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December 12, 2021

Stephen Hill,
Deputy Electoral Officer
Selwyn District Council,
2 Norman Kirk Drive,
Rolleston

Re: Selwyn District Council Final Proposal for Representation Arrangements for the 2022 local elections

Dear Sir,

As submitters on the Selwyn District Council Representation Review 2021 we wish to appeal the Council's Final Proposal for Representation Arrangements for the 2022 local elections.

We consider that the Selwyn Districts Council's Final Proposal has not adequately addressed the points raised in our submission on the Selwyn District Council Representation Review 2021 (Attachment 1).

Additionally we believe that the Selwyn District Council **did not adequately consider our submission** in its meeting of October 13 2021. The relevant portion of the minute of the meeting of October 13 is attached. (Attachment 2).

The recording of the livestream is available on youtube.

Hearing of submissions, 13 October https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HS4o_gPsw98

The Council took 14 minutes to consider and deliberate on all submissions, those submitters presenting in person via zoom and those not presenting in person.

The Chief Executive began by giving a very brief, once over lightly, perfunctory summary of submission the the Elected Members before those members heard from those presenting their submissions.

For those who did not present their submission, which included ourselves, the Chief Executive and Elected Members did not hear these submissions individually. **Many of the points raised in our submission were not debated or considered by the Elected Members. This gives us no confidence in the validity, fairness or correctness of the deliberation on the submissions.**

The Final Proposal does provide an appropriate ratio of population per councillor but fails to adequately address the issues of communities of interest and fair representation of electors as discussed in our submission on the Council's proposal.

In the Final Proposal presented to the Council on October 27 (minutes Attachment 3) the Deputy Electoral Officer attempted to address the most obvious error in the Council's Final Proposal - where a residential portion of Rolleston and West Rolleston School on the western side of Dunns Crossing Road – are separated from the Rolleston Ward and placed in the Ellesmere Ward.

The livestream of this meeting is available on youtube.

Council meeting, 27 October <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzVndBNEzjw>

This correction would have ensured that all of the Rolleston Township was in the new Rolleston Ward. Elected Members, lead by the Mayor, rejected this correction and adopted a proposal that splits the Rolleston Township between the Ellesmere Ward and the (new) Rolleston Ward.

Conclusion

The Selwyn District Council's Final Proposal was not the most popular option in the community's response to the consultation. The Council's Final Proposal splits the rural Weedons Community between the Springs and Rolleston Ward, the Proposal separates the West Melton Township from Rolleston which is West Melton's community of interest.

Effective Representation is not maintained in the Final Proposal with the two Malvern Ward Councillors and the Malvern Community Board having a significantly larger geographic area to represent when compared to any other amended ward in the Selwyn District.

We ask that the Local Government Commission replace the Selwyn District Council's Final Proposal with the ""Option 2: 3 wards with 10 councillors including retention of the Malvern Community Board"" that was offered as an option in the Council's consultation.

Yours sincerely




Mark & Lynda Alexander

Attachment 1 Submission of Mark & Lynda Alexander

Mark & Lynda Alexander
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October 3, 2021

Re: Selwyn District Council Representation Review 2021

Dear Councillors,

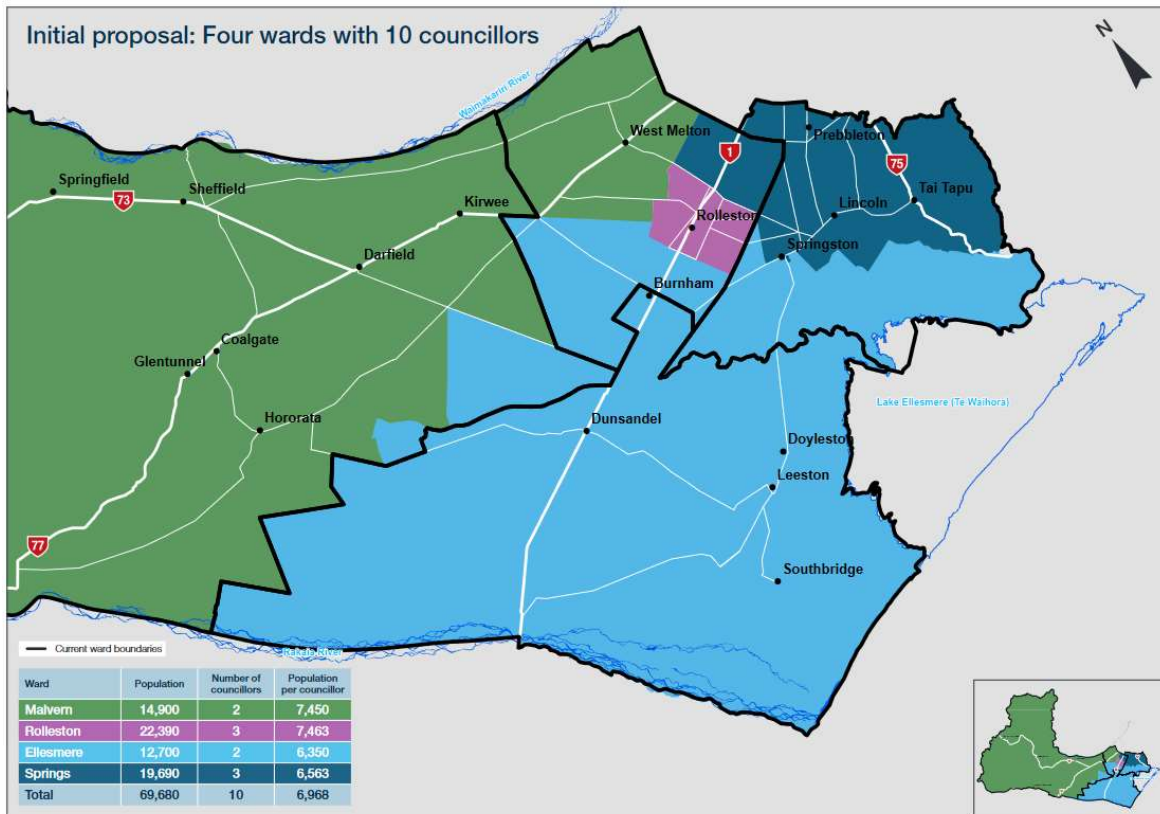
We are residents in the Selwyn Central Ward who moved into the Selwyn District in 1994. We live on a lifestyle property on Two Chain Road between Walkers and Aylesbury Roads.

We acknowledge that the growth in the eastern (Greater Christchurch) portion of the Selwyn District means that the current ward structure &/or number of councillors must change.

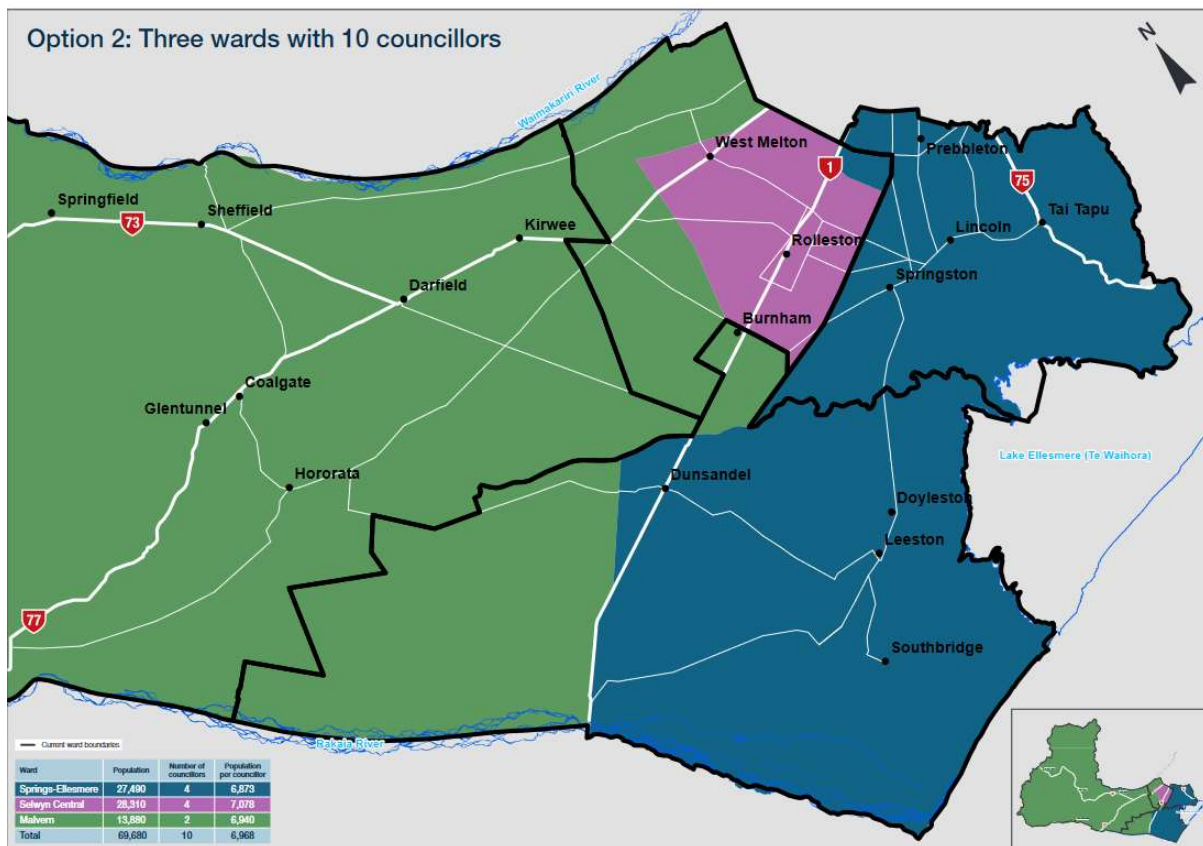
We **agree** that 10 councillors will provide appropriate representation for the residents of the Selwyn District.

We **do not agree** that Council's proposal is the best restructuring of the wards for the Selwyn District.

Council's initial proposal – 4 wards with 10 councillors - does provide an appropriate ratio of population per councillor but fails to adequately address the issues of communities of interest and fair representation of electors.

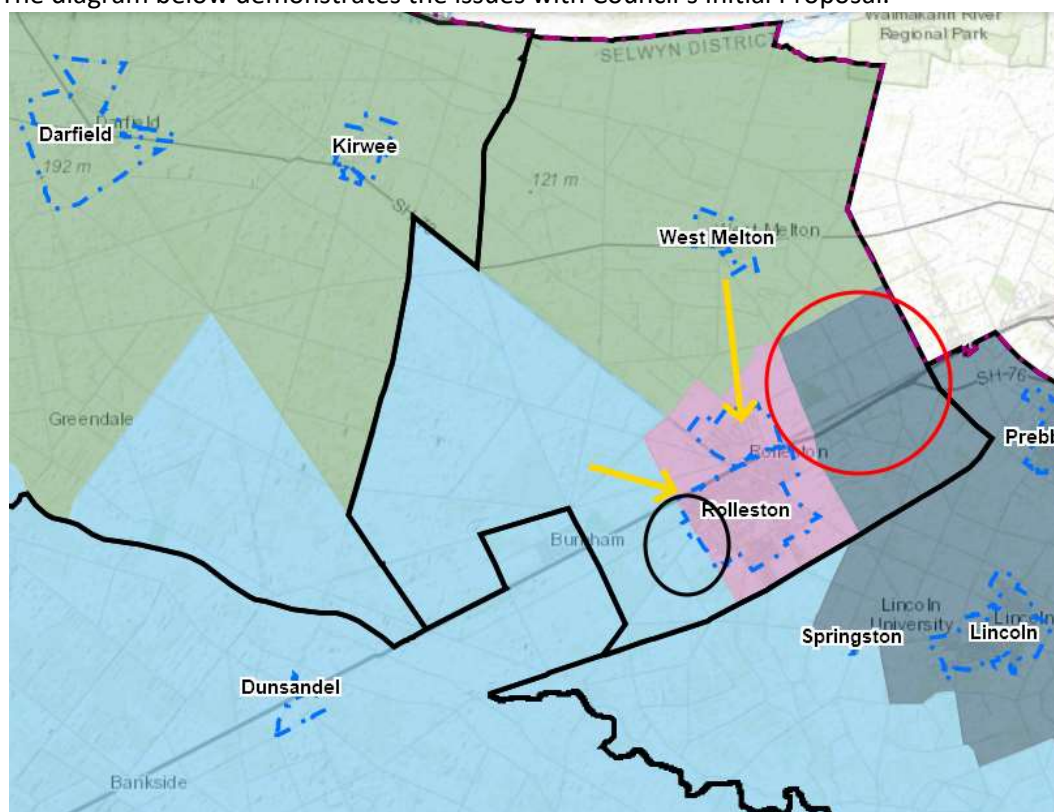


We believe “Option 2: 3 wards with 10 councillors” is a better option **and is the option that Council should adopt.**



Issues with Council's Initial Proposal.

The diagram below demonstrates the issues with Council's Initial Proposal.



Communities of Interest:

The legislation does not define what a community of interest is, but the concept includes things like:

- people feeling a sense of identity and belonging to the area
- people using the same services
- elected members being able to represent the interests of the area.

Achieving effective representation means that wards should be based on communities of interests - that is areas that people identify with and relate to. This helps to determine what ward boundaries should be.

When deciding the size of wards and their boundaries, communities of interest should not be split. Disparate communities of interest should not be joined together into one ward.

West Melton Township:

The community of interest for the residents of the West Melton Township and the rural community between West Melton and Rolleston is not the Malvern Ward nor is it Darfield. These residents associate with Rolleston and the Selwyn Central Ward.

Most of the residents in the West Melton Township and the lifestyle properties south of West Melton have arrived in the Selwyn District in the last 10 – 15 years. They have no historical association with Darfield. Outside of the West Melton Township they associate with Rolleston and its shops and facilities.

Weedons:

Weedons is a rural community on either side of Main South Road. This community associates with the Weedons School (celebrating its 150th in 2021) and Weedons Domain. Council's Initial Proposal splits this community with Weedons School and the western part of the Weedons area in the Rolleston Ward and the eastern and southern part of the Weedons area in the Springs Ward.

The Weedons Community has not, historically, had an association with the Springs Ward, nor Prebbleton or Lincoln. Like West Melton, Weedons Residents, after their own area, associate with Rolleston and its shops and facilities.

Extension of the Malvern Ward

In Council's Initial Proposal the Malvern ward is extended to the Christchurch City boundary. The two Ward Councillors will have to cover an area from Lake Coleridge/Arthur's Pass to the Christchurch City boundary. This will reduce the effectiveness of representation that these councillors can provide.

Similarly, the Malvern Community board will have to cover the extended area. The Board's existing subdivisions each lose one Board Member to the new West Melton subdivision. The northwest portion of the Board's takiwā will have one Board member to cover the largest geographic area. This cannot be argued as an increase in the effectiveness of the Board's representation.

The northwestern and western portions of the Selwyn Central Ward

Council's Initial Proposal moves northwest and western portions of the current Selwyn Central Ward into the Ellesmere Ward.

These areas, particularly the area south of Main South Road between Dunns Crossing Road and Burnham Road and the area between Walkers Road, Aylesbury Road, Kerrs Road and Wards Road have little association with the Ellesmere Ward and Leeston. Residents in these areas associate with Rolleston and its shops and facilities.

Indeed, the northern most corner of the expanded Ellesmere Ward (intersection of Highfield Road and State Highway 73) is about 32 km by road to Leeston, about 3 km to Kirwee, 11 km to Darfield. The distances speak for themselves.

When asked Lynda said in the nearly 27 years that she has been a Selwyn resident she has been to Leeston only a handful of times as she has no need, no interest in Leeston or the Ellesmere Ward (and hence no common community of interest). This would be common for the residents on the lifestyle properties of the current Selwyn Central Ward north of Main South Road.

The proposed Rolleston Ward

A closer examination of the proposed Rolleston Ward boundaries shows that West Rolleston School will be in the Ellesmere Ward as will the Living 1 zoned properties to the west of Dunns Crossing Road between Burnham School Road and Brookside Road.

It should be self-evident that West Rolleston School has no affiliation with the Ellesmere Ward nor do residents with properties zoned within the Rolleston Township.

The takiwā of the Rolleston Residents Association (which is the Rolleston Reserve Rating area) will, in the Council's Initial Proposal extend into the Ellesmere Ward – further demonstrating that the council's model does not adequately address communities of interest.

Option 2: 3 wards with 10 councillors: The better proposal

Option 2 (shown earlier) is the better option that addresses many of the issues raised above. Information presented to Council's Representation Review Subcommittee was that Option 2 was supported by more residents than Council's Initial Proposal.

Option 2 merges the Springs and Ellesmere Wards. There is a historical association between the Springs and Ellesmere areas.

Springs and Ellesmere Wards have more in common, they are the lower lying portions of the Selwyn District relying on a common drainage network, both wards bordering Te Waihora. The townships smaller townships have more in common with each other, similarity of style and function.

Council's own website notes that *"finally 1963 saw Selwyn and Malvern merge, on the one hand, whilst Springs and Ellesmere also merged - Ellesmere taking the Rakaia Riding of the former Selwyn County. Thus Dunsandel township finally sat within one local authority. Tawera County hung back until 1967, when it merged with Malvern County."*

'In October 1989, Ellesmere, Malvern and part of Paparua counties amalgamated to form the Selwyn District Council.'

<https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/community/arts,-culture-And-heritage/history-and-heritage/brief-history-of-selwyn-local-government>

The merger of the Springs and Ellesmere Wards does not separate as many communities of interest as Council's Initial Proposal does (discussed below).

The rural western area of the Ellesmere Ward (west of Main South Road) is shifted from the Ellesmere Ward to the Malvern Ward. This rural farming area is serviced by the Central Plains Water scheme as are the rural areas of the Malvern Ward. This shows a commonality of farming practice and a similarity in these communities.

The rural area north of West Melton and rural area west of Sandy Knolls Road are transferred from the Selwyn Central Ward to the Malvern Ward. These rural areas have common interests with Malvern Ward.

Option 2's Selwyn Central Ward keeps the Weedons area in one ward, associates the West Melton Township and areas south of West Melton with the Rolleston township in the Selwyn Central Ward. The lifestyle areas between Burnham and Rolleston remain with their Rolleston community of interest (and remain within the takiwā of the Rolleston Residents Association).

Malvern Community Board:

We do not have a preference for retention or disestablishment of the Malvern Community Board.

Recently the Board has not delivered on its potential, but that is for the Malvern Ward's residents to judge.

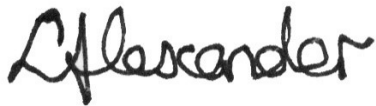
Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above,

we request that Council rejects its Initial Proposal and instead replaces the Initial Proposal with Option 2 (shown above), with the retention of the Malvern Community Board.

I do not wish to speak to our submission at the public hearing on 13 October 2021.

Yours sincerely

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Mark & Lynda Alexander

Attachment 2 Extract of Minutes for Selwyn District Council October 13 2021

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 10AM

PRESENT

Mayor S T Broughton, Councillors, M A Alexander, J B Bland, S N O H Epiha, J A Gallagher, D Hasson, M P Lemon, M B Lyall, S McInnes, G S F Miller, R H Mugford and N C Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs. D Ward (Chief Executive), D Marshall (Group Manager Property), K Mason (Group Manager Organisational Performance), M Washington (Group Manager Infrastructure), T Harris (Group Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services), S Hill (Group Manager Communication and Customer Services), P Millar (Major Projects Project Manager), M Johnston (Chief Licensing Inspector), M Rykers (Manager Open Space and Strategy), D Meehan (Surface Waters Engineer), J Richmond (Manager Active Selwyn), and R Raymond (Communications Advisor); Mesdames D Kidd (Group Manager Community Services and Facilities), S Robinson (Advisor Community and Economic Development), C Quirke (Manager Community and Economic Development), G Bowden (Manager Community Spaces), E Hodgkin (Project Manager) and N Smith (Executive Assistant), and Ms T Davel (Governance Coordinator)

The meeting was livestreamed.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the karakia and Councillor Affirmation and welcomed everyone to the meeting via Zoom. He also welcomed everyone online listening to the meeting. He said hopefully the next meeting will be in-person but that it would continue to be livestreamed.

APOLOGIES

None.

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

None in the public portion of the meeting.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 1) Councillor Alexander noted a conflict of interest with the Representation Review item as he had submitted on it. He said he would leave for that portion of the meeting and return afterwards.
- 2) Councillor Lemon noted a conflict in respect to the item on Water Race Closures as it affects a property owned by his family.
- 3) Councillor McInness noted a conflict in respect to the Register of Signed and Sealed Document as two of the properties mentioned are leased by her husband's employer.
- 4) Councillor Hasson in respect to a standing conflict of interest in the District Licensing Committee report.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 22 September 2021

Moved – Councillor McInnes / Seconded – Councillor Hasson

‘That the Council confirms the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held on Wednesday 22 September 2021’

CARRIED

MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION

See table on last page.

REPORTS

1. Chief Executive
Representation Review Submissions and Hearings

Councillor Alexander left the meeting at 10.09am due to his declared conflict in this item.

The Chief Executive noted that today's purpose is to acknowledge the suite of submissions. At the 25 August meeting Council passed a resolution which was the basis for the consultation which was just completed. At its September 14th meeting Council resolved that full Council will hear and deliberate on submission and today Council will do that.

The Chief Executive noted the initial pre-consultation process, which had 106 respondents with the main consultation process running from 3 September to 4 October. There were several drop-in sessions and it also included a livestreaming of the event. After today's deliberations, Council will receive a final report on 27 October and then notify the Local Government Commission.

He said there were three speakers today who submitted and wanted to be heard. The Chief Executive highlighted key points from the other submissions who opted not to speak, as follows:

Mike Johnston

West Melton is largely ignored, and closer to town than Malvern.

Paul Hamilton

Supports proposed changes to the boundary and retain the Malvern Community Board.

Brian Donnelly

Supports boundary changes, but not the Malvern Community Board.

Jason Clemens

Does not support proposed changes, but does support retaining Malvern Community Board.

Brigitte Caldwell

Does not support the ward changes, West Melton predominantly does business in Rolleston and does support the Board.

Chris Archibold

Does not support the ward changes. West Melton is part of the Rolleston Ward but does support the Board.

Wayne Stewart

Supports the changes. Concerned about losing local advisory committees.

Elisha Young-Ebert, Federated Farmers

Members accepts and supports Option 1 including 4 wards. Confirm the support to retain the Malvern Community Board.

Mark and Lynda Alexander

Detailed submission, agree 10 Councillors will provide representation. Does not support Council's option, but believes Option 2 is a better option. Talks about communities of interest. Talks about effectiveness of the Board and notes the Board will have to cover an extended area. Asks Council to reject the initial proposal and accept option 2.

Rolleston Resident's Association

The Association does not support Council's option but approves Option 2. It does support retention of the Board.

The Mayor next welcomed speakers on-line and requested them to speak to their submissions, as follows:

Michelle Jones

Mrs Jones said she just wanted to say that she supports the map the Council has chosen. She said it would have been a really difficult decision to make with the numbers as it is. Mrs Jones

said it was frustrating that we can't provide for future growth but thinks Council made the best use of what they had in front of them.

In response to a question from Councillor Miller about support to the Community Board, Mrs Jones said one of the problems Council had was a lack of engagement with its communities. The community needed to be more proactive in this space. What she observed from the Malvern Community Board was that they get out in their communities and provided another platform and piece of the web, particularly considering the review of community committees underway at the moment.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Jones for taking the time to speak to Council today, and agreed the feedback was very low but that Council appreciated her support in the matter.

Sarah Walters

Mrs Walters said she did not submit on the preliminary consultation but when she saw what was being present she thought it was not sensible and felt compelled to submit.

Mrs Walters said no previous records showed exactly how the view was chosen. The feedback she saw did not provide any strong winners but it clearly did show that option 2 was the preference.

She added that legislation provides clear rules, and one was around effective representation of communities of interest. She would strongly argue that the option Council chose does not reflect community of interest.

In response to questions Mrs Walters noted option 2 also presented with issues and could potentially work with some improvements, otherwise Council should consider going back to the drawing board. She also said that Rolleston Area is not just the township, but spreads wider than that. There are children in Rolleston schools from other areas than Rolleston. Dividing it in two incorporates people coming from the north and the south and still connects it. West Melton was within Rolleston's community of interest to some extent, rather than the Malvern Ward.

Councillor Miller said that he wanted to assure Mrs Walters that her comments about selfinterest were not correct and he did not see anything like that in any of the meetings.

Mrs Walters said if the Malvern Community Board were to be retained it would need to work better and appoint good people who can make it work.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Walters for her time to submit and talk to Council.

(For a full record of Mrs Walters' speaking notes, refer to attachment to these minutes)

Tim Schurr

Mr Schurr spoke on behalf of the West Melton Resident's Association and said they have not been able to discuss this in person but online. The Association was strongly opposed to the proposal. He said their main concern related to communities of interest. West Melton was very much becoming a satellite town of Rolleston and have a lot in common. Children go to school there, do sports and go to the pool there. West Melton and Rolleston were really closely connected. The Council's proposal is such that it groups West Melton into the Malvern area and associates them more with Darfield and Springfield etc. They feel it's not the right move for them.

In relation to his personal submission, it was closely aligned to what the committee put together. Mr Schurr said he has a young family with teenage children, and they probably do go to Rolleston 5 times a week. If he had to think about going to Darfield, that might be once a year, if that. He added if he thought about anything happening in Rolleston he really cared about it, anything to do with roading, health care etc. When something happened with the roads or water supply in Darfield, whilst interesting it wouldn't be considered critical. That shows who they choose to associate with.

The Mayor thanked Mr Schurr for his submission. Regarding a question from the Mayor about the Malvern Community Board, Mr Schurr said having a Board is a positive, however, their association had 50 representatives already.

External submitters left the meeting.

The Chief Executive summarised the process again. The Representation Review Subcommittee considered a wide range of options going back to August 2020. Preconsultation undertaken related to 4 options through a number of drop-in sessions and 106 submissions were received. He said there were good reasons for Council to adopt the option that it consulted on and which is being considered today. He added there was no ability to reset the clock as Council is governed by a timeframe which states the Local Government Commission must have our proposal by 10 November. The Commission will advertise Council's preferred option and call for objections on that, which have to be received by 20 December 2021.

The Chief Executive said Council reflected on this at length in August and asked was there good reason to deviate from the proposal which was consulted on.

The Mayor noted that even to get down to four maps was not clear cut. There were a number of different views and compromise. These maps don't determine our communities, but rather how people elect representatives onto Council. The Mayor said if this is compared to the three waters discussion, there hasn't been a high level of engagement. It was also difficult to meet in the COVID space and so generally most people were concerned with other things rather than turning up to events Council were running.

All of Selwyn has an interest in Rolleston and the speakers heard at today's meeting made valid points about Rolleston being a key connection space. Those living in Dunsandel probably also travel more to Rolleston than to Rakaia Huts. The key role that Rolleston plays is clear.

The Mayor continued and said, thinking about compromise, it was quite unusual to have the Chair of a Subcommittee submit against Council, and this highlighted the different views around the table. Some of the changes in Rolleston now could be addressed through a three year review. He said Council needed to think about the future but should not pre-empt changes through private plan changes.

The Board also received enough support to either continue or not and to change anything dramatically from what Council proposed it would mean it would need to go back to the community.

The Mayor asked each Councillor to reflect on any last points.

Councillor Epiha said the option Council landed on was the best for everybody.

Councillor Mugford noted that originally he thought option 2 was best but after speaking to people in his community, option 1 seemed best. Selwyn is a community that moves around a lot.

Councillor Gallagher said this was a difficult decision. She understood the West Melton residents' opinions and said she was in favour of option 2.

Councillor Hasson said she heard a lot about communities of interest and how the boundaries cut through West Melton, but it also cuts through Burnham with an equally very close association with Rolleston. She added as Elected Member you do not necessarily support a community of interest in a particular ward. Your community of interest is not ward-based, it was anyone you supported. She said option 1 is the most coherent.

Councillor Bland said it was hard to get a perfect solution and he didn't think Council managed to put the figures together. Option 2 is the best of a bad deal. He said he didn't think Council got there yet and for him to vote on something which is less than perfect is not what he likes. He wasn't happy with either Option 1 or 2.

Councillor Miller said the choices available shows Council was limited by the population and geography. He said Council need to be reminded they received very poor feedback and very little interest. This shows the challenge. Staff went out of their way to consult. He also acknowledged the Chair and said the option in front of council is a compromise but that is what you get in local government. He added he thought the Chair stepped outside the bounds but that he had the right intent to do so. Councillor Miller also said he thought the process should be done by someone external of Council, for example the Electoral Commission. Councillor Miller said that in three years this option might need to be rebuilt because the growth in the District makes this a challenge. Councillor Miller supported Option 1.

Councillor McInnes said she agreed that there may be another review in three years' time. She added that none of this would change how she as a Councillor does anything and she would still keep doing what she does, including going to the West Melton Resident's Association meetings.

Councillor Lemon reiterated what he said previously – option 2 was his initial preference. He respects the Subcommittee recommendation as they landed on the option which is most palatable. He said there was a lack of engagement and general apathy with virtually no-one coming to the drop-in sessions. He also said potential allegations of self-interest by subcommittee members were deeply unfair.

Councillor Lyall agreed this was a compromise but that this was always the case during any Representation Review. The wards are growing and he believed Malvern would grow in the next three years. He had a very open mind to another review in three years' time. Poor engagement was also clear, even during the elections. He added the map chosen showed an equitable workload for Council, any other would have probably given a huge workload to fewer Councillors. He also said boundaries are fluent, and the people of West Melton who are concerned about their area of representation should note that the Christchurch boundary was actually not very far from them either. Overall Councillor Lyall was happy with where Council landed.

The Chief Executive said he agreed with the comments and the significant growth could potentially see another Representation Review in three years.

For now, a paper will come to Council at its 27 October meeting and that will be presented to the Local Government Commissions.

Moved – Councillor Lyall / Seconded – Councillor Epiha

‘That Council receives submissions to its Representation Review proposal.’

CARRIED

Attachment 3 Extract of Minutes for Selwyn District Council October 27 2021

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 1PM

PRESENT

Mayor S T Broughton, Councillors, M A Alexander, J B Bland, S N O H Epiha, D Hasson, M P Lemon, M B Lyall, S McInnes, G S F Miller, R H Mugford and N C Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs. D Ward (Chief Executive), D Marshall (Group Manager Property), K Mason (Group Manager Organisational Performance), M Washington (Group Manager Infrastructure), T Harris (Group Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services), S Hill (Group Manager Communication and Customer Services), P Millar (Major Projects Project Manager), A Boyd (Solid Waste Manager); A Mazey (Asset Manager Transportation); G Morgan (Service Delivery Manager Infrastructure); R Allen (Acquisitions, Disposals and Leasing Officer); G Huggins (Roading Maintenance Engineer); B Rhodes (Planning Manager); and R Raymond (Communications Advisor); Mesdames D Kidd (Group Manager Community Services and Facilities), and N Smith (Executive Assistant), and Ms T Davel (Governance Coordinator)

The meeting was livestreamed.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the karakia and Councillor Affirmation and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also welcomed everyone online listening to the meeting.

The Mayor said today was a huge day of news and referred to the announcement this morning of Minister Mahuta, Minister for Local Government about the 3 Waters Reform. The Mayor asked for a report to the next meeting to allow full consideration of the announcements today. He added while he would allow some discussion under extraordinary business in today's meeting it will be discussed in full at the next Council meeting.

APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor J Gallagher.

Moved – Councillor Lyall / Seconded – Mayor Broughton

‘That Council receive the apology from Councillor Gallagher’

CARRIED

REPORTS

1. Chief Executive Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive noted that he attended the Zone 5 & 6 meetings with the Mayor and Councillor Gallagher. A range of topics was discussed including national council update, reform agenda, COVID, housing reform, the Resource Management Act review and others.

Moved – Councillor Alexander / Seconded – Councillor Lyall ‘That

Council:

- a) Receives the Chief Executive's report for information; and
- b) Approves the additions / alterations to the Delegations Manual as presented.’

CARRIED

2. Deputy Electoral Officer Representation Review

Councillor Alexander moved away from the table due to a declared conflict of interest.

Council's Deputy Electoral Officer, Mr Stephen Hill said we were now approaching the final stages of the representation review. Mr Hill noted the legislative process that Council has been following and spoke about consultation and engagement undertaken at several stages. Consultation ran from 3 September to 4 October. In his report the submission process was summarised, referring to the most common of the objections being the removal of West Melton from the Selwyn Central Ward to join the Malvern Ward.

Mr Hill said the next step was to publicly notify the decision with a period for appeals and objections.

The Mayor thanked Mr Hill for the report and his work in this area. Councillor Mugford asked that Greendale should be part of the Malvern communities of interest.

Councillor Epiha reiterated what he said previously in regards the Maori ward, noting he believed the review committee did not do its job on this matter. He said it should be up to the public to decide whether or not to have a Maori ward and that simply consulting with runanga was not really a decision on whether it's in people's best interest.

Councillor Bland said he intended voting against the recommendations, not because he does not have respect for the process, but because he thinks this is an incomplete picture. He said Council agrees it's not a perfect picture and that it would review it again in 3 years. He said even the

committee tasked with the review were indecisive and this rang alarm bells for him. He said there was a lack of public perception or involvement in the representation review but three of the wards are not changing. It is in the fourth ward where the significant change would be and he didn't think this was a reflection of democracy.

The Mayor said three years was the usual time for another review so it would not be rushing it. He appreciated Councillor Bland's views but he said Council put out 4 options to the community and received little to no feedback.

Councillor Reid said during the pre-consultation over 100 submissions were received. She said the growth in the District was one of the issues and in particular in Rolleston. This makes it difficult to fit in the process. She said it was not perfect but it is a solution that is manageable for now. Council should focus on having adequate representation for those communities.

Moved (as amended) – Councillor Miller / Seconded – Mayor Broughton

That the Council adopts for public notification the following final proposal for representation arrangements for the local authority election to be held in 2022 and subsequent elections, until altered by a subsequent decision:

- (a) That the Council comprise 10 members elected from four wards, and the Mayor, elected at large;
- (b) That the members be elected by the First Past the Post (FPP) method;
- (c) That the four wards be known as Ellesmere, Malvern, Rolleston, Springs;
- (d) That the proposed boundaries of the four wards be as shown as per the initial proposal ~~on the map attached to this report (Appendix 1)~~ and reflecting the following communities of interest:

Ward	Communities of Interest
Ellesmere	Brookside, Burham, Burham Military Camp, Doyleston, Dunsandel, Greenpark, Irwell, Killinchy, Lakeside, Leeston, Mead, Motukarara, Rakaia Huts, Sedgemere, Southbridge, Taumutu
Malvern	Arthurs Pass, Castle Hill, Coalgate, Darfield, Glenroy, Glentunnel, Greendale, Halkett, Hororata, Kirwee, Lake Coleridge, Sheffield, Springfield, West Melton, Waddington, Whitecliffs, Windwhistle
Rolleston	Rolleston (including West Rolleston)
Springs	Ladbrooks, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Springston, Tai Tapu, Weedons

- (e) That the population each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population	Members	Population per Member
Ellesmere Ward	12,620	2	6,310
Malvern Ward	14,900	2	7,450
Rolleston Ward	22,470	3	7,490
Springs Ward	19,690	3	6,563

TOTAL	69,680	10	6,968
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(f) That a Community Board be elected representing the Malvern Ward:

- (i) That the name of this Board be the Malvern Community Board;
- (ii) That the Malvern Community Board comprises five elected members;
- (iii) That the Malvern Community Board have three subdivisions, namely the Hawkins, Tawera and West Melton Subdivisions, with the boundaries as shown in the map attached to this report (Appendix 2), and reflecting the following communities of interest:

Subdivision	Areas of Subdivision
Hawkins	Darfield, Greendale, Kirwee, Sheffield, Waddington
Tawera	Arthurs Pass, Castle Hill, Coalgate, Glenroy, Glentunnell, Hororata, Lake Coleridge, Springfield, Whitecliffs, Windwhistle
West Melton	Halkett, West Melton

(iv) That the population each member will represent is as follows:

Subdivision	Population	Members	Population per Member
Hawkins Subdivision	6,000	2	3,000
Tawera Subdivision	3,030	1	3,030
West Melton Subdivision	5,870	2	2,935
TOTAL	14,900	5	2,980

(g) *That there be no Māori ward in Selwyn.*

CARRIED

Councillor Jeff Bland voted against for reasons as per the discussion.

3. Team Leader Transportation