



## Media Release

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### Commission announces decision on representation arrangements for Selwyn District Council

The Local Government Commission today announced its decision on the Selwyn District Council's membership and ward arrangements for the 2016 local elections.

The Council had proposed to retain the existing arrangements for the Council- a Mayor and 11 councillors elected from four wards- along with the Malvern Community Board. It proposed to dis-establish the Selwyn Community Board. There were 12 appeals against the Council's proposal, all seeking retention of the Selwyn Central Community Board.

After hearing from the Council and the appellants the Commission has decided to uphold the Council's proposal.

The Council's representation arrangements for the 2016 local elections will \_ therefore be:

- A Mayor and 11 councillors
- The 11 councillors elected from wards as follows:

Malvern Ward	2 councillors
Selwyn Central Ward	4 councillors
Ellesmere Ward	2 councillors
Springs Ward	3 councillors

- A Malvern Community Board with 5 elected members and 2 appointed councillors

The Council's proposal to disestablish the Selwyn Central Community Board was upheld.

The determination is available on the Commission's website: [www.lgc.govt.nz](http://www.lgc.govt.nz)

#### *Summary of the Representation Review process*

Councils are required by law to undertake a representation review every six years. The following is a brief outline of the process:

- The Council makes its proposal
- The Council invites submissions on its proposal
- The Council considers submissions and makes a final proposal
- People can object to or appeal against the proposal to the Local Government Commission
- The Commission may hold an appeals hearing
- The Commission makes and releases its Determination

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