



# SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FOR THE PROPOSED SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL RURAL FIRE BYLAW 2009 (This statement is made for the purposes of sections 83 and 86 of the Local Government Act 2002)

## Summary of Information:

- The Council has prepared and adopted the proposed new Bylaw to be known as the "Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009" for public consultation. The proposed new Bylaw was made under the Local Government Act 2002.
- It is considered that the proposed new Bylaw is the most appropriate form of Bylaw, and that the proposed new Bylaw is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

## The proposed Bylaw will:

- Regulate activities for the lighting of fires in the open, restricted and prohibited fire seasons
- Set clear guidelines and provide information to the public and
- Specify the offences and penalties for breaches of the Bylaw.

## The proposed timeline for the introduction of the proposed new Bylaw is:

Timeline	Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009
25 February 2009 (Council meeting)	• Adoption of the draft Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009
28 February 2009 Bylaw advertised	• Advertise for public submissions to the draft Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009
30 March 2009 Submissions close	• Written submissions close at 4:00pm at SDC service centres
21 April 2009 (to be confirmed) Submissions hearing	• Hearing of submissions on the draft Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009 by a subcommittee at the Selwyn District Council Headquarters, Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
10 June 2009 * (Council Meeting)	• Adoption of the Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009 at its ordinary Council Meeting
13 June 2009	• Public notification on the adoption of the Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009 by Council and its commencement date
24 June 2009* (Council Meeting)	• Adoption of the Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009 by Council at its ordinary Council Meeting
1 July 2009	• Commencement date of new Selwyn District Council Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2009

\* It is viewed that written submissions should be reviewed and heard if requested by an appointed subcommittee of Council staff and Councillors. From this process, amendments or changes to the draft Bylaw can be incorporated for the consideration of Council to adopt the Bylaw at its meeting of 10 June 2009. If it is the view of the subcommittee that the draft Bylaw cannot be presented at that time for adoption or if there are further considerations identified by the Council at the meeting of 10 June 2009, this shall be reported back to Council including recommendations on how to proceed or the final Bylaw will be sent for adoption at the Council meeting of 24 June 2009.

## Submissions:

Submissions are invited on the proposal to implement a new Bylaw to be called the "Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009".

The proposed Bylaw is to be known as the **Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009** ("the proposed Bylaw").

At its meeting on 25 February 2009 the Council passed a resolution approving the proposed new Bylaw for the purposes of public consultation through the special consultative procedure prescribed in the Local Government Act 2002.

The proposed new Bylaw can be viewed (and is downloadable in PDF format) on our website [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz). Hard copies are also available during ordinary office hours at the Selwyn District Council Service Centres in Darfield (Darfield Library, McMillan Street), 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 or 318 8338.

Submissions on this proposal may be made until **4:00pm, Monday 30 March 2009**.

Submissions on this proposal can be made either via the online submission form on the Council website [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz), or in writing. 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:

**The Bylaw Analyst  
Proposed Rural Fire Bylaw 2009  
Selwyn District Council  
P O Box 90  
ROLLESTON 7643**

Or similarly faxed to (03) 347 2799.

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 21 April 2009 starting at 9:00am** 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 Keri Harrison, Bylaw Analyst, 03 347 2800.

## Related documents:

Proposed Selwyn District Council Rural Fire Bylaw 2009  
Report to Council  
Statement of Proposal