80

**Full Name:** ALan McKinnon

**Organisation:**

**Suburb:** Hillsborough

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I am opposed to the setting up of a separate entity with its own board and ceo etc because I do not believe that overall the efficiencies claimed will be achieved. The major benefit in having a separate entity seems to be an increased ability to borrow. If that is the case, surely a simpler approach would be to get the borrowing restrictions changed.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

The ratepayers have ore control and the operation is more efficient.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 81

**Full Name:** Kate Boys

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Drinking and waste water services are a core part of the council's duties, and should be kept within the council. The information provided in the summary presented to the community do not clearly explain what the required changes from new legislation would be, should these services remain within the council. I do not agree with the council setting up a new company to acquire more debt, as this seems rather short-sighted. I feel very strongly that the council should be looking at other ways to reduce spending so that services that we are already paying for can continue to be managed, owned, and operated by the council. This will ensure the council retain control of these services, which in turn keeps it within the rate-payers' control as well, as the elected council serve their community.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 82

**Full Name:** Dianne Marshall

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 83

**Full Name:** Kristina Koole

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

More money, water was fantastic here 12 years ago. Don't go private. Highly against this.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

All houses should be supplied with whole house filters for chlorine and other bugs. Not acceptable adding chlorine

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Stay away from Selwyn

## Submitter Number: 84

**Full Name:** Janita Dubery

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments



## Submitter Number: 85

**Full Name:** Natarsha Smith

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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No

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 86

**Full Name:** Anita Wise

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Stop trying to change the system!

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Selling off our water service to outsiders so the SDC has more money to waste on frivolous "woke" nonsense is NOT your mandate.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

A further waste of SDC ratepayers money

## Submitter Number: 87

**Full Name:** Pullan Claudette

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

Atop wasting ratepayers money, you are literally bankrupting already struggling people

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 88

**Full Name:** Simon Boys

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

**CONTROL, INFLUENCE OVER CORE BUSINESS** Water and wastewater are core Council services. These should be central to Council's business, your their thinking and being. Once the entity is formed as recommended, the assets and local service would easily be removed from Council focus and leadership through amalgamation with other authorities and the potentially asset sales. **ALTERNATIVE TO FUND GROWTH** Funding new infrastructure ahead of growth (new housing etc) may be funded by SPVs (special purpose vehicles) at development-by-development level rather than by carving off the entire Selwyn water/wastewater service. Infrastructure built under SPVs may be transferred to Council ownership once capacity is substantially taken up, rates income being received for that capacity. **GEOGRAPHICAL CHALLENGES** There will be increasing challenges that are unique to specific towns across Selwyn. Nitrates, water sources, treatment solutions will differ with different feed waters. Some of these are (need to be) engaging politically, as our community weighs whether to improve the incoming water source (contamination) or invest more in treating the downstream. This is why we elect representatives **TENSION TO REDUCE/MANAGE DEBT** I like that the Council feels tension to prioritise how it spends capital. Relieving this tension seems counter to good choices between water, libraries, stormwater, transport etc. I recognise the issue of long term planning and good infrastructure decisions being disrupted by political interference, however separating water services will not resolve this. Either model must respond to the pressures from the Council. **GOVERNANCE** Good governance is essential, as proposed. This applies equally across both options. Not a point of difference. **DEBT STRATEGY** It is flawed logic to use debt to assign infrastructure costs to users over the assets life. Over 50 years at 5% interest the cost of finance is 130% of that for the infrastructure itself.... \$2.30 paid for every \$1 invested. Selwyn must join other Councils in adopting a "best total cost of ownership" approach ... restricting capital spend to pay down some debt to create heads pace for future investments as they arise. Paying infrastructure off over 20 years instead of 50 would mean the cost of finance is only 30% of the infrastructure cost. That is \$1.30 paid for every \$1 invested. (5% cost of capital). Yes, future generations will enjoy infrastructure

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Yes

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**.Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Instead of applying this to the water/wastewater service as a whole, apply a SPV to individual developments.

**Scenario 1: \$1,000 invested and repaid evenly over 50 years, interest at 5%**Interest 5% 50 yrs v Hidden columns

	\$1,000	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 50	Total over term
Capital		\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$1,000
Debt remaining			\$980	\$960	\$940	\$920	\$900	\$880	\$860	\$840	\$820	\$20	
Interest		\$50	\$49	\$48	\$47	\$46	\$45	\$44	\$43	\$42	\$41	\$1	\$1,275
Annual payment		\$70	\$69	\$68	\$67	\$66	\$65	\$64	\$63	\$62	\$61	\$21	\$2,275

**Scenario 2: \$1,000 invested and repaid evenly over 20 years, interest at 5%**

Interest 5% 20 yrs

	\$1,000	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 50	Total over term
Capital		\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50		\$1,000
Debt remaining			\$950	\$900	\$850	\$800	\$750	\$700	\$650	\$600	\$550	\$0	
Interest		\$50	\$48	\$45	\$43	\$40	\$38	\$35	\$33	\$30	\$28	\$0	\$525
		\$100	\$98	\$95	\$93	\$90	\$88	\$85	\$83	\$80	\$78	\$0	\$1,525

**Scenario 3: Table mortgage \$1,000 invested, term 50 years, interest 5%**

Invested Term	Interes Annual repayment	Total repaid over term
\$1,000 50	5% \$ 4.54	\$ 227.07

**Scenario 3: Table mortgage \$1,000 invested, term 50 years, interest 5%**

Invested Term	Interes Annual repayment	Total repaid over term
\$1,000 20	5% \$ 6.60	\$ 131.99

## Submitter Number: 89

**Full Name:** Fredrik Rohs

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

A new organisation dedicated to supplying fresh household use water sounds great but the cost of establishing this will inevitably be added onto rates. The present rates, plus already announced increases, are making the cost of living for retired people almost unsustainable. Kiwi saver should be going towards to added costs of healthcare in retirement years, not into rates and insurance.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments



## Submitter Number: 90

**Full Name:** Mark Mulholland

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

It's just another level of unnecessary costs and structure. Create a new entity and your costs will escalate. Employ the right sort of planners and engineers as consultants who have a responsibility to get it right. The fiasco of the sewerage system for Darfield is an obvious example of incompetence. Two years down the track and still carting by road as the system not ready.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Keep control of the costs. We already have a disgraceful blow out in rates what do you think would happen when you have yet another entity charging rate payers?

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

Its floored before it starts as Council will loose control of costs and running costs will ballon out.

## Submitter Number: 91

**Full Name:** Geraldine Leech

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

This is just the first step to privatisation and higher cost to the rate payers. I do not trust this council and their motives for this move.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

We already have people that are paid to look after our water in council. Why would we want to set up another entity to look after this and spend a lot of money setting this up.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

waste of tax payer money. We need to stop spending money of things we don't need. Make what we have work.

## Submitter Number: 92

**Full Name:** Scott McLaren

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

It is the only way to get good funding to fund the new projects

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 93

**Full Name:** Jane West

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

... and yes. Is it really just the ability to debt load that makes savings over time for ratepayers? Debt still has to be paid off, so eventually it is simply a larger debt (albeit focused on water services) that ratepayers need to pay.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

... and yes. See previous answer. There is not enough information to properly understand how the debt loading will work under the WSCCO, how much will need to be borrowed, and where this will be spent. It appears the only true advantage is the potential removal of some of the arguments over where Council spends ratepayers money.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

See previous comments. Two advantages: you can borrow more, but not enough info as to how much and what it would be used for, or the process for paying back debt; you will potentially reduce in-house argument over competing use of ratepayer money.

## Submitter Number: 94

**Full Name:** Robert Perry

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

The competent management of fresh water/waste water is a core and direct responsibility of any Council, and not something to be passed on to an "arms length" organisation with its own bureaucratic infrastructure and associated overheads which would inevitably and once again be funded by ratepayers. Escalation in rates is an ongoing concern by existing ratepayers in Selwyn and it is long overdue for Selwyn DC to better manage ratepayers money through less expenditure on "Vanity" projects such as barely used cycle lanes, and concentrated more on improving its in-house efficiencies to manage ratepayer owned assets more effectively. The proposed creation of this water services entity cannot also help but be seen by many ratepayers as "streamlining" the process by which a future racially biased anti-democratic He PuaPua / 3 waters agenda might be facilitated and this concerningly also adds a "political" motivation behind this proposal by SDC. Most of the town's infrastructure is relatively new, so levies on developers should be increased to accommodate any associated infrastructure growth requirements.. Existing ratepayers should not be paying for this! It has also been suggested by some correspondents on this matter that this proposal is being promoted by SDC as a vehicle to increase its debt ceiling. I am unsure of the veracity of this statement, but if true it represents a further justification for retention of the status quo (with improved SDC efficiencies to better manage assigned budgets in the same way that ratepayers and residents have to) In conclusion, I strongly object to the establishment of this Council Controlled Organisation and have no doubts that many Selwyn Ratepayer share the views outline above.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

The management of these services is a direct accountability of SDC to its ratepayers.

The SDC needs to review and improve its in-house efficiencies and better manage the funding provided by ratepayers.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

Please add your comments

As outlined above, there appears to be a potential political motivation behind this proposal. Councils have no place in this area. They are there to represent the best interest of ratepayers. If the SDC feels that it is unable to internally manage the ratepayer owned infrastructure and assets with which it is charged then perhaps an appeal to the Minister of Local Government to address this issue is the next step for ratepayers. While Corde as a CCO already does the majority of maintenance work on SDC Water/Waste Water assets, and this seems to work OK, to divest any further responsibilities such as determining where expenditure is required on new assets or asset improvement is a step too far for a non democratically elected CCO.

## Submitter Number: 95

**Full Name:** Hannah Eddy

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I am concerned that the risks associated with transitioning the control of water to a CCO have not properly been identified and thought about in this consultation. In principle, I think that transitioning to a CCO (with the higher borrowing limits) would be a good thing for the people of Selwyn and ratepayers, however I think that the consultation document, and this consultation does not accurately reflect the risks by having a separate commercial entity controlling out water supply. I want more information about how this will work, and how Council will maintain control of our water supply (how will Council make sure that the CCO ensures everyone has access to clean drinking water and waste water systems, and how will the CCO ensure that access to water is affordable for everyone). Also in addition, how will the CCO respond to advocacy from community, for example, Selwyn's nitrate levels are very high compared to other places in New Zealand, and well above international safety standards ( I note that they are within New Zealand's standards). How will the CCO respond to this, and if it becomes more of an issue, how will the public get a say on their water? Like I said, in principle I think it is a good idea, but I and I think a lot of Selwyn need more information.

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

see previous comment

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

see previous comment

## Submitter Number: 96

**Full Name:** Michelle Rhodes

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I do not support the establishment of CCO for water services for the following reasons...

1. It removes the control of water further from the owners (ratepayers) and from the control of our elected representatives. 2. As with CORDE, there is a high chance that run as a sperate company (organisation), the goal of the CCO will become profit and not the best interests of the owners. 3. There seems to be no necessity to spend rate payer money on another board, management, premises, vehicles, branding, advertsing and all the other costs that go with a new entity. other cost of seetc when this work is currently being

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Water is a core council service. The cost and staff should remain part of the council and be directly answerable to our elected councilors.

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments



## Submitter Number: 97

**Full Name:** Kate Worner

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

No

Please add your comments

I don't believe that this is the fiscally responsible option. Yes - The WSCCO has merits, however we do NOT have the population to support this financially. Possibly in 20 years, but as of right now you are expecting a district to front up with significant money, already increasing our rates. The amount of funds you charge developers and businesses for the 'infrastructure' of new developments, would mean that any and all new infrastructure should be constructed for future growth. However, your proposal is also unbalanced and biased. It shows the council has already decided on the path forward as the pros and cons are not well prepared. I really hope the council takes on board all feedback and acts in good faith and with transparency when communicating back to the community on the feedback received

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

As previous comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

Yes

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You are putting a large financial burden on the residents of Selwyn community. Whilst I can see the benefits, its clear that the costs are far too high and puts SDC in a position of large debt which will take a long time to recover from

## Submitter Number: 98

**Full Name:** Rob Straver

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

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Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 99

**Full Name:** Paul Hamilton

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments

## Submitter Number: 100

**Full Name:** Reuben Campbell

**Organisation:**

**Wish to speak to the submission:** No

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**Do you support the proposed transition of the Selwyn District Council drinking and wastewater assets and services into a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with stormwater services to remain within Council?**

Yes

Please add your comments

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**Do you prefer that the Selwyn District Council continues with a future in-house water delivery model?**

No

Please add your comments

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**Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments**

No

Please add your comments