

Water Race Closure – Summary of Proposal

Nature of the Proposal:

This is a statement of proposal by the Selwyn District Council (the "**Council**") to implement the proposed closure of:

- a 920m section of the Blakes Road water race; and
- a 2700m section of the Marsh Road water race, (as shown on the **attached** plan, the "**Water Races**").

Reasons for this Proposal:

The Water Races are proposed to be closed to enable Council to undertake roundabout construction. The Water Races flow only intermittently and are of limited use for stock. They may have some limited ecological and amenity value.

Benefits and Costs of the Proposal

Benefits of the proposed race closure(s) include:

- enable Council to undertake the proposed roundabout construction in a cost effective manner;
- by proposing the closure of ineffective, inefficient water race assets, Council is proposing to better balance the needs of rate payers, Iwi and the environment;
- closing the Water Races would reduce the rates burden on the affected landowners (where they are rated); and
- closing the Water Races would reduce the Council's water race maintenance costs.

Costs of the proposed race closure(s) include:

- The Council does not expect there to be any operational or additional capital costs to the Council as a result of adopting the proposed Water Race closure(s). The Water Race closures are likely to result in reduced costs to Council.

Options Available to Council

The following options are available in respect of each Water Race (it is not necessary for the Council to select the same option in respect of both races – i.e. it could elect to close one race and not the other).

Option	Details	Advantage	Disadvantage
1. Water race closure	Race closure for the full proposed length.	<u>Shands Road</u> Roundabout can proceed. The race does not need to be piped.	<u>Shands Road</u> Loss of rating income. Ecological values (if any) of the race not maintained.
		<u>Marshs Road</u> Roundabout can proceed and stormwater discharged to the old Water Race channel. The race does not need to be piped.	<u>Marshs Road</u> Ecological values (if any) of the race not maintained (noting that this race is often dry).

2. Partial closure	Reducing length of race closure to a point just above the proposed roundabout formation.	<p><u>Shands Road</u> Roundabout can proceed. The race does not need to be piped.</p> <p><u>Marshs Road</u> Roundabout can proceed and stormwater discharged to the old Water Race channel. The race does not need to be piped.</p>	<p><u>Shands Road</u> The properties adjacent to this Water Race will continue to pay rates where the race is still operational.</p> <p><u>Marshs Road</u> There are limited areas for the water race to be terminated.</p>
2. Piping of Water Race	Piping of the Water Race through the proposed roundabout formation.	<p><u>Shands Road</u> Roundabout can proceed.</p> <p><u>Marshs Road</u> Roundabout can proceed.</p>	<p><u>Shands Road</u> Additional roundabout project costs and ongoing maintenance costs with piping and disposal of the water race flow to ground.</p> <p><u>Marshs Road</u> Additional roundabout project costs and ongoing maintenance costs in some areas with piping, stormwater disposal will also need to be discharged to ground.</p>
3. Race relocation	Relocation of the race around the proposed roundabout formation.	<p><u>Shands Road</u> Roundabout can proceed.</p> <p><u>Marshs Road</u> Roundabout can proceed.</p>	<p><u>Shands Road</u> Additional costs of disposal of the water race flow to ground. Additional land may be required for water race diversion.</p> <p><u>Marshs Road</u> Stormwater disposal will also need to be discharged to ground. Additional land may be required for water race diversion.</p>
4. Race retained	Do nothing races retained.	<p><u>Shands Road</u> Water race service maintained.</p> <p><u>Marshs Road</u> Water race service maintained.</p>	<p><u>Shands Road</u> Additional roundabout project costs and ongoing maintenance costs with piping and disposal of the water race flow to ground.</p> <p><u>Marshs Road</u> Additional roundabout project costs and ongoing maintenance costs in some areas with piping water race and stormwater disposal will</p>

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Consultation:

The following groups and organisations (both internal and external stakeholders) will also be consulted on the proposed race closures:

- property owners adjoining the lengths of Water Races proposed to be closed;
- Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd;
- Christchurch City Council;
- Department of Conservation;
- Fire and Emergency;
- Fish and Game New Zealand; and
- Environment Canterbury.

In addition, the proposal to close the Water Races will be advertised and public submissions invited.

Provide Māori the opportunity to contribute:

The Council considers that the public notification and opportunity for submission process will provide appropriate opportunity for Māori contribution to the decision making process. Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd will be directly notified of the consultation process.

Submissions at meetings may also be made in Māori as prescribed under the LGA 2002.

Proposed timeline for consultation

The consultation for the proposed Water Race closures will follow the following timeframe:

Timeline	Selwyn District Council water race closure(s)
13 May 2020 (Council meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the proposal to close two sections of water race and approval to consult on this matter.
23 May 2020 Closure(s) advertised in press	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise for public submissions to the closure of the two water race sections, advertised in the Press • Further advert in the Selwyn Times on the 27 May 2020
25 May 2020 Consultation opens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation opens
24 June 2020 Submissions close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submissions close at 4:00pm at Council service centres
15/16 July 2020 (to be confirmed) Submissions hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearings of submissions on the proposal to close the water race sections by a Closure Subcommittee at the Council Headquarters, Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
12 August 2020 (to be confirmed) (Council Meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the closure of the two lengths of water race subject to deliberation at its ordinary Council Meeting
19 August 2020 (to be confirmed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public notification of the Council's decision regarding the water race closure(s) by Council

Submissions

Submissions are invited on the proposal to close the Water Races.

At its meeting on 13 May 2020 the Council passed a resolution approving the proposal to close the Water Races for the purposes of public consultation in accordance with Part 6, Subpart 1 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The public notice of proposed Water Race closures can be viewed (and is downloadable in PDF format) on our website www.selwyn.govt.nz. Hard copies are also available during ordinary office hours at the Selwyn District Council Service Centres in Darfield (Darfield Service Centre, South Terrace), Leeston (Leeston Library, High Street), Lincoln (Lincoln Service Centre, Gerald Street) and Rolleston (Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston).

Copies can also be requested by phoning 347 2800.

Submissions on this proposal may be made until **4:00pm, 24 June 2020**.

In order for a submission to be accepted it must state:

- your name, postal address, phone or fax and e-mail address;
- whether you support or oppose the proposal or particular aspects of it;
- your reasons;
- any changes that you wish us to make;
- whether you wish to speak at a hearing; and
- signed (if posted or faxed) and dated.

Submissions in writing shall be addressed to:

Daniel Meehan
Proposed water race closure
Selwyn District Council
PO Box 90
ROLLESTON 7643

Or similarly emailed to waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz

On receipt of your submission, Council will send an acknowledgement that your submission has been received.

Any person making a submission may request to be heard in person in support of their submission. If required, the **hearing will be held on 15 and 16 July 2020 at 9 am** in the Rolleston Service Centre, Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston. These details will be further confirmed in advance of any hearing as required.

For more information please contact Daniel Meehan, Surface Waters Engineer, 03 347 2800.

Related documents:

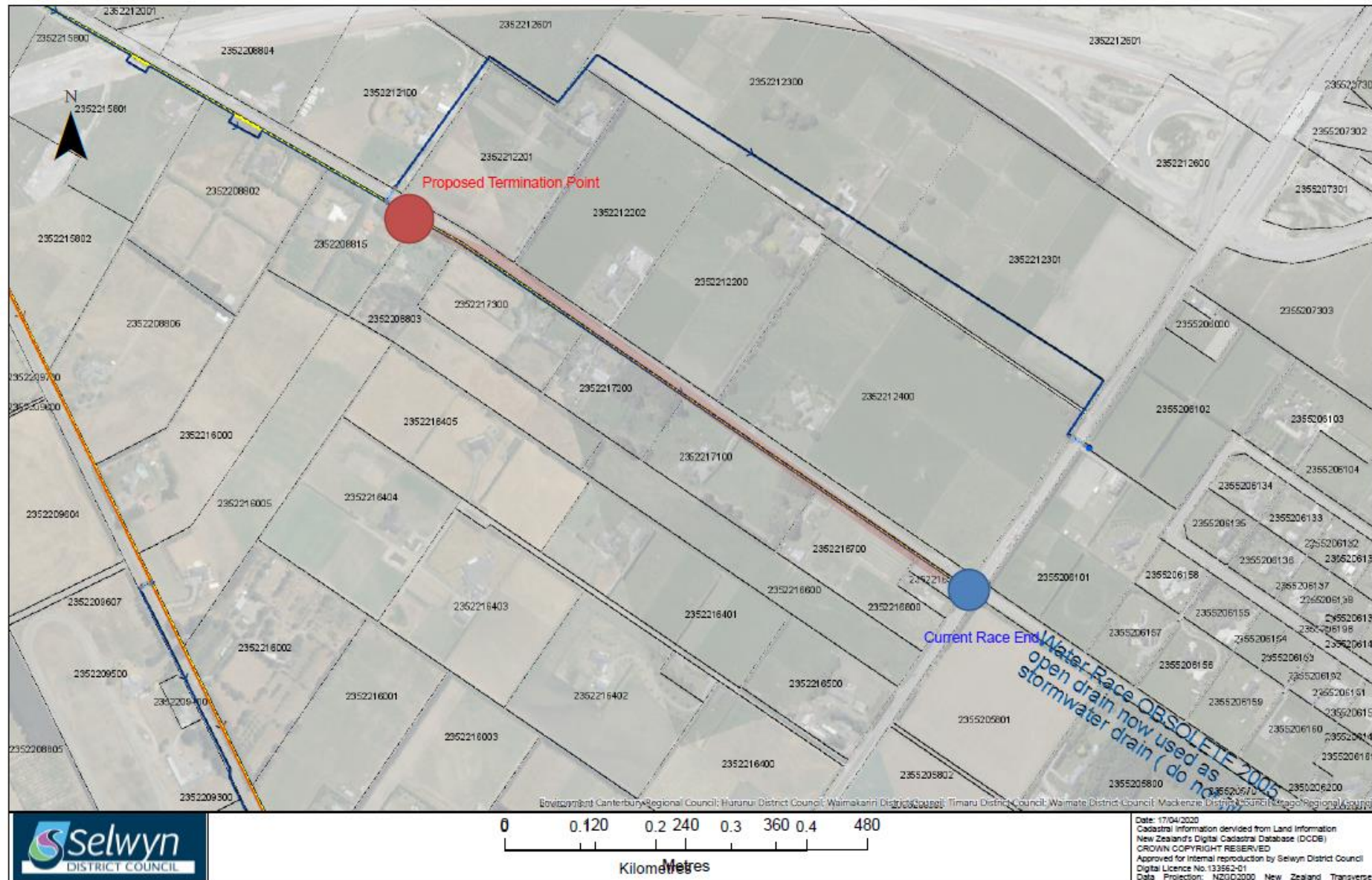
- Maps of proposed water race closures
- Report to Council



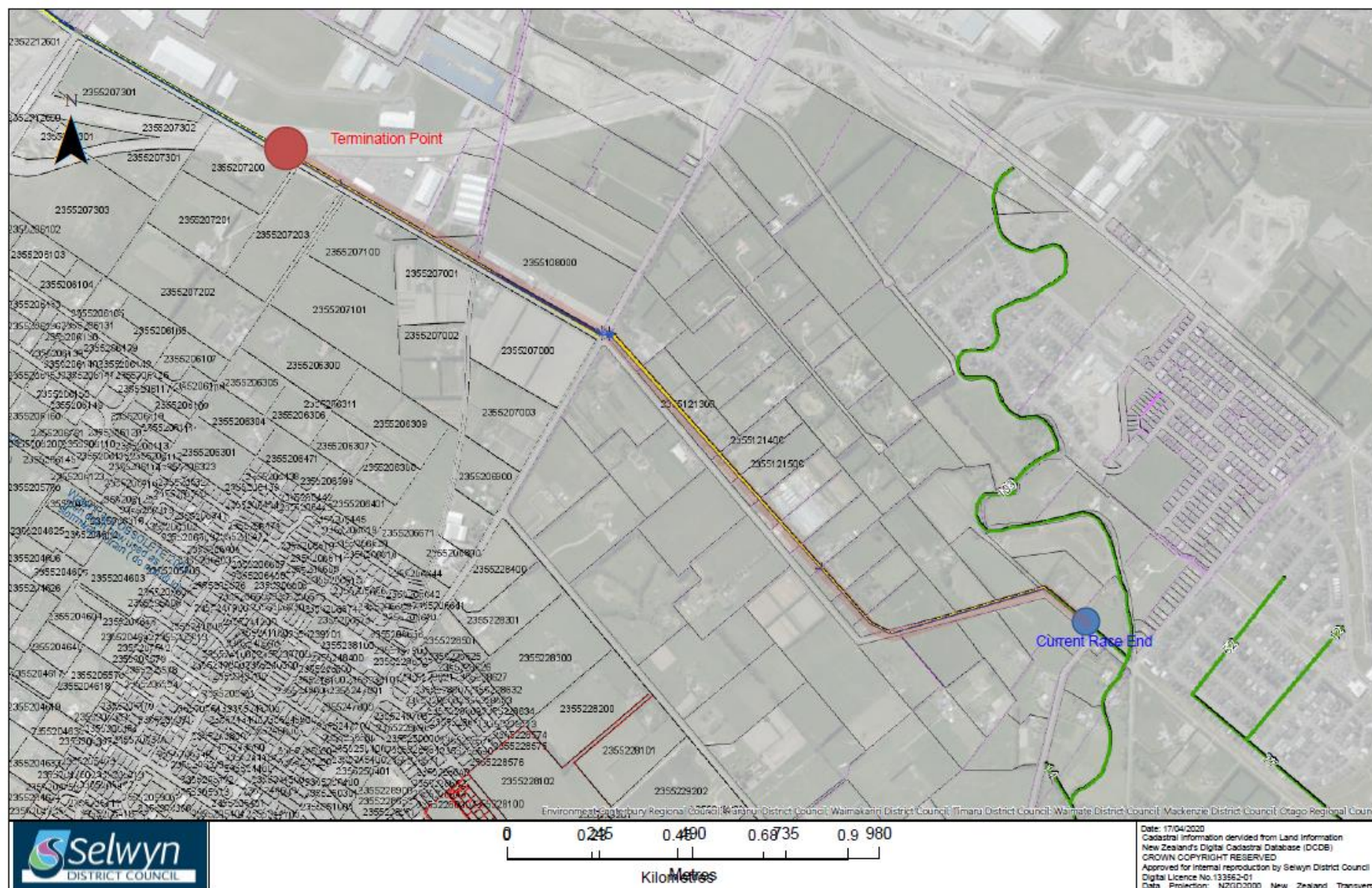
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Plans of Race Closures

Blakes Road Closure



Marshs Road Closure



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