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Submitter Number: 201

Full Name: Lan-Kuang Chuang

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 waste rate payers money to a private company, they are only wanting get most profits.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Council is much more reliable than a private company.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 202

Full Name: Cherry Li

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Extra layer added that reduces visibility and accountability. Current council relationship with subsidiaries have not shown a good track record to bring benefit to the community. Additional cost to run a separate organisation. No confidence this will be done right and done well

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 203

Full Name: Wayne Sargerson

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

To: Selwyn District Council Subject: Submission on proposed water services council controlled organization (WSCCO) I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on Selwyn District Council's proposal regarding the future management of our water services. As a resident and stakeholder in the community, I strongly oppose the establishment of a WSCCO for drinking water and wastewater services. My submission outlines the reasons for my opposition including governance concerns, potential service delivery risks, financial uncertainty, and lack of proven success in similar models. A WSCCO introduces a separate governing body distancing decision making from direct council control and community oversight. Given that water services are essential public assets, removing them from direct democratic control reduces transparency and limits resident's ability to hold decision makers accountable. The experience of Wellington Water Limited highlights these risks, as multiple councils sharing ownership have faced governance challenges, leading to inefficiencies and slow responses to community concerns. Past instances, such as the operational issues at Wellington Water have demonstrated that creating a separate entity does not necessarily improve water service quality. The risk of infrastructure failures, service disruptions and inadequate investment in long-term maintenance remains high. Moreover, the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant case in Lower Hutt shows that even within a WSCCO framework, persistent service quality issues such as odor management can remain unsolved for years causing ongoing dissatisfaction among residents. The proposal lacks sufficient financial projections regarding the long-term costs of establishing and maintaining a WSCCO. While council claims this model will be more efficient there is no clear evidence supporting this. Historical examples including privatised water services in the UK show that such transitions can lead to increased costs for consumers due to inefficiencies and regulatory gaps. Additionally, if unforeseen financial difficulties arise ratepayers may ultimately bear the burden of increased charges or additional levies to cover operational shortfalls. The consultation document acknowledges that keeping water services under council management remains an option. While some changes will be required due to new legislation, retaining in-house control ensures that Selwyn District Council

maintains full oversight and accountability. Other councils, such as Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council in Queensland, have experienced severe water service failures due to inadequate operational structures, reinforcing the importance of strong local control and accountability. In conclusion given the governance risks, service delivery concerns, financial uncertainties, and the lack of proven success in similar models, I strongly urge Selwyn District Council to reject the proposal to establish a WSCCO. Instead, I support retaining in-house management of water services, ensuring that decisions remain accountable to the local community and that investments are made directly into Selwyn's water infrastructure rather than an external entity. I request that the council seriously consider the risks and review alternative ways to meet legislative requirements without compromising service quality, affordability, or local governance.

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

A Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) presents several risks and challenges that make it a poor choice for managing Selwyn's water services. Here is a breakdown of my concerns

1. **Governance and Accountability Risks** A WSCCO operates at arm's length from the council, reducing direct democratic control. Decision-making becomes less transparent, making it harder for residents to hold leaders accountable. Past examples (e.g., Wellington Water) show governance failures, slow responses, and lack of clear accountability.
2. **Service Delivery Risks** A separate entity does not guarantee better water management—Wellington Water and other WSCCOs have had major issues with service quality and infrastructure failures. Potential service disruptions and delays in upgrades or maintenance due to complex governance structures.
3. **Financial Uncertainty** The long-term financial impact of setting up and maintaining a WSCCO is unclear. Residents could face higher costs if the WSCCO struggles financially similar to water privatisation failures overseas. If a WSCCO faces funding shortfalls, ratepayers may be forced to cover unexpected costs.
4. **Loss of Local Control** Decisions about Selwyn's water could eventually be influenced by external factors, especially if other councils join later. Keeping services in-house ensures the council remains directly responsible to residents and can adapt to local needs.
5. **Unproven Benefits** There is no clear evidence that a WSCCO would outperform an improved in-house model. Other councils (e.g., Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council in Australia) have struggled with outsourced water management, showing the risks of moving away from direct control.

Conclusion A WSCCO creates more risks than benefits, including governance failures, service quality issues, financial uncertainty, and reduced local control. Keeping Selwyn's water services in-house is the best way to ensure accountability, reliability, and affordability for the community.

Submitter Number: 204

Full Name: Kevin Mallon

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 think that setting up a new organisation will simply add another layer of costs. I understand the value of having a separate organisation from a borrowing perspective but given that the majority of Selwyn's water infrastructure is new, there should be little need for significant one off costs for some time to come. Consideration also needs to be given to Ngai Tahu's petition to have control of the South Island's fresh water, there is no understanding what this will mean to the individual councils so setting up a totally separate organisation at this time is not in the best interests of the rate-payers.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Currently the water delivery model is working, it fits in with the current rates structure and, while it has it's own costs, there is not a layer of management and other overheads, which at this time will add little if any value to the rate-payers

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 205

Full Name: Robyn Murphy

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at selwyn.govt.nz/yourwater

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at selwyn.govt.nz/yourwater

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your first and last name on the additional paper.

Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk () are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.*

First name* Robyn

Last name* Murphy

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

No, I do not support the proposed transition of the SDC drinking and wastewater assets to a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO), with stormwater services remaining within the Council. Local Control - Local representatives understand our community's needs. Accountability - Council members are elected and accountable for service quality. Service Quality - Concerns about maintaining current service levels.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

Yes, I prefer the SDC to continue with an in-house water delivery model. Local Control - Decisions made by local representatives. Accountability - Direct accountability to residents. Service Continuity - Avoids disruptions from transitioning. Community Trust - Greater trust in a familiar system.



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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

The case for a single authority CCO is weak. The Council already handles water services and meets government requirements, making a CCO unnecessary. However, if a multi-authority CCO with economies of scale and cross-boundary management were needed, the Council could reconsider the CCO option in the future.

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Submitter Number: 206

Full Name: Jason Cadogan

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

By adding in essay additional costs to rate payers, try better do another more cost effective model. Us ratepayers are not open cheque books we are all not got extra cash to burn. Increase developers fees to help pay.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Ridiculous.

Submitter Number: 207

Full Name: Mark Palmer

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 separate organisation will bring with it additional unnecessary setup costs and another structure. It will be a pit the council will need to pour mor money into, and leaving the stormwater with the council will make things clumpy

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Makes sense to keep it in house - that how it's already done -keeping it in house it will be easier to control costs - well it should be. Council need to be held more accountable for their function - keeping it in house with strong leadership will be a better way to go, and mean that council can't simply blame a separate entity for failures

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 208

Full Name: Joe Glamuzina

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 209

Full Name: Stephen Harrington

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 210

Full Name: Candice Harrington

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 211

Full Name: Ian McIntosh

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

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

No

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

I am extremely surprised that setting up specialists in water management is costing more than doing it in house. Surely experts should make the task cheaper, so I do not accept that the project will be more expensive for rate payers.

Comments Supporting The Submission On "Your Water Done Well"

1. Page 7 of your Consultation Document (CD) says "The projected costs for maintaining the current water services model for drinking water and wastewater are \$857 million over years 2-10 of the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034"

That is \$95 million per year for 9 years.

It is absolutely unbelievable that for such new towns that are Lincoln , West Melton & Rolleston, thanks to the significant urban growth that has happened in the last 20 years, that this amount of money is needed to bring the towns up to standard.

As well, on Page 15 of CD it is stated "Council has a good level of compliance" in relation to regulatory standards & on Page 5 "The Council believes this proposal will build on the great work already done by SDC."

I cannot reconcile that so much money is needed to fix a problem that exists in a water system that already has "good compliance" and is building on "great work already done".

Considering that the old parts of the Selwyn towns are outnumbered by the developments over the past 20 years, what is required to meet new standards sounds like serious incompetence by engineers, planners or Council.

2. What is it going to cost for mana whenua to be consulted? They bring zero engineering skills. If they do, they should be paid as engineering consultants based solely on merit.

3. Page 15 of the CD says that "further investment is required for further investment to manage our growing population". How come capital infrastructure investment has not been modelled into new development costs by developers for the past 20 years. This is unbelievable.

Sincerely

Ian McIntosh.

Submitter Number: 212

Full Name: Judith Sachdeva

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

No

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Please include an assurance that at no point in the future will water services in Selwyn be privatised; as in sold or taken over by any person, persons or corporation that is not wholly and only owned by all the taxpayers and/or residents of Selwyn.

Submitter Number: 213

Full Name: Susan Mayo

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 214

Full Name: Bryan Tubb

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 will be a huge mistake for Selwyn Ratepayers, massive amounts of debt will be racked up, no public consultation on big decisions. It will create another level of overpaid bureaucrats who can please themselves on how they spend ratepayer money. This is the biggest decision that has to be made in the history of Selwyn Council, and you give the people three weeks to decide? You come up proposal and the first our elected councillor's is wednesday last week and its all finalised and been printed! The legislation has not been finished in parliament and passed? What are we making a decision on again? This decision is being rushed on the ratepayers only 4 months out from election time?? This is the decision for a newly elected council who have three years to make the right decision for the rate payers, not a desperate Council who is fast running out of their borrowing cap! The Mayor who sits on the board of the LGFA who wants Selwyn to be first to sign up to this absolute nonsense. Conflict of interest springs to my mind! I could go on and on about all the bad things about this whole proposal.

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

No

Please add your comments

As said in my previous comment. There is no legislation from parliament to be able to make any informed decisions, this needs to wait till after local body elections, and the legislation is passed in parliament. This whole thing is an absolute disgrace. This council has so badly managed the council finances in the last few years that I wouldn't trust them with the type of money they are trying to get their hands on. I would be seriously considering selling up and moving out of Selwyn if the WSCCA gets established! It is high time the majority of the elected councillors stood up to the staff, the Mayor, and do what it is right for the ratepayers who voted then in to Council.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

It is a disgrace that this is even being contemplated, WAIT TILL THE LEGISLATION HAS BEEN FINISHED! Wait till after the Local body elections, stop wasting rate payer money, stop lying to the ratepayers, stop the Mayor trying to set up a cash cow that will make him look good in the eyes of the politicians, stop borrowing millions of dollars from LGFA, learn to budget, learn to look at the economic environment! It staggers me who with the rates rises, the massive population growth the number of new properties that have been built in Selwyn over the past 15 years that the council still needs to borrow millions of dollars. The amount of rates revenue coming in now compared to then must be mind blowing. The Selwyn infrastructure is mostly new and modern, is put in by the developers, development contributions, new connection charges that get charged to every new section, where is all this money going. Maybe the rate payers should asking for an audit, a breakdown of where the millions of dollars are going. WSCCA, Absolute joke its a no from me!

Submitter Number: 215

Full Name: Sally Lrmon

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

The councils inability to manage sicon/corde effectively means I have no faith in management of our money being spent this way with zero accountability, at least if kept in house is (the ratepayers) have an ability to fire mismanagement at the next election Also I have absolutely no desire to saddle my grandchildren with the debt proposed by have a wscco

Submitter Number: 216

Full Name: Bevan Sutherland

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Learn how to manage your assets efficiently. Another layer of management and all the costs that go with it is not the answer.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

A condensed consultation period for a material change in delivery is unacceptable.

Submitter Number: 217

Full Name: David Henshall

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 price of rates is getting unaffordable. Need to look at other options. The average family wont be able to afford this.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

We have been drinking tap water for years and we are fine and never got sick

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Where is the risk assessment that was done in order to determine the proposed model?

Submitter Number: 218

Full Name: Marcus Waters

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 an in house option could be as effective as wscoco. It simply needd to be resourced and skilled appropriately. A separate organization creates relationship, IT and data, and strategy alignment risks.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Least risk option if resourced. The legislation requires the inhouse finances are ring fenced so has separation from other Council activities.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 219

Full Name: David Butcher

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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No

Please add your comments

•The government's legislation on this matter has not been finalized. •The Your Water Done Well Consultation Document lacks sufficient detail, it is also missing data in the Example, which is misleading. •Lack of Public Consultation - 2 weeks is not enough for the whole district to be informed •Requires a Local Referendum so they are informed. •Selwyn District is expanding and has newer infrastructure compared to many other regions.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

They already have specialists o Selwyn District is expanding and has newer infrastructure compared to many other regions. The model presented in the document lacks sufficient detail and transparency - it shows increases in the SDC inhouse and in the WSCCO data it is missing years and those years missed have the same data repeated showing WSCCO to be cheaper. The rate payer can vote who looks after us and infrastructure.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

The data set model in the Documentation has been falsified to make WSCCO look cheaper - this is fraudulent! How can the WSCCO even create a data set when the legislation has not been finalized? How do local and central governments expect ratepayers to afford the costs of setting up a new entity? - This transition could place a significant financial burden on the community. - If this new entity fails, who will be responsible for the financial consequences? Just looks like 3 waters re branded!

Submitter Number: 220

Full Name: Yvonne Stiles

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 221

Full Name: MARK STANLEY

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

No

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 222

Full Name: Kevin Stanley

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

No

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 223

Full Name: Joanne Morris

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 it would cost more in the long run. I believe the control would be given to a company who only goal is to make profits. I don't think they will care that its the peoples hard earned money at stake.

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 councils job and we have the right to vote differently if we do not like the results. We have no power if its a private company we just have no say.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

As i have said they will be out to make money off us the rate payers. We don't have any left to give.

Submitter Number: 224

Full Name: Richard Haffner

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 documents are nothing more than a sales pitch, and given the Mayors preference to the previous government's '3 waters' scheme, I do not trust the new proposals to be in our best interest.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Yes, the system works, it has a proven track record.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

The WSCCO model talks of further borrowing being made available. Further borrowing generates repayments and interest charges. No mention of repayments is mentioned, nor the 'dead money' of interest on the borrowing. All increased costs are only cited on maintaining the in house system. WSCCO is a very bias sales pitch, that is economic with the truth.

Submitter Number: 225

Full Name: DAVID MACKENZIE

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 not very good idea if it is going to increase the price of the rates that some home owners are struggling to pay now .Its getting ridiculous how many things the councilors want to bring in without ratepayers wanting or knowing about .

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Because it will stop a double up of people needed to run them

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 226

Full Name: Basil and Trudi Meyer

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at selwyn.govt.nz/yourwater

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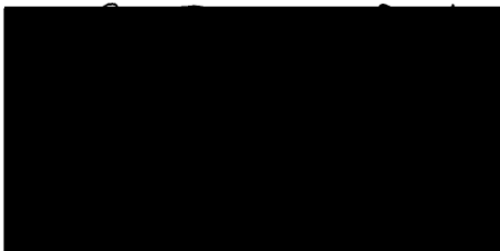
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First name* BASIL & TRUDI

Last name* MEYER



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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

Defer decision until
more info on requirements
available.

We don't need additional bureaucracy

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

For council and ratepayers
direct control remains

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

*Risk of losing ^{local} control of CCO
expensive setup with not
even all requirements
known at this stage
keeping water service in-house
ensures accountability and
community input.
Seems rushed!*

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Submitter Number: 227

Full Name: Heiko Mueller-Cajar

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 does significantly increase the costs to rate payer for providing some of the most basic council's tasks. Minimal promised cost reductions in a decade from now are best a pie in the sky based on unsubstantiated assumptions. I suggest the council focusses on its task of providing efficient and effective water services instead of on increasing complexity and cost for providing some of their core services by outsourcing these tasks.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Water services are one of the councils care tasks. You better do that and get it right. So far I am not aware of any example where outsourcing of councils core services resulted in a cost reduction to rate payers.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 228

Full Name: Edward Parker

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

Based upon my reading of the consultation document there is no real advantage for ratepayers to move Council drinking water and wastewater assets into a new Water Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO). The rates and water service charges must increase if assets are moved into a WSCCO. There will be duplication of staff and many transition costs that will have to be recovered. The consultation document shows a 10 year period before any possible and unknown cost savings are made, yet there is no evidence to support this. The only advantage of a WSCCO, that I can see, is its ability to raise capital easier than a Council can, yet there are no records of any project that would need that advantage. Add to this that the Selwyn District Council (SDC) has a very high credit rating, a WSCCO is not needed. It appears that the SDC has not given the ratepayers all the facts it has. Why is this? The SDC currently manages our water infrastructure very effectively and fairly economically. Why make the change to a WSCCO? We would also lose any say that we have through our Councillors or at the ballot box if a WSCCO is set up. Any individual or organisation that is managing a service and an asset well would be crazy to move that service to a contractor when costs would increase, risks would increase, and there would be a lack of say in how the service and assets were managed in the future. I urge the SDC to retain the drinking water services and wastewater services inhouse. Thank you Eddie Parker

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

Yes

Please add your comments

The Selwyn District Council (SDC) is currently managing the water and waste water infrastructure quite well, also much of the infrastructure is relatively new due to big growth within the district. What change this system when it appears to be working well ? The ratepayer would be disadvantaged by any move to establish a Water Services Council controlled organisation (WSCCO)

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 229

Full Name: Ellen Cavanagh

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

No

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 230

Full Name: Rose Harrison

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 231

Full Name: Yvonne Reid

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 Government has yet to pass Local Government (Water Services) Bill 3 which SDC are basing their preferred option on.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Cost

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Rate payers we would have no say in appointment of Board members of WSCCO. It is premature to be setting this up when Bill 3 hasn't been passed. Expense of setup and running of WSCCO

Submitter Number: 232

Full Name: Cristene Trenuela-Chan

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

No

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 233

Full Name: Mike Beynon

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

It costs farr too much and will put our rates up far too much and thats after they have gone up already this year

Submitter Number: 234

Full Name: Ann-Maree Ozanne

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 will take away the control and the community voice on what we need.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

There will be greater control over delivery of these service and lower overall cost with this option.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

This external model will result in significantly higher costs which has been shown by other LGA's.

Submitter Number: 235

Full Name: Geraldine Scott

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Our rates cost far too much for a lot of stuff we don't need and will never use already. We don't need another charge for the council to add another division of itself. Our water was perfectly fine before you started adding all your chemicals last year, now it is undrinkable and smells like a pool.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

I prefer you went back to leaving our clean water from the ground, filtered and not full of "cleaners". There was nothing wrong with the Southbridge water supply before you ruined it and made it undrinkable.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 236

Full Name: Rita Garland

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 237

Full Name: Keith Wills

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 another cost that will be passed onto the rate payers. We are already paying too much!

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Hopefully this will be and continue to be a cheaper option.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

All I can see is more people employed nothing will change except it will cost the rate payers more money \$\$\$\$

Submitter Number: 238

Full Name: Justine Dodds

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 assets should remain council owned. Transferring to another entity (although proposed to be council owned) risks sale of these assets in the future. The council already has one of the most up to date Water/Waste water programs, so why change this? Adding a new entity will add further red tape and therefore more cost to the rate payers.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

As per comments in question 1

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

This seems to be a done deal by the council, but I hope that you do in fact take into account the responses by ratepayers to this submission

Submitter Number: 240

Full Name: Linus Meyer

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 the same

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 241

Full Name: Sam Carrick

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 inadequate evidence-based information provided by SDC on the benefits of moving to a WSCCO - where is the detailed business case that should set this out? The rating information indicates that cost-wise to ratepayers there is no clear benefit to ratepayers, with the WSCCO costing substantially more in 8 of the next 9 years of projections provided. Why does the WSCCO cost flatline in years 5-9? I struggle to believe that! - such a major assumption really requires a full justification, which is not provided.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Given the big information gaps on the WSCCO, and its is clearly more costly to ratepayers in 8 of the next 9 years, then I see no clear evidence-based rationale to take-on the risks of splitting up the current council. There is no evidence provided that the current inhouse approach is underperforming to warrant such a big restructuring. I also have concerns that there is no examples of WSCCO's that are actually working really well in the NZ context. I also have concerns on there is no clear information that the benefits of transparency and accountability mechanisms to ratepayers, that the current inhouse model has, will be guaranteed in the WSCCO approach.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Please see my earlier comments. I also have concerns over why the council continues to justify the WSCCO as being important so that they can access more debt - but no evidence is provided on the current state of water infrastructure? What are the gaps in

our current LTP investment plan? If they existed then surely they would have been set-out to ratepayers when setting the LTP - it was only completed less than a year ago. How can SDC show such enthusiasm to increase our debt so significantly, without the detailed evidence to justify this? We would be crazy as ratepayers to endorse the council to do this - yet if we support the WSCCO, then it appears we would be endorsing this potential debt increase with no evidence on why it is needed.

Submitter Number: 242

Full Name: Alan Maccalman

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 we need to creat and fund a new seperate entity this is why we have a district council

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

This would lead to increases in rates and cost households even more with no direct benefit

Submitter Number: 243

Full Name: Brian Deans

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Just adds costs another board ceo etc does not add efficiency

Submitter Number: 244

Full Name: Terry Anderson

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

1. As per the LGA, under the term, "Council Controlled Organisation", the council is required to only have a 50 % share in securities and therefore a 50% share of voting rights for any decisions made by the CCO. This opens the possibilities for other entities to enter the "organisation" over which the ratepayers will have no say, stifling competition and efficiency. 2. The Table of Projected costs to ratepayers is grounds enough to reject the proposal. It shows significant rate rises which deliver no tangible benefits to ratepayers. The impression given in the consulting document, that costs will converge in the final year of the 10-year plan is pure speculation and cannot in anyway be guaranteed, as there are many factors outside the Council control in WSCCO model. 3. The proposal adds a layer of management which adds complexity and cost to the delivery of water services and shields the council from direct accountability to ratepayers. 4. The proposal is impelled by the National parties "Water Done Well policy" which posits that ratepayers assets will remain exclusively in their control, as opposed to a 3-water Co-Governance model, yet we see as much control by a central bureaucracy under their plan. They are encouraging Councils to form "joint" WSCCO's that will drive debt even higher. The next logical step in their plan would be for Selwyn to combine with other Councils to establish a mega-borrowing entity that, infused with borrowed money, is likely to fast track implementation of their version of imperative infrastructure. On the other hand, a more frugal council, acting independently, would resist such reckless expenditure and ease the debt burden on current and future rate[payers. 5. I'm interested in the reason for not including storm water management in the WSCCO model. This 2024 Proposed Act specifically mentions this aspect of water management, which is extremely important in water recovery and flood mitigation. What costs await ratepayers in this area? 6. The Proposed act has a clause titled Schedule 1, Part 1 Provisions relating to this Act as enacted "There are no transitional, savings, or related provisions in this Act as enacted." We can see that there is no intention to ameliorate the costs of implementing their strategy. This is a gross abuse and should be grounds enough to reject the Bill, yet the councils will meekly accept this impost. in summary, I adamantly reject the Council's proposal.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

For the reasons pointed out in question 1

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 245

Full Name: John McNamara

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 within council

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

We don't need a council controlled organisation draining ratepayers of more money and pushing up rates when the council is already providing this service.

Submitter Number: 246

Full Name: Sharlene Sallabanks

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

It would be at a considerable cost to ratepayers, when rates rises are already at peak percentages. The council should apply for an extension to the consultation period.

There is no need to risk such an important position to be seen at the first/a frontrunner to adopt new policy. The council should seek to utilise the already established Corde, which would significantly lower the cost of setting up a new WSCCO.

Submitter Number: 247

Full Name: Angela Berry

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 would be a better option to deliver water services through an in-house water delivery model.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

I would rather see these services remain within the council. This option will also cost rate payers less, which is an important consideration for many.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Rates + water service charges will increase faster in the WSCCO model than in the "in-house" model. There is a promise that after the first 10 years the WSCCO will be cheaper than the in-house model but there is no evidence in the consultation document to support this. The consultation document has no evidence of any water services project that would require the extra borrowing ability that a WSCCO would have. extra borrowing means extra repayments. Sure it means more projects can be done sooner, but they will cost more overall if more is borrowed over a longer term.

Submitter Number: 248

Full Name: Fiona Newcombe

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

With rates at an all-time high and about to increase further it is incredulous that SDC would even consider this as a solution.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 249

Full Name: Ryan Shepherd

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 sounds like an expensive undertaking, it's going to require more people, more management. Surely you have the staff to cater for what needs to be done at the moment without spending above and beyond.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 250

Full Name: Hilary Michie

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Ratepayers do NOT want to fund the establishment of a new entity that involves paying for staff, vehicles, buildings and their maintenance when ratepayer-funded people with the requisite skills and knowledge are already on the council's staff. Further, the establishment of a new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation will mean the ratepayers' voices will count for even less than they do at the moment.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 251

Full Name: Veera Pathuri

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 252

Full Name: Sue Stokes

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Privatisation of assets has never worked for the benefit of the consumer. Also the council needs to work within it budget and stop loaning money.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Be accountable.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 253

Full Name: Elizabeth Deans

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 254

Full Name: Susan Farmer

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

as yet there has been no presentation to the ratepayers as to the perceived need to outsource care and control of these assets. the new legislation anticipated is not currently available. when it is discussions can be initiated with ratepayers allowing an appropriate time period within which to debate the factual requirements of good stewardship of the assets and the finances envisaged.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Selwyn district currently has excellent water facilities, the cost of which has already been borne by the ratepayers. firstly establish that there is a priority need to change any part of the current system and secondly determine what the options are. should the ratepayers agree with council presentations and the projected costs to the people a WSCCO can always be created later.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

considering the fact that Selwyn district has such a good system already provided and maintained, the haste to hand it on to an other body of contractors with only three weeks notice to ratepayers but accompanying establishment costs, no accountability to those ratepayers and untenable and irreversible rates rises, can only be viewed as highly suspicious. in an election year this haste to commit Selwyn ratepayers to such a future with inadequate care to their voice on this matter will undoubtedly undermine further the trust in current Council members

Submitter Number: 255

Full Name: Richard Daglish

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 has not worked in Auckland and why do we need another price hike in Rates as the multiple new subdivisions should be contributing much more money. Would this involve having some overpaid person at the head of this new company .New building building to house it and multiple new employees. Leave the water control as it is with the council

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Council control inhouse is the only way to go

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

It will fail just like Auckland

Submitter Number: 256

Full Name: Murphy Jill

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

No to any kind of privatization

Submitter Number: 257

Full Name: Hilary Barrer

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 process is being rushed through with insufficient detailed information being supplied. A decision does not need to be made this early in the year.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 258

Full Name: Mark U

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

No

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 259

Full Name: Gail Harkerss

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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 would be very concerned to see this be at arm length from the Council and rate payers. I am worried about the ability to borrow large sums of money. I also believe such an entity is adding a layer of unnecessary costs by setting up a new infrastructure which will duplicate many of the costs that exist within the Council already.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

I think the infrastructure already exists within the Council along with the necessary management. This model gives greater accountability to rate payers and also will not increase the rates as much as the projected costs with the other proposed model.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

This model concerns me greatly as there are less controls around how it is managed, its ability to borrow. which is ultimately the responsibility for the rate payer to repay. I am also concerned that the Council appears to be rushing in with no good reason prior to the legislation even being passed which also worries me.

Submitter Number: 260

Full Name: Lindsay Robertson

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Because the government have not written the new legislation I think the SDC have tried to pre-empt what will be in it. Because of this the costing figures they have supplied are meaningless.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Once the government have written the new legislation and we the rate payers have more information, then perhaps this consultation process should occur. If we chose WSCCO option we cannot go back, and we the rate payers will in the future have no input into how these services are delivered.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

The information supplied is inadequate to make a decision. The time frame in which this has been delivered is too short and not given rates payers adequate time to comment. The WSCCO model will ensure that the rate payers of Selwyn (now and in the future) will be lumbered with unnecessary debt.

Submitter Number: 261

Full Name: Maree Chalmers

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 262

Full Name: Sandra Robertson

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

The council are putting the cart before the horse in proposing this. The legislation has not been done yet, we should wait to understand exactly what is required. The consultation document was pitifully short on detail and information. It was so short on information that we cannot make an informed decision. It appears some are on an ego trip and wanting to be the first out of the blocks. I have yet to see any evidence this system works. It appears to remove the ability for ratepayers to have their say on how water is managed, and opens us up to millions of dollars in generational debt. Hierarchy will be duplicated doubling costs. The consultation period has been way too short for the immensity of this decision, and councillors and council representatives have been conspicuous by their absence. This is not a decision the outgoing councillors should be making. It will be a dump and run on their part. This decision has far reaching consequences and time should be taken before irreversible decisions are made.

Submitter Number: 263

Full Name: Betty Walls

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 264

Full Name: Gaylene Weir

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

No advantage in changing when SDC water system is one of the best in the country, only a burden to rate payers with horrendous rate increases without this added expense. WSCCO will cost us the rate payers more. The rates will not go down over 10 year period as promising (that will never happen, this council just seems to want to spend spend spend, this is our money and alot of people are already hurting with the huge rate rises last year and again this year no doubt. No more borrowing tighten your belts and help your rate payers

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

Yes

Please add your comments

already managing inhouse why change when this is working well Keep costs down

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

dont do it, an astronomical cost that is not needed. pull your heads in.

Submitter Number: 265

Full Name: Sally Dunbar

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 should remain as is.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

This should not happen due to it costing ratepayers to set up and run when it's not necessary

Submitter Number: 266

Full Name: Vanessa Robinson

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 would appreciate greater transparency from your team. Currently, we are only servicing the interest on our existing debt, and it appears that your inability to secure additional funding is prompting this change. If managing these issues in-house has proven challenging, I must ask: what has been done over the past 15 years? During my tenure managing a company that frequently collaborated with you on water and wastewater projects, I became well-acquainted with your operations. Selwyn has a capable and knowledgeable team already in place, which raises concerns that this initiative may prioritize borrowing more funds rather than focusing on the best interests of the Selwyn ratepayers. We simply cannot afford to incur millions in additional debt, especially when we are already struggling to manage our current obligations. I quote: Council infrastructure and property executive director Tim Mason said while it will be up to the community to decide, a CCO would allow the council to borrow more for new infrastructure and pay it off over a longer period. The KEY HERE IS LETTING THE COMMUNITY DECIDE!

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

Yes

Please add your comments

As I have previously mentioned, you have been managing this internally, and your team is fully capable of handling it. We have already invested in the infrastructure, and as a community, we cannot afford to squander our funds to enrich the affluent while neglecting those in need. It is imperative that you gauge the current situation and exercise caution regarding expenditures that exceed our budget. I urge you to extend the timelines for each initiative and reconsider projects that we cannot financially support. If this pattern of overspending continues, we risk jeopardizing our financial stability. It may be necessary for you to regain control of the situation or delegate responsibilities to someone within the current council who can manage it effectively.

The continuous increases in our rates are untenable; they only serve to alienate residents. I am increasingly frustrated by the lack of responsiveness to the concerns of us ratepayers, as well as the persistent encroachments from property investors attempting to disrupt our community and convert our cherished lifestyle blocks into residential housing.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

The current model lacks transparency, relying on theoretical projections rather than concrete data. This approach risks creating an environment where blame is shifted among stakeholders if community feedback is disregarded. Furthermore, I understand that there are plans to impose charges on residents who maintain their own water and sewage systems, despite the fact that your organization neither installs nor maintains these services. This strategy seems misaligned with the financial realities of your ratepayers, their existing assets, and your current expenditures. I strongly urge you to reconsider this approach, as it could lead to significant backlash from the community, who may feel that their concerns are being overlooked. It is essential to prioritize fiscal responsibility and eliminate unnecessary expenditures on initiatives that do not resonate with the community's needs. While aspirations for luxury items are common, it is crucial to live within our means. I encourage your team to take a step back and reflect on these important considerations.

Submitter Number: 267

Full Name: Harvey Polglase

Organisation: Darfield Residents Association

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

We do not need the costs associated with an additional bureaucracy which will increase ratepayer charges until at least 2034.



SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL ON WATER DONE WELL PROPOSAL

The Darfield Residents Association Inc. is opposed to the Council plan to set up a separate WSCCO. Our opposition is based on the following points:

1. Council acknowledge that, with set up costs suggested around \$2 million, there will be an ongoing additional increase in rates with a WSCCO up until at least 2033/34 when some marginal savings appear. With the projected rate rises already in the Long Term Plan, further increases are unacceptable.
2. There is general agreement that the current state of Selwyn water infrastructure is good, particularly compared to other Councils. This reflects credit on existing staff and Council decisions and there is no reason to expect this to deteriorate in the future. The suggestion that a WSCCO could bring in specialized governance and management begs the question of why it is felt this is presently lacking.
3. Much is made of the enhanced borrowing capacity of a WSCCO but, quite apart from questioning the need for greatly increased borrowing, the interest costs on this will fall on existing ratepayers, not the long term beneficiaries.
4. It is suggested the borrowing may be required for as yet unspecified additional legislative requirements. Surely it is sound planning to wait to see what those requirements might be before committing to a system which may not need the extra capital.
5. Council set out a Long Term Plan last year which was so fixed in stone there was no opportunity to submit on it for this year and presumably setting up a WSCCO will have major impact on this plan. There is a general consensus among ratepayers that extra costs at this time are unacceptable unless there is good justification for them. The obvious answer for Council regarding water services is to stick with the working in-house model, with provision to review around 2033/34 if legislative requirements and finances then show a real need for change.

Harvey Polglase

Chairman

Darfield Residents Association Inc.

Submitter Number: 268

Full Name: Andrea Clemens

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

268 Submission Form

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Submitter details

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First name* ANDREA
Last name* CLEMENS

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?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

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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

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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Submitter Number: 269

Full Name: Angela Hart

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Submission Form

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First name* ANGELA

Last name* HART

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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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

CCOs can be very difficult
for Councils to manage
I prefer Council to retain
full control

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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Submitter Number: 270

Full Name: Graeme Gemmill

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Submission Form

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First name* Graeme

Last name* Gemmell

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

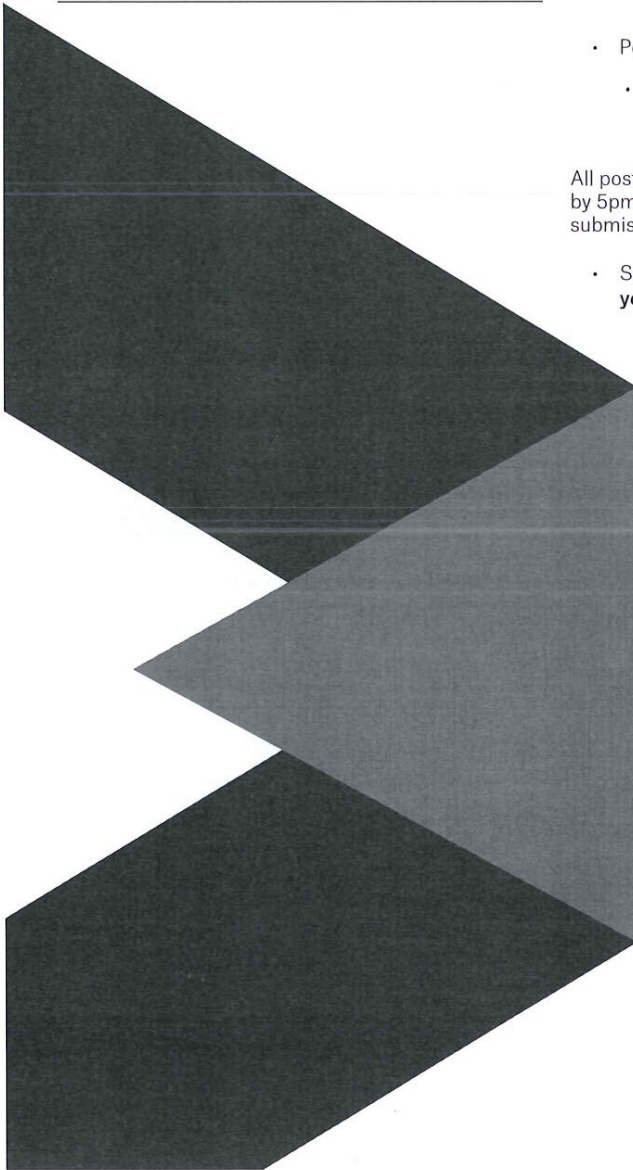
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Submitter Number: 271

Full Name: Christine Parker

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

Selwyn District Council has done a great job at managing and maintaining our current water infrastructure, and has done so in a cost effective manner, for the benefit of the ratepayers. I see no reason to change the current system (if it ain't broke, don't fix it) and believe we should keep it in-house. If at some point in the future this needs to be reviewed, please report back to the ratepayers with your proposal as to why a council owned organisation should be formed.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

All towns in Selwyn are in a growth mode, meaning much of the water infrastructure is relatively new. Council has managed this growth and infrastructure well, and I see no reason why, with increased resources as the district grows, the in-house model should be changed. Under the current system, Council reports to the people, the very people who voted them in, and many of these people are struggling financially at the current time. Retaining an in-house delivery ensures accountability, cost efficiency, and community input. I know the council has been leading the way on many issues in local government, but this doesn't mean we have to lead in every area. There may be a need to re-look at this in the future, but now is not the time.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

My comments don't so much relate to the WSCCO model, but my findings as I have endeavoured to seek information and understand this document. For such an important issue, we have only been given two options. Surely the need to revisit a WSCCO model

could be considered. On Tuesday 4 March I went to the Council office in Rolleston to obtain copies of the document to pass to neighbours and friends as many people seem unaware of this project (as I was until recently when I attended a Residents and Ratepayers meeting). I want to be fully informed and believe we all should be. I was given 19 copies of the document and told "this is all we have". I was astounded that with such an important project 19 copies were all that were available. I had also checked the Council's website for dates and times of public meetings, but I could find no information. I mentioned this to the person I dealt with at the Council office and, after checking, they admitted the information was missing and advised it would be added. There were four meetings in total; three taking place during the week at 6 pm for one hour, and another taking place at 10 am on a Saturday. These times would hardly seem suitable for many people returning home from work, and those with families to feed. Surely, surely the meeting times should be planned to fit in around schedules of the people to whom you are seeking feedback, and not your staff. I attended a meeting at the Lincoln library on the evening of Thursday 6 March at 6 pm. I spoke to several staff members. I advised the lead person that I had only been able to obtain 19 copies of the document. He was shocked and told me that there were "cartons of them". I informed him that the staff didn't know as I was told only 19 were available. I also told him that the meeting venues, dates and times were also not available on the Council website, and that I had drawn this to the attention of staff. I asked other staff members present what the turnout to the meetings had been like, and I was informed that it was very poor. I said this was probably because the meetings were not advertised sufficiently. In light of the lack of publicity advising of the meetings by the Council, the fact that people had to go and pick up the consultation documents, and the limited time in which people could respond to this proposal by 12 March, I would suggest that this whole process be started over so that every resident and ratepayer in the district has an opportunity to learn about this project and make a submission. My suggestions are: 1. The consultation document (and there are cartons of them) be delivered to every household 2. Meetings be openly advertised, and held at more suitable times for residents to attend. Also that they be held in venues large enough for people to be addressed and to ask questions so we can hear what others have to say, unlike at the library where we were seen individually by staff. I would have been interested to hear concerns of others. 3. And a new date for closing of comments.

Submitter Number: 272

Full Name: Mary Quayle

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 273

Full Name: Mark Alexander

Organisation: Rolleston Residents Association

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

On the information in the consultation document there is no clear advantage for ratepayers in the next decade if a WSCCO is created. Rates + water service charges will increase faster in the WSCCO model than in the "in-house" model. There is a promise that after the first 10 years the WSCCO will be cheaper than the in-house model but there is no evidence in the consultation document to support this. The promise that charges/rates will go down after Year 10 is the promise every council makes in the 10 year Long Term Plan (LTP). In every subsequent LTP the decrease at year 10 is not realised. The consultation document has no evidence of any water services project that would require the extra borrowing ability that a WSCCO would have. The SDC already has the best credit rating a council can have, therefore a WSCCO can not borrow money at an interest rate lower than council itself. Council has to guarantee any WSCCO borrowing to enable the wholly own WSCCO to borrow. So where's the savings coming from? Commonsense says extra borrowing means extra repayments. Sure it means more projects can be done sooner, but they will cost more overall if more is borrowed over a longer term. Councilors state that there is more information not in the consultation document that would better explain the rationale and need for a WSCCO !!! Why, then, is that information not in the consultation document? Does council not trust our community to understand this information? On the basis on extremely short timeframes & incomplete documentation the Rolleston Residents Association ask the Selwyn District Council to retain in-house management of potable and waste water assets and services.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Retaining in-house management of potable and waste water assets and services is the best model for Selwyn's ratepayers. If in the future a WSCCO needs to be reconsidered

then the retention of in-house management allows this. The converse is not true. If the WSCCO model is adopted and this turns out to be the wrong decision it will be much more expensive to reverse the creation of the WSCCO. Prudence would recommend that the Selwyn District Council choose the option that has the least impacts on rates and charges to Selwyn's ratepayers, that is retain in-house management of potable water and waste water services and assets.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

The consultation document did not identify any projects that would require any additional borrowing that WSCOO would provide that aren't already in the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan (LTP). Vague statements about that there may be a need at a future point for funding for unidentified projects at some unidentified time are simply not good enough. Our community signed off on the LTP last year with the assurance from Council and elected members that this was the plan for 10 years. The consultation document doesn't identify any changes to the LTP. Creation of the WSCOO will impose extra costs on our community in which many ratepayers are already struggling to pay their rates and charges. If Council has more information why wasn't this extra information in the consultation document?

Submitter Number: 274

Full Name: Rafael Vial

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 Council can manage a CCO well, seeing how CORDE has been handled. Also, we will not have an Annual Plan since council has claimed that the budget changes within the LTP and Annual Plan would be minimum, however implementing a CCO would have big costs implications.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 275

Full Name: L Gourlie

Organisation:

Suburb: Halswell

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

WASCCO will be an expensive, multi-layered barrier between ratepayers & accountability through elected Councillors. No consultation or accountability to the people who own the assets and pay the bills. Consultation is of course relative - Mayor Sam has made up his mind - so a Chair has already been appointed to a non existant body. Mayor Sam has form signing agreements without consultation - the ODT's headline ..." Mayor blasted over 'wrong and abusive process". And it's One of the supposed benefits of a WASCCO is the ability for the entity to borrow more money than in-house entity - no consultation, no accountability. Ratepayers saddled with more debt and higher rates. ENOUGH!

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Apparently in-house entity is unable raise money at the level of a WSCCO - this is a real bonus, - accountability and consultation in the in-house model, whats not to like? And perhaps in time the Carter Group in particular will have to pay a realistic contribution toward their developments rather than the ratepayer subsidizing the company's subdivisions and contributing directly to their profits.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Empire building by of Mayor Sam, who states in a video that Selwyn's WSCCO will be nothing like Wellington's entity and it's water woes. He can't know that and its disingenuous to say otherwise - Wellingtons entity is being mightily ripped off by

contractors on top of other problems. Selwyn as a new post-earthquake district has for the most part new infrastructure - no EQ damage, no 50 year old pipes and if Selwyn does have compromised infrastructure then ratepayers money has been squandered on other non-infrastructure spending. Medical Centre - leave that to Govt or the market.. If there are problems requiring larger sums that an in-house model can deliver then ratepayer money has been

Submitter Number: 276

Full Name: John Benefield

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 is an essential part of day to day living requirements and control must be retained by the residents via the Council. Councillors are democratically elected triennially which gives residents an opportunity to have input on major issues of importance such as water. Ratepayers can also have input via the District Plan Review annually in a democratic society which New Zealand prides itself on. Passing control to an autonomous body will result in the users being denied input into issues involving water/water disposal. So often changes of services etc. in NZ have been sold with the promise of greater efficiencies and better services. In so many instances we are still waiting to see or benefit from those promises. Don't let your ratepayers and residents down again. We do not need another "change for change sake". Where do the returns from "CORDE" go?. I haven't seen any figures showing a return or benefit to Selwyn District Council. This proposal to form another entity will result in more increases in costs to ratepayers over which they will have no control. Selwyn District Council/Councillors have lost touch with their Ratepayers/Residents current financial position. Many cannot afford the proposed increase in rates for the next financial year let alone future years. Every year individuals or Businesses assess investment to expansion, redevelopment or improvements according to ability to finance or service debt. Local Government should be doing the same and focus on essential or needed expenditure and deferring "Nice to Haves" until they are affordable. Your Ratepayers are not "Cash Cows".

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Control must remain with the duly elected Council in any true democracy. Ratepayers through Selwyn District Council have invested in infrastructure which is the envy of many regions/districts/Cities of NZ. Now is the opportunity to reap the benefits of that

investment. Remember, we are a democracy which entitles the ratepayers to rights and the council has no mandate to remove that right. The Oxford Dictionary definition of Democracy "A system of Government by the whole population or all the eligible members of an area, typically through elected Representatives".

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Control by any Quasi/Quango runs the risks of higher rates for bottom line performance ratings. Previous actions of privatization by Central Governments have not resulted in better performance of better service which Selwyn Ratepayers are entitled too in a true democracy.

Submitter Number: 277

Full Name: Stephen Matthews

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 WSCCO appears to be an expensive and inefficient way to manage some of the water services

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 278

Full Name: Peter Baylis

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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 have not got all the information from the Government. The council has be delivering the water now so why waste more ratepayers money on a new entity. Wait until all the information is received from the Government and so then we can be informed.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

You will still be doing the storm water so why would you not do all 3 waters and save ratepayer paying for 2 entities to perform the same job water.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Why is no viable option to join with other councils for a joint WSCCO?

Submitter Number: 279

Full Name: Joe Morris

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 feel that moving to WSCCO has the possibility of introducing additional layers of bureaucracy that may slow down any decision-making process, restricting future innovation and upgrades in water infrastructure and technology. With Bureaucracy comes the added feeling of a loss of control of local oversight and accountability. Not to mention the added cost of another organisation with the community footing the bill, while we are struggling with the cost of living.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Keeping the in-house water delivery model allows for greater local oversight and accountability, enabling the community to have a say in how their water services are managed, possibly fostering a closer relationships between us and the council, leading to more responsive services tailored to our own needs. Managing all services under one roof can streamline operations, potentially reducing administrative overhead and improving coordination between departments (e.g., drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater). Reducing the costs incurred on the rate payers.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 280

Full Name: Sean Rooney

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

Moving into a WSCCO will result in rates and water service charges that will increase at a faster rate than the in-house model. This will also allow the Council (WSCCO) to increase borrowings that will be at an unsustainable level. I do not have confidence that this Council can control its spending in a prudent manner.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

It is a sensible approach as it is not known (at this stage) what the finalised legislation will look like. In fact, the Council should have applied for an extension so it could have all the facts at hand instead of rushing in and developing an incomplete WSCCO model.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

You have failed to explain the rationale and need for a WSCCO when the in-house model is currently meeting our needs. The community have asked a lot of questions that have not been answered, therefore cannot be expected to make a decision in favour of a WSCCO.

Submitter Number: 281

Full Name: Tonya Frew

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 282

Full Name: Vitor Centeno

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 can't afford more debt associated with a WSCCO and more rate rises in the short term. SDC and its mayor and councillors are making impossible to afford living in Selwyn

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

Yes

Please add your comments

We can't afford more debt associated with a WSCCO and more rate rises in the short term. SDC and its mayor and councillors are making impossible to afford living in Selwyn

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

We've lost any trust in Sam Broughton and the councillors. They are doing nothing to ease the cost of living crisis for the Selwyn population, in fact they are making it way worse, therefore we don't trust anything they propose

Submitter Number: 283

Full Name: Samuel Wilshire

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

No punctuation, so this question can read two ways. I bet submitters got confused by question 1.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Given when a family max out their credit card, they reduce spending and pay down the debt. Normally they don't simply pick up a new credit card with the same limit... For new infrastructure the proposed plan of expenditure is obscene in the WMSCCO model.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Second time writing this as it timed out. The consultation process is flawed, we've had numerous different answers to the same questions depending on what drop in session I attended. Staff earmarked to shift to CCO are running and participating in drop in sessions and advocated for CCO model, if these council staff receive a severance or redundancy package this would most definitely be considered a conflict of interest. Currently the CFO can't confirm or deny after 11 months what's owed, to who and what the rates of interest are. Why would residents trust you to borrow \$1 more let alone \$600,000,000? Where's the 2 million dollars gone that was allocated for the establishment team? And why is the council suggesting this amount will need to be topped up for something we haven't decided on yet?

Submitter Number: 284

Full Name: Anna-Lisa van Tuinen

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 cost of this to rate payers will be unaffordable for many - especially single income households and pensioners

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Provided that this is not a cost that will increase (such as the approx. \$2000 described to be added onto rates)

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

N/A

Submitter Number: 285

Full Name: Anita Vulling

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 the council as is , so there is more local control and lower cost plus better accountability

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 Also the council needs to operate within budget instead of aiming for more loans = more debt and more vulnerable

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

It should stay 100 % under control of the local council plus it creates more rates. This means rate payers and council will have to go in more debt.

Submitter Number: 286

Full Name: Kathreen Joy Haylock

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Council already have expertise in running water services. With the addition of a few key people it should be able to fulfill the government requirements. We do not need a separate organisation. Corde is a separate council controlled organisation with vehicles provided to employees that do not require them, and not enough accountability to ensure our rates money is spent efficiently. My belief is that a WSCCO would also require excessive spending to set up with too many managers on high salaries and perks. Stormwater pipes run alongside the other pipes, Maintenance will be easier to co-ordinate if all services are kept together.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Council already have expertise in running water services. With the addition of a few key people it should be able to fulfill the government requirements. If the council is concentrating on it's baseline services, it should be able to keep the water rate under control. Ensuring all new housing developments add rainwater tanks for garden watering would be a start. Has the new Foodstuff building added rainwater tanks to water their landscaped plants? Selwyn has the advantage of having new water networks in many areas due to new growth, that should have been largely paid for by developers. They can then concentrate on older established towns that may need updated services which I am sure have been budgeted for in long term plans.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

The WSCCO will cost to set up and I cannot see that as a effective use of our rates.

Councilors were not prepared to confirm that water rates would not go up more under a WSCCO in the future than under an in house model. That gives me no confidence in a WSCCO. The government has not yet finalized their requirements. Waiting to network with other councils on a knowledge base could be worthwhile. I am aware they do not wish to work with Selwyn DC on a physical basis.

Submitter Number: 287

Full Name: Karren Madden

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 aim to keep the debt ceiling as low as possible. A new WSCCO will raise the debt ceiling beyond what the Council/Rate payers can afford. A new WSCCO will not be controlled by Council and there may be issues in the future when Council don't like the decisions the WSCCO implement. Where is the legislation, has it been confirmed and released?

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Kept it in-house and keep it simple. Keep the debt level low and keep Council in control.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

There needs to be more consultation with the rate payers, once a WSCCO is implemented there will be no turning back. The decision needs to be held off until the local elections are complete, and the legislation is finalised.

Submitter Number: 288

Full Name: Helena Immers

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Yes

Please add your comments

The council seeks submissions from the effected parties, the rate payers, relating to the proposal that all of Selwyn District's water supply and wastewater assets be transferred into an entity described as a WSCCO, which at its inception, will be 100% owned by the Council. On the surface it appears that assets owned 100% by the Council will be transferred into an entity which is also 100 % owned by the Council. Why would the Council bother to consult the ratepayers on such an absurd idea? I note that the 10-year plan, which was approved in 2024, made adequate provisions to meet projected expenditure for these services, yet the Councils own modelling proposes that costs will increase by almost \$80 Million under the new delivery model. 25/26 \$148 X 30000 = \$4,440,000 26/27 \$248 X 30000 = \$7,440,000 27/28 \$687 X 30000 = \$20,610,000 28/29 \$565 X 30000 = \$16,950,000 29/30 \$473 X 30000 = \$14,190,000 30/31 \$343 X 30000 = \$10,290,000 31/32 = \$203 X 30000 = \$6,090,000 Total \$79,980,000 The Council appears determined to push forward in this regard in response to the pending Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024, which states: 2 Commencement (3) Any provision of this Act that has not come into force by 1 July 2025 comes into force then. Disappointingly, despite the costs of implementing this new arrangement, central government has passed the cost onto ratepayers, as per Schedule 1: Part 1 Provisions relating to this Act as enacted There are no transitional, savings, or related provisions in this Act as enacted. I note that the Act requires consultation with ratepayers, as per 62 Alternative requirement: consultation (1) This section applies if a territorial authority— (a) is deciding whether or not to establish, join, or amend— (i) a water services council-controlled organisation; (b)

when adopting its water services delivery plan, is making decisions in relation to an anticipated or proposed model or arrangement for delivering water services in its water services delivery plan (see section 13(1)(k)); (2) Before a territorial authority makes a decision described in subsection (1), it is required to undertake consultation only once. (3) A territorial authority that makes a decision described in subsection (1)(a) is not required to undertake any further consultation before making a decision described in subsection (1)(b). Disappointingly, we see that once the public has been consulted, once, on the establishment of a WSCCO, the Council is not obligated to consult further on the proposed arrangement for delivering water services. This takes the matter out of the control of ratepayers. I also note that in section 68 68 Exemption from cost-effectiveness review (1) This section applies if a territorial authority— (a) is deciding whether or not to establish, join, or amend a WSCCO; or (d) has established, joined, or amended a WSCCO; or (f) has changed its water services delivery arrangements as part of an anticipated or proposed model or arrangement for delivering water services in its water services delivery plan. (2) The authority is not required to undertake a review under section 17A of the LGA2002 in relation to the WSCCO, the anticipated or proposed model or arrangement for delivering water services, We see here that the WSCCO is exempted from providing a cost effectiveness review for the first 5-years after it comes into force. 69 Repeal of section 68 Section 68 and this section are repealed on the date that is 5 years after this section comes into force. This is a shortfall in the legislation by not providing transparency in the first 5-years. Uncalled capital Defined as that portion of subscribed capital that has yet to be paid for buy the shareholders. The incentive for the Council to enter into this arrangement seems to be the source of lower cost loans. This is a false economy as it places our assets at risk in the event that a “call” is made on the outstanding capital pledged by the WSCCO. Also, by entering into long term financial arrangement we are passing debt onto future generations for infrastructure which could have been delayed by decades. The most alarming aspect of this decision-making process, is that despite the consultation underway, the council is not obligated to vote according to the ratepayers views: LGA 2002 77 Requirements in relation to decisions (1) A local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,— (a) seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and (b) assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; But, there is no obligation to agree with the ratepayers views. The only recourse for ratepayers is to remove the offending Councillors at the next election after the damage is done. Thin edge of the wedge This move by the council is motivated by a desire to comply with the current coalition government's desire to change the funding modelling for local governments. It works best when local councils combine to form regional borrowing entities that have a greater asset base that can securitise loans of very large sums. For this reason the Act allows for joint WSCCO's to be formed from several local authorities. The Act, by allowing council shareholdings to drop to 50%, opens the door for private equity partners to enter the market. The council, with this view in mind, would seek to pass such amendments to the WSCCO, hoping that an apathetic ratepayer base would not object. The current submission process would do nothing to halt that trajectory as it is an inadequate consultation process and can be ignored anyway. Summary With an election in October 2025 it is utterly untenable for the SDC to rush through this

proposed change to delivery of our water services. We do not need to be the first guinea pig of a centralist government model that passes burdens onto ratepayers, as opposed to taxpayers. Selwyn has already invested large sums into water infrastructure which have provided minimal benefit to existing ratepayers. They have been based on ESG policies which are questionable at best. We do not need another layer of bureaucracy standing between ratepayers and service providers; it adds cost and weakens the role of ratepayers in deciding how these services are provided.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 289

Full Name: Brendon Wilshire

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

HQ 11/3/25

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.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at selwyn.govt.nz/yourwater

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at selwyn.govt.nz/yourwater

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your first and last name on the additional paper.

Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name* Brendon

Last name* Wilshire



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?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process and are a public record. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Submissions including names are published on our website and in official documents so please do not include any personal information in the content of your submission you would prefer to be kept private.

While contact details (address, phone number and email address) are provided to elected members along with your feedback to be considered when making their decisions, contact details will not be made publicly available on the Council's website or official documentation.

If someone requests a copy of submissions through the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, name and contact details must be supplied. If you have good reason as to why your personal details and/or feedback should be kept confidential please contact yourwater@selwyn.govt.nz outlining your reasons.

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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Submitter Number: 290

Full Name: Steven Bruce-Jones

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

H/Q 11/3/25

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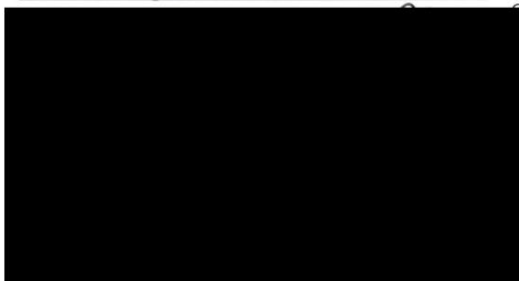
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First name* STEVEN
Last name* BRUCE - JONES



☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation*

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments *

THE COUNCIL JUST WANT
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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

THE RATEPAYERS AT LEAST
HAVE SOME SAY IN
THE MATTER.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

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Submitter Number: 291

Full Name: Max user

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 am tentatively optimistic that a WSCCO would benefit Selwyn. I have concerns that the time to make a decision and consult is only 8 weeks when this will impact the region for many years to come. Personally I am not available for the dates set up for community outreach which is a shame.

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

No

Please add your comments

The consultation document outlines that the WSCCO has scope for more future benefits than the status quo.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

I wish the consultation period was longer to allow for more community outreach for such a large decision.

Submitter Number: 292

Full Name: Andrew Jorgensen

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 interested in paying profit for water. Adding contractors to the process introduces extra cost for no real gain

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

Yes

Please add your comments

better control of the water. costs are tracked properly

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 293

Full Name: Marie Stafford

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 are happy to keep this as is.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 294

Full Name: Murray Winsloe

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Not Stated

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Last name* Wraibe



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WATER & ENVIRONMENT

Submitter Number: 295

Full Name: Helen Stevenson

Organisation:

Suburb: West Melton

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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 unethical to commit to such a multi generational debt load, especially as nothing can be known about the future interest rate changes, and it is completely unacceptable to just keep raising rates . Borrowing up to 500% of total revenue is total madness - unless ALL the people on the WSCCO board and in management are held accountable and liable for the debt repayment !!! That would work - because that financial responsibility would make them pause and rethink their blithe overspending. It is undemocratic to have an organisation that is not accountable to voting rate payers - unelected people have NO place in councils, and have absolutely NO right to make financial decisions that affect rate payers.

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 democratic option - the council is held accountable to the rate payers, and when we dont like your decisions , we vote you OUT !

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

To repeat, it is completely undemocratic to have an unelected organisation that is able to have a financial influence and apply a resulting financial burden on rate payers - there MUST be accountability to us, the rate payers. Without us, the council would have NO revenue ! Therefore , the Mayor and councillors should think VERY carefully about their decision, every decision in fact !

Submitter Number: 296

Full Name: Allison Rosanowski

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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 process was supposed to be a consultation with the community. The Consultation document is clear that the Council's preference is for a WSCCO. The Council already employs people to manage water and waste water. If a WSCCO is the outcome these people must be made redundant. this costs. Any employment process for a new body must be an open process. Already the Council has employed two people to manage the process. Will their contracts finish and new positions be advertised on the open market? Directors' fees will be another new cost. Rate payers will not elect Directors. The carrot proposed by the present government for establishing a WSCCO is increased borrowing . Governments change. Selwyn currently is managing water and waste water successfully so there is no reason to abandon Council control. My understanding is that for WSCCO's to be economic they should provide for a population of a minimum of 200.000 people. Selwyn does not have that population. Our neighbouring Councils are keeping water and waste services inhouse. So should Selwyn.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Present Council controlled system is working well. Ratepayers have some control through three yearly elections. A WSCCO would distance ratepayers from the expected services. While there has been considerable work to produce the figures in the Consultation document the basis for these figures are estimates.

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

Yes

Please add your comments

Puts distance between rate payers and service delivery.

Submitter Number: 297

Full Name: Denise Carrick

Organisation: Lincoln Voice

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Do you have any comments on the WSCCO model? Comments

No

Please add your comments

It is clear that the council does not have adequate information or understanding to run a fair and informed consultation with ratepayers, let alone make such substantive changes to SDC organisational structure, as well as substantively restructuring household rates and council debt. To proceed with the WSCCO model in the current rushed process appears to have a number of risks and borders on reckless Governance.

Based on the very limited and confusing information thus far by SDC, we feel that the only responsible governance decision is to not proceed with the WSCCO at this point in time.

Stick with the in-house management of water services, whilst completing the detailed business case evaluation, wait for the uncertainty around the legislative changes to settle with full clarity, and learn from the responses (and mistakes) of other councils. The desire to lead that has been expressed by SDC is folly and exposes ratepayers to unnecessary risks. It is our understanding that it is not a 'now or never' situation for setting up a WSCCO, the council can decide to do this at a later date, once they (and ratepayers) have the full business case and legislative changes available.

Reasons why we feel the council should not proceed with the WSCCO model at present:

1. **There has been inadequate consultation documentation and underpinning data** for ratepayers to be able to make an informed decision. From observing the large number of questions from ratepayers, through various online and in-person forums, it is clear the 14 pages of 'glossy' consultation documentation has been confusing in content and also does not provide the level of information that ratepayers need for informed decisions. Many fundamental questions have been asked by ratepayers, and the council has not been able to answer those straight away. Many answers to questions have been just as confusing (as outlined below).
2. **Where is the accompanying detailed business case evaluation?** - this is standard practice for Government cabinet decisions, and these are publicly released (e.g. regulatory impact analysis, cost-benefit analysis). This is also standard practise for decisions by boards and executives of medium-large businesses.
3. **Where is the evaluation of the current state of our water services delivery?** The council has not provided ratepayers any 'baseline' documentation of the current state in: a) The current state of our drinking and sewage network; b) what works are already planned to be completed over the next decade via the LTP; c) where is the shortfall in works?
4. **Where is the independent analysis of our current in-house approach?** The short 'glossy' consultation document provides no information on the in-house delivery model. Where is the independent evaluation of the councils' current water services delivery group? If they are doing a good job as we assume, then why would we want to change this without some very good evidence-based reasons.
5. **Councillors do not have the understanding that is needed to answer basic questions from their ratepayers.** It is clear that through the drop-in-sessions, facebook posts, and the live-stream that the councillors don't have a clear picture of the options and consequent implications of each. Core questions of what is wrong with our current in-house management? How will this affect my total rates bill? How will the council debt change? - have been either glossed over, answered with waffle, or met with inconsistent numbers.
6. **The legislation is not complete. It is clear this proposal is based on a series of guesses** on what the final requirements and implications of the Government

legislative changes will be. Councillors and staff have said this directly on the livestream Q&A.

Relying on a substantive proportion of guesswork is close to reckless Governance to push through such huge structural changes to both the SDC organisation, rating structure, and ratepayer debt arrangements.

7. There is no clear evidence-based rationale on why SDC should lead ahead of other councils in setting up a WSCCO.

8. The WSCCO is not more cost-effective over the next the decade. The cost-benefit of the WSCCO has been continuously asserted by the council during the consultation, yet their own figures in the rating examples show that it is only in year 9 of the outlook (2033/34) that the WSCCO option would be marginally cheaper. In the next 7 years (up to 2031/34) it is substantially more expensive. After year 9 there is no information provided that justify the SDC claim that the WSCCO will be cheaper to ratepayers in the medium to long-term - such assertions need evidence!

9. Why does the WSCCO cost flatline after the next 5 years, but the cost of the in-house model keeps increasing? The only reason the WSCCO appears to eventually be cheaper in 9 years time is that after year 5 its cost to ratepayers is claimed to flatline at \$2668 /yr - but no evidence or reasons are provided. What business or service can say that they will keep their fee the same for 5 years?

10. The council has not been able to clearly outline what the effects will be on total rates to households. This has been asked for numerous times, across consultation forums since the start of the consultation, yet has not been provided. The only information provided has been for just the sewage and drinking water component. In reality though ratepayers do care about changes to their total rates bill. We expect that if a WSCCO is set up then the SDC component of the total rates bill will decrease. But how that translates through to the total rates bill is still a mystery to ratepayers - this should not be the case, and this information should have been available to ratepayers from the start of the consultation.

11. There is no clarity on the mechanisms that would be used to ensure that the WSCCO will be accountable to ratepayers. This requires independent efficiency evaluations to be conducted regularly, and full transparency to ratepayers. Based on the limited information available around CORDE, the current CCO of SDC, then we question the council's commitment to transparency around the WSCCO. At least with an in-house model ratepayers can directly ask councillors to seek this information, or if necessary, use an OIA mechanism.

Submitter Number: 298

Full Name: Kenneth May

Organisation:

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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First name* KENNETH

Last name* MAY

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Staff of the SDC are employed to ensure appropriate installation of those water services, and creating a WSCCO will only cause duplication.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

They have the skills and staff. Should CORDE become the WSCCO, we will end up with the tail wagging the dog.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Elcaved in concept and an
unacceptable addition to rates
and ratepayers costs

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Submitter Number: 299

Full Name: Joann van der Salm

Organisation:

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First name* JoAnn

Last name* van der Salen



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Full Name: Jack van der Salm

Organisation:

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