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Dear Hut Owner

### **UPPER SELWYN HUTS WATER SUPPLY – ADDITION OF PERMANENT CHLORINATION**

We are writing to update you on the chlorination of the Upper Selwyn Huts water supply.

Two years ago Selwyn District Council undertook Water Treatment plant upgrade works which included the construction of a new water treatment plant building that was fitted with ultra-violet disinfection (validated to meet the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand), improved water quality monitoring and new storage tanks to provide buffer storage during poor raw water quality events.

The next stage of the upgrade will be the addition of permanent chlorination. Works to install permanent chlorination is expected to be completed by **19 May 2021**, with chlorination to start later that same week.

Chlorination is a critical part of the upgrade to keep you safe. It will provide a residual disinfectant in the network which will reduce the impact of any contamination that might enter the system after treatment and will reduce the likelihood of boil water notices.

At its meeting on 12 August 2020, Council agreed to permanently chlorinate the Upper Selwyn Huts water supply to ensure safe drinking water for the community.

Chlorination is widely and reliably used in water supplies throughout New Zealand to protect community health, and several water schemes in Selwyn are already chlorinated including: Acheron, Arthur's Pass, Castle Hill, Hororātā, Malvern Hills, Sheffield and Springfield.

Water users are likely to notice a gradual increase of chlorine levels as new treated water mixes with the unchlorinated water in the Council's reservoirs and moves through the scheme. The Council will aim to keep chlorine levels at a minimum safe level that will still disinfect the entire scheme.

Water users will be notified before the process of permanent chlorination begins, via our text and email notification system.

If you do not currently receive text or email alerts from us but you would like to, please contact us by providing your details to <https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/your-council/contact-us/change-your-details> or emailing [water.services@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:water.services@selwyn.govt.nz)

For more information on water chlorination, please visit:

<https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/water/water-supplies/water-schemes-under-chlorination>

**If you are the owner of this property but do not live at the above address, please pass this information on to your tenants.**

Yours sincerely

Water Services  
**SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL**