

## Summary of Proposal – Water Race Closures

### 1. Proposed Closures

Council has received requests to close the following sections of water race.

Closure of these races is not considered to significantly alter the intended level of service provision of the Malvern and Paparua water race schemes.

Subject to public consultation and Council approval, these races will be closed and stockwater supply in these races will cease.

Scheme	Received from	Road Name	Approx KM Race	Number of Properties Affected	Reduction in Rating income per scheme
Paparua	Fulton Hogan Ltd	Dawsons Rd	0.920	1	None (other water race on property)
Paparua	Maclees Holdings Ltd	Minion Rd	0.461	3	0.03%
Malvern	Paul Prattley Contracting Ltd	Wards Rd	1.380	1	0.04%
Malvern	Peter Lingard (Lee Closure)	Coaltrack Rd	5.100	7	0.06%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>7.850</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.01%</b>

Maps showing the location of the above closures can be found in section 6 below.

### 2. Consultation

For an individual race closure to be undertaken, agreement of all affected property owners is required and a signed 'Agreement to Close Water Race' form received by Council. An affected property owner has been deemed to be those with a race on or adjacent to the property, regardless of whether the property is rated.

To allow any parties with an interest in water race closures to input into the process as required by S 82 of the LGA, these closures have been publically advertised.

Specific stakeholders identified as Ngai Tahu via MKT, Department of Conservation and Fish and Game will be directly provided with a copy of the above advertisement.

Should any parties wish to present their views on the advertised closures, an opportunity will be provided at the Water Race Sub Committee meeting every quarter prior to approval being considered by the Committee. Minutes from the Water Race Subcommittee meetings are available for public viewing on Council's website.

It should be noted that in general water races requested for closure are often tail end races (lateral races) where excess water is disposed of to ground. Where a water race feeds another water course further consideration will be given to impacts on that waterway.

### 3. Consideration of Alternatives

When considering water race closures the following options were assessed:

Option	Details	Advantage	Disadvantage
<b>Water race closure</b>	Race closure with the agreement of all affected land owners (rate payers on the race or directly adjacent to the race), subject to public consultation and reasoned consideration and response to issues raised during consultation.	Objective is achieved and wishes of rate payers considered.	Loss of rating income.
<b>Piping of water race</b>	Piping can be considered if downstream property owners wish to maintain supply. Piping to be funded by each landowner. Piping a water race will not maintain the ecological value of an open water race channel.	Supply to downstream property owners maintained.	Landowners responsible for maintenance of pipes with potential upstream impacts if not maintained.  Higher cost to land owners.  Ecological values of races not maintained.
<b>Race relocation</b>	Relocation could be considered if downstream property owners wish to maintain supply for stockwater purposes. Costs to be met by landowners.	Rating income retained.	Unlikely to achieve benefits of race closure required by land owners.  Potential impacts on adjacent land owners.  Cost to land owners.
<b>Race retained</b>	Do nothing races retained.	Rating income retained.	Needs to rate payers requesting closure not met.
<b>Onsite alternatives</b>	On site alternatives could be considered if land owners wish to retain a stockwater service.	Stockwater supply retained.	High cost to property owners for installation and on going maintenance.  Ecological and other race values not retained.

#### **4. Decision Making Considerations**

The proposed water race closures are not considered to have a significant impact on the following:

1. Cultural interests – the race closures proposed are short and do not impact the character of the District.
2. Social interests – all race closures proposed are predominantly on private property and are not considered to provide amenity value to the wider community. For a race closure to proceed, all affected property owners (those with a race on or adjacent to their property regardless of whether they are rated for stockwater) are consulted and approval is required for closure to be progressed. Further public submissions are invited from the wider community.
3. Economic interests – the proposed race closures will have no economic impact on the wider Selwyn District.
4. Quality of the Environment – the proposed race closures are short and opportunities for fish salvage will be provided in consultation with the Department of Conservation prior to any race closure.
5. Foreseeable needs of Future Generations – race closures are requested by property owners in response to changes in land use.

#### **5. Further Information**

For further information on the proposed closures, please contact Council on 03 347 2800 or via [waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz). Subject to consultation, approval for the above water race closures will be sought at the Water Race Sub Committee meeting on 25 February 2019. Any persons wishing to present their views to the Water Race Sub Committee meeting should notify Council by 01 February 2019.

Paparua - East of Dawsons

**Selwyn DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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## MacLee Closure





## Prattley Closure





