

		<b>Thursday 26 September 2024</b>	
<b>(10 Min)</b>	<b>Sub #</b>	<b>Person / Session</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
		Schedule	
9.00		Opening	
9.10	113	Harvey Polglase	Darfield Residents Association
9.20	187	Name withheld	
9.30	198	Erin Van Der Zwet-Brodie	
9.40		Overrun / reflection time	
9.50	119	Donna Gillatt	
10.00	196	Arindam Bose	
10.10	205	John Morten	
10.20		Morning Tea	
10.30		Morning Tea	
10.40	352	Judith Pascoe	
10.50	287	Allison Rosanowski	
11.00	312	Paul Rosanowski	
11.10	220	Robert McInnes	
11.20		Overrun / reflection time	
11.30	293	Ken May	
11.40	323	Name withheld	
11.50	499	Mark Alexander	Rolleston Residents Association Inc
12.00	256	Peter Williams	Russells Flat Landcare
12.10		Overrun / reflection time	
12.20		Lunch	
12.30		Lunch	
12.40		Lunch	
12.50		Lunch	
1.00	342	Melissa Jebson	
1.10	555	John Verry	Malvern Community Board
1.20	592	John Verry	
1.30	328	Douglas Frazer	
1.40		Overrun / reflection time	
1.50	278	Graham Evans	
2.00	556	Bruce Russell	
2.10	398	Darryl Griffin	
2.20	509	Calvin Payne	
2.30	116	Name withheld	

		<b>Thursday 26 September 2024</b>	
<b>(10 Min)</b>	<b>Sub #</b>	<b>Person / Session</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
2.40		Overrun / reflection time	
2.50		Afternoon Tea	
3.00		Afternoon Tea	
3.10	452	Grenville Button	
3.20	451	Terry Glass	
3.30	534	Colin Giddens	
3.40	531	Fred Bull	
3.50		Overrun / reflection time	
4.00	537	Peter Schnell	
4.10	539	Janelle Schnell	
4.20	606	Karl Dean	North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers of New Zealand
4.30	115	Matthew Talbot	
4.40			
4.50		Overrun / reflection time	
5.00		Dinner	
5.10		Dinner	
5.20		Dinner	
5.30		Dinner	
5.40	232	Vic Atkinson	
5.50	448	Grant Prescott	
6.00			
6.10			
6.20		Overrun / reflection time	
6.30			
6.40			
6.50			
7.00		Closing Karakia	



## Submitter Number: 113

**Full Name:** Harvey Polglase

**Organisation:** Darfield Residents Association

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

# Representation Review 2024

Darfield 23/8/24 113

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* HARVEY

Last name\* POLGLASE

Address\*

Town\*

Postcode\*

Contact n

Email add

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

DARFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Does not fairly represent the communities.

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

The Community Board is vital to enable Malvern residents to have their say with Council.

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

## Selwyn needs more Community Boards

**Return this submission form by:**

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - **Council Rolleston Offices** 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - **Te Ara Ātea** 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - **Darfield Library** 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - **Leeston Library** 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - **Lincoln Library** 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 764

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to **repreview@selwyn.govt.nz**

# Representation Review 2024



## Submitter Number: 187

**Full Name:** [REDACTED]

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Rolleston

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

We need enhanced local representation throughout our community especially in our rural areas.

We need improved community engagement with grassroots involvement.

Community boards are focused on local decisions.

With ten councillors strengthens the democratic process in the community.

Community boards promote social cohesion in the community

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

Our community boards are the grass roots of our community by handling local issues and can relieve the district council of some of the workload

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

No

Please add your comments

This courses more devision in the community and more wasteful spending

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

Just leave things as they are.

## Submitter Number: 198

**Full Name:** Erin Van Der Zwet-Brodie

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiriri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\*

erin

Last name\*

Van Der Zwet-Brodie

Address\*

Town\*

Postcode

Contact

Email address

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I believe we need 2x Councillors in the Malvern Ward to cover fairly a 5,000sqm region

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

As to Q1 - a fully functional Community Board with delegated authority to represent local constituents within a rural Ward will understand & provide local representation & help support communication from community to Board to Councillors



3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

Inclusive ☺

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:

- Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
- Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
- Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
- Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
- Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln

- Posting it to:

- Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to  
[repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

**Representation  
Review 2024**

 **Selwyn**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



## Submitter Number: 119

**Full Name:** Donna Gillatt

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

The largest land mass areas and contributors to GDP will have the smallest representation under the proposed plan. I completely disagree with this. We need to remain with status quo or increase representation to at least Malvern area.

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

Absolutely opposed to removal of the community board and want to see more community boards introduced. This is the true opportunity for ratepayers and community organisations to have their say.

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

No

Please add your comments

Happy with current names that have been established for many years.

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

Under the proposed changes, it clearly illustrates that those who contribute most will be penalised. We are very much a strong rural community and need to ensure this

remains our focus. If need be increase the number of councillors and decrease administrative costs.

## Submitter Number: 196

**Full Name:** Arindam Bose

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

Darfield 31/8/196

# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikirī Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\*

ARINDAM

Last name\*

BOSE

Address\*

Town\*

Postcode\*

Contact number\*

Email address\*

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

We need MORE Councillors given the size of Malvern Ward, diversity of the population, we need MORE VISIBILITY of Council/people representing, let people voice their concern. Hear our voices, we entreat! How is that entreaty materialise with fewer people representations?

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

This is a dangerous proposition for a democratic country. We need MORE representation than fewer because population is increasing, more migration into South Island, demographics changing, age structure of the population changing with more older people & younger families. Who will look after them?

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

Because this is biculturally sensitive.

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

Nope.

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

**Representation  
Review 2024**



## Submitter Number: 205

**Full Name:** John Morten

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

Yes

Please add your comments

I agree to the change of Ward names, I support the new ward boundaries. I understand the law of NZ and the need for each Councillor to represent the similar number of the community, + or - 10% which has been made necessary because of an increased in the number of people living in Selwyn district now. So with this proposed change to having only 1 Councillor in the Malvern, which is by far the largest ward in area, (5000 sq Kilometres), has the greatest number of small towns/communities why would you not propose that the Malvern Community Board to continue. This would provide support for the 1 councillor who will have a very large role to connect with so many different communities which are spread over a very large area. Representation is about elected members connecting with the people of their ward regularly by attending functions, meeting etc which means rate payers are able to give feed back to their Ward Councillor. The time to do this in the Malvern Ward when travelling from Lake Coleridge to Arthur's Pass is considerable compared to the other 3 wards which is where the Community Board has a very important role assisting the 1 Councillor. I note there has been a number of submissions supporting the Community Board continuing and very few against from the Malvern Community who will have a targeted rate to fund the Community Board, so why does the review suggest the removal of the Board?

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

See my previous comments. I wonder if Council decide to discontinue the Board because the Board has struggled to Function over the last 18 months well and therefore could be suggested it was adding limited value. I would suggest to Council, Mayor and

CEO and staff have over a period of time provided less and less support for the Board as the Community Board Act lays down it should which has made the boards role harder and harder to add value. I ask the CEO the question," have all reports related to the Malvern Ward been reviewed and had comments from the MCB before being included in Council agendas" ? Drawing on my Knowledge of History and how the MCB has functioned in the past, I think the answer is NO. Have the delegated powers which the Act addresses been given and supported to the MCB over the last 5 years been followed, I believe the answer is NO. I think there has been less support for the MCB over a period of time because of their being only 1 Community Board in Selwyn and the MCB seen as a time consuming group adding no value and it would be easier to have no Boards at all. But this review is about representation for all Communities in person not just by electronic means. The Malvern Ward communities still highly value the physical presence of an elected person out and about in the Ward.

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

Yes

Please add your comments

I support the name change which connects the old with the new by having both the name Malvern and Tawera.

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

No I am advocating for the continuation of the MCB to support the proposed 1 Councillor in the biggest by land area, the Malvern Ward so that those of us who live in the west of Selwyn are well represented.

## Submitter Number: 352

**Full Name:** Judith Pascoe

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

Yes

Please add your comments

While I can see the reasoning for 4 wards and 8 councillors I can see it severely disadvantaging the Malvern Ward. While a smaller population base, the Ward is very large geographically and it will be difficult for one Councillor to be available to the large number of communities and organisations in the Ward plus attending their Council based meetings and responsibilities.

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

Please add your comments

The Malvern Ward while less population per square km than the other three wards, covers a huge geographic area with some 15 individual communities most with a local committee. This will be very difficult for one councillor to cover physically and to establish links with existing community and special interest committees. Despite effective electronic communication methods there are very many times when personal contact is needed with the committees and to personally view problems and issues in the community. A community board can be effective in community liaison, addressing issues and working with both the community and the councillor to provide effective representation.

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

Yes

Please add your comments



---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

With a very large representation area for the Malvern Ward, a community board will ensure the voices and needs of smaller communities are not lost in the big picture. A community board will ensure better representation and stronger community wellbeing by advocating for the local voice, making submissions to Council, liaising with local communities and individuals and providing information to the Ward Councillor and to Council. The electoral area proposed for the Malvern Ward is physically too large and has too many local and diverse communities for one councillor to represent effectively on their own and a community board would give assistance and support.

The second option

## Submitter Number: 287

**Full Name:** Allison Rosanowski

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

Reduction in number of Councillors appears to be to increase remuneration for each councillor. This is not an acceptable reason for decreasing the number of Councillors. At present 10 Councillors are overworked. Effective decision making at governance level will be reduced.

Reducing Malvern to one Councillor to represent an area of 5000 sq km with 14 communities is untenable. Malvern is 70 percent of the land mass of Selwyn. If the Malvern Community Board is disestablished that further decreases the opportunities for interaction between citizens and the Council.

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

Malvern has the most number of communities in the Selwyn District (14) and an effective Community Board increases participation in local government.

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Inclusion of both Te Reo and English is important.

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

I would support a 4 ward, 9 councillor arrangement. That would mean moving Aylesbury , Greendale and Te Pirata in to the Malvern ward- they are communities of interest as demonstrated in the education provision for Malvern. Malvern should then have two Councillors to represent the large physical area. A reduced Ellesmere ward would have one Councillor.

To reduce Malvern from two Councillors and five Community Board members is a harsh reduction in local government representation. The fact that other areas do not have Community Boards is not a reason to disband the Malvern Community Board.

The Springs Ward which includes West Melton and Lincoln appears to have little commonality.

## Submitter Number: 312

**Full Name:** Paul Rosanowski

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Thank you for the opportunity to be involved. I do not, however, want to re-submit detailed comment on the proposal's options and arguments. These are well and better travelled elsewhere.

Instead, I wish Council to note that this submitter is largely against what is proposed.

I submit, in essence;

- that change which results in the reduction of citizen-participation and representation is essentially undemocratic and therefore is unacceptable
- that if the proposals are essentially driven by a perceived need to pay elected Councillors more for their public service- then this is the wrong way to do it. I understand how splitting the remuneration-pool eight ways instead of ten, would result in more money for a reduced pool of councillors. But the cost to the Selwyn District community is too great
- I support, in principle, an increase to the payment and allowances to our local government's elected representatives. But it is non-sensical, illogical, and ethically dubious, to propose the distribution of an already inadequate pool, at the cost of society's belief and trust in how they are governed with their consent
- that perhaps as a compromise, I support **increasing the area of the Malvern Ward with two (2) elected councillors whilst also maintaining the Malvern Community Board**. It is also unacceptable to propose, in a "one size fits all" manner, that because some wards do not support a Community Board, all Wards

should have theirs disestablished

- that I support the work of the Malvern Community Board whose work is transparent, measurable and valued by the communities it serves
  - That I hope and expect that this submission will be considered as a positive response to democracy at work
  - Paul
- 

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

Yes

Please add your comments

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

See my earlier submissions here

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

Hi

**Please can I have an email copy of my previous submission- I think I indicated to the postal option?**

**Both would be good**

**Cheers**

Paul

## Submitter Number: 220

**Full Name:** Robert McInnes

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Rolleston

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

Yes

Please add your comments

I totally support this decision

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

Yes

Please add your comments

I do not believe this particular ward offers the community any added benefit. Yes, The use of community boards has traditionally been a way of ensuring local views are heard, however times have moved on, the internet connected us better. I see no further use for this particular board.

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

Yes

Please add your comments

E tautoko ana au i te kaupapa reo maori, i 100% support the use of reo maori, with all that is going on in this country to promote any form of maori culture is important. E whakapapa ana au ki waiwae, mo te onuku, mo te waitaha. I whakapapa to this land, and I am immensely proud to see an institution like the council actively using te reo maori, and incorporating it into our lives here in Selwyn.

kia kaha reo maori. PAIA!!

nga mihi nui

## Submitter Number: 293

**Full Name:** Ken May

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

This review is about representation, and representation requires feet on the ground. So far, all Council is trying to do by reducing the number of Councillors is to organise themselves a pay rise, but in order to earn a pay rise they (not all, but some) actually need to earn their pay! Constantly changing the Ward boundaries - does that actually achieve anything, other than muddying district relationships and loyalties?

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

Community Boards are a function within many communities throughout New Zealand, that achieve a lot in representing the issues of their communities. Sadly, Selwyn has had a lack lustre Mayor, who won't give the Community Board any delegations, which clearly limits the effectiveness of the one existing Community Board in Selwyn, the Malvern Community Board. Sadly, isn't that the community that the Mayor resides in?

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

No

Please add your comments

Why confuse people? The existing names have survived from the last century and probably before, so why change something just because the 'woke' think that it's appropriate? Next thing they'll want to be changing all the street names!

---



**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

When the Representation Review Committee was established, two brand new Councillors were appointed, with one of them being elected Chair. The most important question about that, is regarding his understanding of what Community Boards are about, as well as the recent history of the Malvern Community Board.

Approximately eight years ago, the Malvern Community Board under the Chairmanship of Jenny Gallagher BEM fought for the retention of the Community Board, despite the Council voting for its dissolution. Fortunately, the Commissioners, seeing the community support for it, voted against Council and retained the Community Board.

About two years ago, another review occurred, with some boundary changes, not appreciated by all in Selwyn, and when the vote was put to the Community Board, it was 4 -1 to retain it, and surprisingly the only contrary vote was from an ex-Councillor, which made one wonder if this is a Council driven exercise to diminish representation?

## Submitter Number: 323

**Full Name:** [REDACTED]

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Ellesmere

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

I support the reduction to 8 councilors.

I don't support 2 wards with only 1 councilor.

If a ward has only one councilor then there is an issue when that councilor is unavailable or doesn't get on with a resident (it happens).

The Malvern and Ellesmere wards should be merged to give 3 wards, Springs and Rolleston with 3 councilors in each and Malvern-Ellesmere with 2 councilors.

Malvern and Ellesmere have a great deal in common - more than West Melton and the rest of the Springs Ward.

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

Yes

Please add your comments

The Malvern Community Board has been ineffective for several terms, spending more time fighting amongst itself than working for its community.

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

No

Please add your comments

There needs to be a new name for the Western Ward - the amalgamation of the Ellesmere & Malvern Wards.

The other names are okay.

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

3 wards 8 councilors.

## Submitter Number: 499

**Full Name:** Mark Alexander

**Organisation:** Rolleston Residents Association Inc

**Property Location:** Rolleston

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

The Rolleston Residents Association supports

- 1) the reduction to 8 councillors
- 2) the enlargement of the Rolleston Ward

The Rolleston Residents Association believes that the Ellesmere and Malvern Wards should be amalgamated to form a single ward with 2 councillors.

The Rolleston Residents Association believes that wards with two councillors are a better structure giving better electoral results and better governance.

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

Yes

Please add your comments

It is hard to identify any positive outcomes, submissions or representations from the Malvern Community Board in this term.

The Malvern ratepayers will have a rates reduction when the board is abolished - a positive outcome.

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

No

Please add your comments

A new name needs to be created for the amalgamated Malvern-Ellesmere Ward.  
Western Ward would be an appropriate name.

## Submitter Number: 256

**Full Name:** Peter Williams

**Organisation:** Russells Flat Landcare

**Suburb:** RD 1

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiriri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.


You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

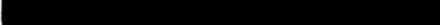
### Submitter details

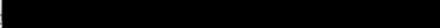
Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

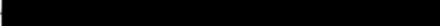
First name\* Peter

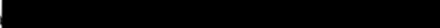
Last name\* Williams

Add 

Town 

Post 

Contact 

Email 

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Russell's Hal Landcare

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Mavern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I feel the change in  
ward would under represent us

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I feel that we need  
the community boards  
as an essential contact  
between the ratepayers  
and the council

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

*I feel the names should stay as they are to avoid more confusion*

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

*I prefer the status Quo as I feel our representatives have more than enough to do to cover their area as it is*

#### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 764

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

**Representation  
Review 2024**





## Submitter Number: 342

**Full Name:** Melissa Jebson

**Organisation:**

**Suburb:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiriri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.


You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

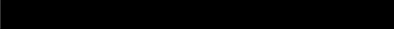
### Submitter details

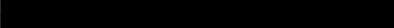
Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

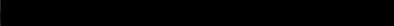
First name\* Melissa


Last name\* Jebson

Address\* 

Town\* 

Postcode\* 

Contact\* 

Email\* 

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Keep status quo  
Malvern - 2 councillors  
Ellesmere - 2 councillors

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

As much as Malvern needs strong representation, this past term has been dysfunctional. There has been a more unified action this past six months but one does wonder how effective they have been.

Donfield stage 342

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

It works well as it is.  
Why change something  
that is not broken.

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

Rural ratepayers are  
being forgotten. Rural  
ratepayers especially farmers  
pay heavy rates. We in  
Malvern are not seeing  
much out our way for our  
rates.

Please do not forget about  
your rural rate payers.  
Malvern is diverse. There  
is no way that one Councillor  
has any chance of being  
effective covering such a  
huge area. Currently there  
are about fourteen (14)  
communities which run  
active community committees.  
To do these justice plus  
administer and represent  
the large area that Malvern  
covers, there must be at least  
two Councillors. If there is  
not going to be a Malvern Community  
Board there must be two  
Councillors in Malvern. I would also  
support two Councillors in Ellesmere  
your other rural ward.

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

Scanning and emailing it to  
[repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

**Representation**  
**Review 2024**



## Submitter Number: 555

**Full Name:** John Verry

**Organisation:** Malvern Community Board

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



Submitter: **Malvern Community Board**

**Fair and effective representation**  
in the Malvern Ward through engagement  
with the community and working with  
Community and Residents Association

By: John Francis VERRY, Deputy Chair on behalf of the Malvern Community Board

Address:

Malvern ward in the Selwyn District, Canterbury

Contact Information: [john.very@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:john.very@selwyn.govt.nz)

Mobile: 022 087 3463

Submission to the Selwyn District Council Initial Proposal -  
Representation Review 2024

Submissions close: 5 pm, Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The Malvern Community Board (MCB) formally submits this response to the Selwyn District Council's Initial Proposal for the 2024 Representation Review.

→ The MCB confirms its intent to attend the hearing and talk to this submission in person.

This submission reflects the collective views of the Malvern Community Board in addressing key aspects of the Consultation Document and process. The Board's focus is to ensure that fair, effective, and representative local governance is maintained in the Malvern Ward, whilst not detracting from the governance interests of residents in the wards within the wider Selwyn District under the control of the Selwyn District Council.

The submission is in seven (7) sections:

- A. Introduction
- B. Malvern Community Board's submissions
- C. Initial Proposal's Representation Arrangements
- D. The Board's Concerns
- E. Summary
- F. Survey design – Initial Proposal (Concerns)
- G. To Conclude



Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
 MCB Submission to the  
 2024 Representation Review



## SECTION A - INTRODUCTION

### 1. Role and Responsibilities of the Malvern Community Board

The Malvern Community Board (MCB) is an independent unincorporated body established under the *Local Government Act* 2002, with specific mandates:

- Section 49: Establishment of Community Boards
- Section 51: Status of Community Boards
  - A community board—
    - (a) is an unincorporated body; and
    - (b) is not a local authority; and
    - (c) is not a committee of the relevant territorial authority.
- Section 53: Powers of Community Boards
  - (1) A community board has the powers that are—
    - (a) delegated to it by the relevant territorial authority in accordance with [clause 32](#) of Schedule 7;
  - (3) Despite subsection (1), a community board may not—
    - (a) acquire, hold, or dispose of property; or
    - (b) appoint, suspend, or remove staff.

→ The Malvern Community Board's core functions include:

- Engagement with, advocating for and representing the interests of the people and communities in the Malvern ward
- Considering and reporting on matters referred to the Board by the Selwyn District Council (SDC)
- Making formal submissions on behalf of the people and communities in the Malvern ward
- Managing and maintaining local community services, facilities, and assets - as delegated by the SDC
- Providing local input on planning, infrastructure, and governance matters
- Monitoring local services and reporting to the Council.

The Board operates within the legal framework conferred by the *Local Government Act* 2002, maintaining collaborative relationships with people, community and resident associations and others to advocate effectively for the interests of those in the Malvern ward.

## Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal MCB Submission to the 2024 Representation Review



### 2. Community Engagement in Preparing This Submission

The five elected representatives of the MCB have actively engaged with the community and community / residents associations which has informed the preparation of this submission. An initial draft was circulated for feedback, to the meeting of the MCB & community | residents associations on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The MCB formally endorsed the submission on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (elected representatives), authorising the Deputy Chair to submit on behalf of the Board.

### 3. Support for the 2024 Representation Review

MCB supports the Selwyn District Council's decision to undertake the 2024 Representation Review, recognising the significant population growth in the district. According to the 2023 Census data, Selwyn remains the fastest-growing district in New Zealand, with an impressive population increase from 60,561 in 2018 to 78,144 in 2023 (29% growth compared to the national average of 6.3%)<sup>1</sup>.

The principle of fair and effective representation is paramount in this review. MCB endorses any proposed changes that respect the range of communities across the Selwyn District and ensure compliance with fair and effective representation, especially in regard to the Malvern and Ellesmere wards – accepting that the expressed views of those in the Ellesmere ward – being those affected, over-ride and views expressed by the MCB. Furthermore, the changes should aim to enhance, not detract from, the representation of residents in both the Malvern Ward and the broader Selwyn district.

### 4. Key Considerations for Effective Representation in the Malvern Ward

MCB notes that effective representation for the Malvern Ward requires consideration of the following:

- **Geographic Size:**  
The Malvern Ward is by far the largest and most rural of the wards in the Selwyn District, covering more-or-less 5,000 km<sup>2</sup>, representing more-or-less seventy per cent (70%) of the land area of Selwyn District. This large geographic area necessitates ensuring reasonable access between elected representatives and constituents, facilitating regular face-to-face interactions and public meetings.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/news-and-events/news/census-data-confirms-selwyn-is-the-fastest-growing-district> Accessed 8th September 2024

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
 MCB Submission to the  
 2024 Representation Review



- Technological Limitations:**  
 While advancements in technology have been suggested as an efficient and effective means to enhance communication, the reality is that infrastructure in the Malvern ward often cannot deliver stable and consistent internet and / or wi-fi coverage. For example, the MCB's September meeting in Springfield is to be recorded rather than live-streamed due to inadequate infrastructure. This limitation highlights the importance of maintaining personal and direct engagement between representatives and constituents. The reality is that even telephone (land line and mobile) coverage can be dubious quality.

area. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, new technology and changed communication behaviours have made it easier to connect with local communities and hear their voice. These changes are assisting with providing effective representation.

*Figure 1 Consultation Document - Representation Review (2024:8)*
- Community Identity:**  
 Malvern's unique physical and social geography is integral to its identity – similar to Ellesmere's. The ward's rural communities are often centred around community halls and shared local services. Effective representation must acknowledge these historical and social linkages, ensuring that smaller, dispersed communities are not overshadowed by larger urban centres.

#### 5. Recommendation, Commendation and a Concern

- MCB recommends the Selwyn District Council ensure that the representation arrangements adopted do not result in the under-representation of smaller, rural communities in Malvern, given the dispersed nature of the population over the large geographical area.
  - MCB commends the Council for providing multiple submission methods, including hard copy submissions and a range of drop-off locations, ensuring better accessibility for all residents than the preliminary consultation. The number of respondents who submitted via hard copy demonstrates the effectiveness of SDC providing this option that was not available in SDC's preliminary consultation.
  - Engagement with the community in the Malvern ward has led to various concerns which are raised in this submission.
- The Malvern Community Board appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this important process and looks forward to continued engagement with the Selwyn District Council to ensure fair and effective representation for those in the Malvern ward and for all in the Selwyn district.



Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



One concern is whether due consideration has been had to the further projected population increase so that as at the October 2025 local body elections there is fair and effective representation in Waikirikiri Selwyn.

SECTION B – MALVERN COMMUNITY BOARD'S SUBMISSIONS

Submissions by the Malvern Community Board  
*Initial Proposal - Representation Review 2024*

FIRST: Opposition to the Reduction from Ten (10) to Eight (8) Councillors

SECOND: Opposition to the Reduction from two (2) to One (1) Councillor  
in the Malvern ward

The Malvern Community Board opposes:-

- 1: the initial proposal's reduction in the number of councillors from ten (10) to eight (8) in the Selwyn District and
- 2: the initial proposal's reduction in the number of councillors from two (2) to one (1) in the Malvern ward.

This opposition is based on several key factors, including but not limited to:

- **Geographical Considerations:**  
The Malvern Ward covers a significant land area, being more-or-less seventy per cent (70%) of the Selwyn District – and more-or-less 5,000 km<sup>2</sup>, making accessible representation a challenge. Reducing councillors will hinder effective representation, especially in rural areas like Malvern, where physical and social geography plays a vital role in the community.
- **Legal Provisions:**  
The *Local Electoral Act 2021* provides for departures from the +/- 10% Rule in limited prescribed circumstances. MCB is of the view that the Malvern ward satisfies the legislative criteria to at least consider and likely qualify for an exception. The most likely outcome would be retention of two (2) councillors for the Malvern ward. This would ensure fair and effective representation, taking into account the large size and dispersed population of the Malvern ward – however constituted.

Section 19V(3) of the *Local Electoral Act 2021* provides for non-compliance with the +/- 10% Rule for territorial authorities in some circumstances. Local bodies

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
 MCB Submission to the  
 2024 Representation Review



that have had recent endorsement for representation outside the +/- 10% Rule, are:

- Far North District Council (2002): s 19V(3)(a): - 13%;
  - Waikato District Council (2022): s 19V(3)(a): - 17%;
  - Environment Canterbury (2022): s 19V(3)(b) - 25%.
- **Impact on Rates:**  
 The proposed reduction in councillors will not lead to any significant savings for ratepayers. Ratepayers in Selwyn District already face substantial rate increases following the adoption of the Long-Term Plan 2024–2034, so the financial impact of retaining the ten (10) councillors would be negligible. This is in stark contrast the negative and adverse aspects of unfair and ineffective representation in the Malvern ward.
- to have more Councillors, would have been an option given the rapid growth that has occurred and will occur between now and October 2025 and thereafter during the three-term of the next elected councillors is will impact on the present proposed arrangements in regard to the +/- 10% Rule.
- No evidence has been provided to support the contention that better quality candidates will be attracted and thus improve Council's decision-making, if higher remuneration is able to be provided to the fewer number of councillors as promoted strongly in the Initial Proposal. The spurious rational of fewer councillors ensuring an improved quality of candidates at the October 2025 local body elections is addressed later in this submission.
- **Recommendation:** The Malvern Community Board recommends:
- Retaining the status quo of ten (10) councillors, considering future population growth as at the October 2025 local government elections and/or
  - Having four wards and nine (9) councillors or
  - Having two (2) councillors for the Malvern Ward, utilising the relevant legislative provisions that enable departure from strict adherence to the +/- 10% Rule.

### THIRD: Neutral Position on Proposed Boundary Changes

The Malvern Community Board is neutral on the proposed boundary changes affecting West Melton (moving to Springs ward) and Burnham (moving to Rolleston ward). The Board considers that any such move should improve representation for those affected and not be detrimental to others in the District. The board recognises that it is more

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



appropriate for the decision-makers to give appropriate weight to the views of those directly affected.

The Board expresses its concern that the representation review process may have treated communities of interest as "chess pieces," being moved to different wards to alter boundaries to achieve strict compliance with the +/- 10% Rule. The Board considers that other options, such as maintaining four wards with nine (9) councillors, would have produced fairer and better representation if this option had been given greater attention and appropriate analysis had been undertaken to inform the Representation Review sub-committee and Councillors, as this option would provide more equitable representation, particularly for rural communities.

→ No Recommendation.

#### Fourth: Opposition to 'NO Community Boards'

The Malvern Community Board, informed by the views of many constituents in the Malvern ward, strenuously opposes the initial proposal's unequivocal position, as forcefully advanced by staff and accepted by the majority of the Representation Review Sub-committee and Councillors: that there be no Community Boards in the Selwyn District. The Board believes community boards serve an important role in giving smaller communities within larger and rural wards a voice in local governance, accepting that the more urban wards – in all wards in the Selwyn district, should have the option of having or not having community boards in accord with the democratic views of the ward's constituent's and as Parliament has so provided.

To deny all wards, in the Selwyn District, the democratic right to have a Community Board appears to be an over-reach and undemocratic, especially as provision is made for Community Boards by Parliament in the *Local Government Act 2002* and Local Government New Zealand supports the existence of community boards as enhancing local democracy at the level of local government in Aotearoa | New Zealand.

→ The Board considers that the less authoritarian and autocratic approach is to enable the constituents of each ward to decide for themselves and not deny constituents in other wards their democratic voice and choice.

The above views, albeit expressed differently, have been heard by Board members in their community engagement, and it would not be surprising if such views were clearly evident in the responses to the Initial Proposal!

→ Recommendation: The Malvern Community Board recommends:

- That there remain the provision and ability for each Ward to have a Community Board, as provided for in legislation, if this is what the



Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
 MCB Submission to the  
 2024 Representation Review



constituents of any ward consider provides or contributes to fair and representative democracy in their Ward

#### FIFTH: Opposition to the Disestablishment of the Malvern Community Board

The Malvern Community Board opposes the proposal to disestablish the Malvern Community Board. The Board believes it is untestable that Community Boards serve an important role in giving smaller communities within larger wards an effective voice in local governance. Specifically, the MCB provides crucial representation for the many smaller, rural communities spread across Malvern's 5,000 km<sup>2</sup> area, comprising 70% of the Selwyn District.

The MCB has received significant support from the community for the Board to remain and not be disestablished. This was evident but not clearly identified by officers in the analysis and reporting of the feedback provided in regard to the non-statutory preliminary consultation process. The oft heard response from many constituents was the well-known, tested and true proverb:

→ You can lead a horse to water but can not make the horse drink the water 😊

There has been no evidence presented to demonstrate that disestablishing the MCB would benefit the people of Malvern. Community boards are a statutory creation that ensures local input and engagement into Council decision-making, which is particularly important in rural wards like Malvern.

The Malvern Community Board is concerned that the advice provided by officers to the Representation Review Sub-committee and elected Councillors may reflect elements of predetermination or a mindset aimed at reducing local governance to a uniform standard of the 'lowest-common-denominator'. The question to be asked is: "for whose ultimate benefit? SDC or ratepayers and those in the community? Probative and highly relevant that the *Local Government Commission* has recently stated that (paraphrasing)

- the Malvern ward has the characteristics to best fit having a Community Board, so it is highly appropriate that the Malvern Community Board not be disestablished!
- Constituents have identified a propensity for SDC to (at times)  
 = throw the baby out with the dirty bathwater!

Democracy is fundamentally about giving voice to all 'the people', and treating everyone the same does not always equate to equity and may not always be democratic. The purpose of consultation is to genuinely hear and consider diverse viewpoints not to 'play the numbers game'. This principle is integral to our democratic system and key to localism in local governance.

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



Throughout the SDC's 2024 Representation Review process, engagement I have had with a diverse range of constituents in the Malvern ward, and in the wider Selwyn District, has constantly led me to reflect on the insight provide by the High Court and Court of Appeal, that I respectfully consider will assist the decision-makers in regard to the outcome of this Representation Review:

Wellington International Airport Limited and others v Air New Zealand [1993] 1 NZLR 671, at p. 675. Judgment of the Court of Appeal delivered by McKay J quoting McGechan J in the High Court in Air New Zealand and others v Wellington International Airport Limited and others, HC, Wellington, CP 403-91, Jan 6, 1992:

"Consultation must allow sufficient time, and a genuine effort must be made. It is a reality not a charade. The concept is grasped most clearly by an approach in principle. To "consult" is not merely to tell or present. Nor, at the other extreme is it to agree. Consultation does not necessarily involve negotiation toward an agreement, although the latter not uncommonly can follow, as the tendency in consultation is to seek at least consensus. Consultation is an intermediate situation involving meaningful discussion. Despite its somewhat impromptu nature I cannot improve on the attempt at description, which I made in West Coast United Council v Prebble, at p 405:

'Consultation involves the statement of a proposal not yet fully decided upon, listening to what others have to say, considering their responses and then deciding what will be done.'

Relying solely on majority opinion, particularly when the majority is not directly affected, comes at a cost and risks undermining the democratic rights of those in the Malvern ward, which has a population, more-or-less, of 9,510, compared to the other three wards—where the majority (71,730 people) have (to date) chosen not to have community boards—should not outweigh the rights of Malvern residents, who may suffer unjust and adverse consequences. The distribution is as follows: Rolleston (32,310), Ellesmere (10,930), and Springs (28,490). Thus, the reality is that the population of 9,510 in the Malvern ward are outnumbered by 71,730!

Such an imbalance raises serious questions of probity and fairness! 🙄

The final sentence: "*This would give all wards the same level of representation*" (Figure 2: *supra*) is pejorative and disingenuous!

When surveying the community on an issue, especially the responses to the Initial Proposal's consultation document, balancing responses from directly affected

### No community boards

Our initial proposal is to have no community boards. Currently Malvern is the only ward with a community board and this proposal would result in the disestablishment of the board. This would give all wards the same level of representation.

Figure 2 Consultation Document,  
Representation Review (2024:8)



Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
 MCB Submission to the  
 2024 Representation Review



individuals versus the broader district is crucial to making fair, representation decisions.

→ Recommendation: The Malvern Community Board recommends:

- Retention of the Malvern Community Board, as is the clear preference among many that would be affected in the Malvern ward who legitimately submitted on the *preliminary consultation* – here reference is to the MCB | DRA and Kirwee responses obtained and provided in *good faith* and it is, at this stage predicted, the larger number of responses to the Initial Proposal from the Malvern ward that will be in support of retention of the Malvern Community Board.

#### SIXTH: Neutral Position on the Proposed Name Change

The Malvern Community Board is neutral, having the view that the required due consideration be given to the views of those responses from the Malvern ward, on the proposed name change to "Tawera Malvern." New Zealand has two official spoken languages: English and Māori, so the Board considers that the Council carefully consider the views of the respondents from within the Malvern Ward who will be most affected by the change.

For completeness the Board expects the views of respondents in the other wards to be duly considered. Noting the Board is unaffected by the Initial Proposal's suggested name changes for the other wards, therefore defers to the expressed views of respondents from the other wards.

It is noted that there was the view within the Representation Review subcommittee that the naming follow the convention of English – Māori in the ward names.

→ Given the current economic climate and increase in rates 2024 – 2025, the Board would strongly advocate that should the name change be adopted that the implementation be undertaken in a fiscally prudent manner and that the re-branding provide the best value-for-money to ratepayers.

#### SECTION C: INITIAL PROPOSAL'S REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

The Malvern Community Board appreciates the opportunity to comment on the initial proposal and is grateful for the Council's efforts in undertaking this important and timely review. However, the Board believes that the proposal could have more fully considered alternatives to the reduction in councillors, the movement of West Melton and Burnham, from Malvern and the better alignment of boundaries not predicated on rigid compliance with the +/- 10% Rule at the apparent expense of other relevant factors and the disestablishment of community boards. The aim was surely to improve the status quo within the statutory provisions under which the Representation Review 2024

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



is being undertaken. That further work will be required should the Initial proposal's proposal not be endorsed, that is meet the legitimate expectations of this in the Selwyn District, is evidence that goes to the quality or otherwise of the 'ground-work' undertaken.

The Representation Review sub-committee may not have been provided with sufficient information to enable them to make fully informed decisions in the best interests of democratic representation in the Selwyn District. Maybe the same is true for the decision-makers in relation to the initial proposal! The relevance is that the preliminary consultation and the initial proposal may have been more aligned with ensuring compliance with the +/- 10% Rule than the evidence to support fair and effective representation. Going out for public consultation with limited effective options could have left the public not as informed as many would have liked to enable them to make informed decisions. This would logically be reflected in the quality of the respondents decision-making process when they responded.

The provision in the legislation enabling a departure from strict compliance with the +/- 10% Rule has been successfully applied in various situations analogous the situation in regard to the Malvern Ward. Regional and District Council's have successfully applied for and been granted approval from the Local Government Commission<sup>2</sup> - *Local Electoral Act* 2001.

In addition, if a council proposes to not comply with the statutory fair representation requirement for one or more of its wards, community subdivisions or constituencies, it must refer its proposal to the Commission, whether or not it has received any appeals or objections. The fair representation requirement (also known as the '+/- 10% rule') is designed to achieve approximate equality of population representation by each member of a council or board. The following representation tables set out the current population/member ratios for all areas.

Illustrative are the following -

Representation-tables-2023-boundaries-2023-estimates-2018-census-base - View-only

- ❖ Matamata-Piako District: Te Aroha General Ward has -15.89% difference
- ❖ Taupo District: Mangakino-Pouakani General Ward has -30.84% difference  
Taupō East Rural General Ward has -17.60% difference  
here the difference is in two of the four General wards
- ❖ South Taranaki District: Taranaki Coastal General Ward has 20.48% difference  
Pātea General Ward has -26.71% difference  
here the difference is in two of the four General wards

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.lgc.govt.nz/our-work/representation-reviews/representation-review-process/> Accessed 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal MCB Submission to the 2024 Representation Review



❖ Tasman District:		Golden Bay Ward has -36.30% difference Moutere-Waimea Ward has 15.65% difference here the difference is in two of the four General wards					
❖ Marlborough District:		Marlborough Sounds General Ward has -26.81% difference					
❖ Selwyn District	Malvern Ward	15,500	2	7,750	-375	-4.62	
	Rolleston Ward	30,000	3	10,000	1,875	23.08	
	Ellesmere Ward	13,450	2	6,725	-1,400	-17.23	
	Springs Ward	22,300	3	7,433	-692	-8.51	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>81,250</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8,125</b>			

Through-out Aotearoa | New Zealand variations to the +/- 10% Rule exist.

The Malvern Community Board is of the view that:

- ➔ had the relevant legislative provisions been given due consideration, and reflected in the preliminary consultation the initial proposal may well have been different and would have produced a better outcome
- ➔ officer reports linking higher remuneration being a factor in better-quality candidates standing for the fewer positions, made scant mention of the fact that there would be no appreciable saving to ratepayers and no evidence to support the proposition. In fact the Local Government Commission, stated:
  46. The Council has proposed to reduce the number of members of the Council from 11 to 10 plus the mayor as part of this review. The Council stated at the hearing that a reduction in members would enable efficient and effective decision-making whilst maintaining an appropriate councillor to population ratio, but also emphasised that a reduction in the number of councillors would lead to increased councillor remuneration, which the Council felt could lead to more effective representation by encouraging a wider range of candidates to stand for election.
  47. While we appreciate that remuneration levels are a concern for many councils, we are not convinced that reducing the membership of Council to increase remuneration will ultimately lead to more effective representation in the form of a greater range of candidates standing for election. We also note that it is unusual for a council in a district experiencing significant population growth to consider reducing the number of elected members.

*Figure 3 Determination of representation arrangements to apply for the election of the Selwyn District Council to be held on 8 October 2022*

### Can we learn from the past?

In 1989 when SDC was constituted there were 13 councillors for the rural district that had a population of around 22,000 in 1991. Since 2001 there have been 11 councillors. At the 2018 census the population was some 75,000 and at the 2023 census, 79,544 with estimates suggesting the population could be between 83,000 and 88,000 by October 2025. While the number of councillors has been decreasing the number of SDC



Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



staff, and their remuneration, has been increasing, as have rates for ratepayers!

**Council employee remuneration by band**

The number of employees who were employed at 30 June are detailed below. Those receiving remuneration of \$60,000 or more are grouped into \$20,000 bands. If there are less than five or fewer employees in a band, they are combined upwards with the next banding as stipulated in the Local Government Act 2002.

	June 2022	June 2023
		Number of employees
Less than \$60,000	310	305
\$60,001 - \$80,000	74	102
\$80,001 - \$100,000	74	85
\$100,001 - \$120,000	28	52
\$120,001 - \$140,000	11	18
\$140,001 - \$160,000	7	10
\$160,001 - \$200,000		9
\$200,001 - \$260,000		5
\$200,001 - \$380,000	5	5
<b>Total employees</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>586</b>

In the 12 months from June 2022 to June 2023 staff increased by seventy (77)

- staff paid over \$100,000 almost doubled, increasing from 51 to 94

Selwyn District Council  
Annual Report 2022/23 page 96.

Moving on...

**A: Proposed boundary changes.**

The Board has concerns in regard to the approach SDC has taken to the Representation review 2024. This includes but is not limited to the reliance on the *Research First Report* (2023), noting the following helpful advice in the *Local Government Commission Determination* (2022), also noted that utilising Independent Commissioners early in the Representation Review process would negate the perception of bias and / or

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
 MCB Submission to the  
 2024 Representation Review



predetermination on the part of the SDC – a highly relevant consideration:-

62. The Council indicated at the hearing that it intends to undertake a further representation review in three years' time. We strongly encourage the Council to do so. As part of the next review, we encourage the Council to undertake a robust examination of communities of interest in the district, and to ensure that there is an appropriate mechanism for feeding community views into the process. For example, this could be assisted by including independent or community appointees onto any subcommittees formed to lead the process, to ensure that community views are drawn in at an early stage.
63. We suggest that, in its next review, the Council not only identify the towns or townships that residents feel a sense of connection to, but also examine how residents interact with surrounding towns. Doing so will allow the Council to be confident that its identified communities of interest take account of both perceptual and functional aspects relating to communities of interest. We suggest that an examination of communities of interest in the district also consider the affect that parts of the district being within easy commuting distance of Christchurch City has on communities of interest in the Selwyn District.
64. We consider that undertaking these steps early in the next review cycle will support the Council to undertake a more meaningful conversation with the wider community, which will better inform decisions regarding fair and effective representation in a district experiencing significant population growth and rapid change.

The Malvern Community Board is concerned that communities of interest may be considered 'chess pieces in a game of chess' in that some communities of interest are being moved to achieve rigorous compliance with the +/- 10% Rule. This is relevant when SDC appears to have not adequately and duly considered an alternative of four (4) wards and nine councillors which would maintain the traditional representation - with the Malvern ward having two councillors and equitable representation. The current representation of four (4) wards and ten (10) councillors has not been shown to be either unfair or unrepresentative. Four (4) wards and nine councillors would be achievable and better represent those living at the Malvern – Ellesmere boundary if there was more accurate alignment in order that children receive their education in the ward in which they live. This has relevance to young persons in the Ellesmere ward who for their education attend schools in Darfield – Kirwee – Greendale – Hororata, all in the Malvern ward.

Referring again to the Determination of the *Local Government Commission* 2022

28. We note that in many cases councils, communities and individuals tend to focus on the 'perceptual' dimension of communities of interest. That is, they focus on what intuitively they 'feel' are existing communities of interest. While this is a legitimate view, more evidence may be required to back this up. It needs to be appreciated that the other dimensions, particularly the 'functional' one, are important and that they can also reinforce the 'sense' of identity with an area. In other words, all three dimensions are important but should not be seen as independent of each other.

## Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal MCB Submission to the 2024 Representation Review



### Further Rationale for retaining the option for Community Board

The position taken by the Representation Review, that there be no community Boards, appears to be counter to the clear view expressed in the Local Government Commission's 2016 determination regarding the Selwyn District Council's representation arrangements, and the Malvern Community Board:

The Malvern Community is an appropriate area for the efficient and effective performance of the community board role and contains a distinct grouping of communities of interest. As a result, it provides effective representation for communities of interest within the area [Malvern Ward] and should continue in existence.  
*(Paragraph 44, page 10)*

The question is: what has materially changed in Malvern since then?

- The geographical land area remains more-or-less 5,000 km<sup>2</sup>, constituting 70% of the Selwyn District, even allowing for the 'ches-pieces' to be moved from election to election;
- There has been negligible change in the communities of interest, with in Malvern there being a stable core of fourteen (14);
- There has been some population growth in the Malvern ward, but not to a degree that fundamentally alters its rural or semi-rural nature and characteristics of the ward, however constituted.

### Representation Challenges in a Rapidly Growing District

The Selwyn District has experienced rapid population growth, primarily driven by its expanding urban centres. This creates challenges in ensuring that representation remains fair and balanced across both rural and urban communities. The needs of the Malvern ward's largely rural population must be addressed through focused representation that prevents the inadvertent skewing of governance in favour of urban areas such as Rolleston, Lincoln and others part of the Selwyn District. Similar considerations apply in the Ellesmere ward.

### The Initial Proposal suggests the following councillor distribution:

- 1 Councillor for Malvern, covering 4,887 km<sup>2</sup> and representing 9,510 people.
- 1 Councillor for Ellesmere, covering 1,264 km<sup>2</sup> and representing 10,930 people.
- 3 Councillors for Springs, covering 112 km<sup>2</sup> and representing 28,490 people.
- 3 Councillors for Rolleston, covering 22 km<sup>2</sup> and representing 32,310 people.



Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
 MCB Submission to the  
 2024 Representation Review



This distribution highlights a significant disparity in geographical representation, particularly for Malvern, which would require that a large area be represented with only one (1) councillor, and no Community Board.

#### Need for Nuanced Representation

The representation review must take a nuanced approach to ensure that the interests of all communities, particularly those directly affected (such as the Malvern ward, and West Melton, and Burnham), are adequately represented. The views of these communities must be weighted more heavily than those of unaffected respondents, as they will bear the most direct consequences of the proposed changes.

While it is acknowledged that no solution will completely resolve the issues of over- and under-representation in the Selwyn District, any proposed changes must be based on sufficient data and supported by logical, rational, and lawful reasoning. The principle of *if it ain't broke, don't fix it* is applicable here—unnecessary adjustments often create more problems than they solve.

#### Overemphasis on the +/- 10% Rule

The over-reliance on the +/- 10% Rule in the Initial Proposal presents challenges, especially given the Selwyn District's diverse rural and urban makeup. The legislation allows for flexibility in applying this rule, particularly in areas like Malvern, where geographic and demographic factors warrant due and proper consideration of all the legislative provisions. It is concerning that the Initial Proposal gives undue weight to this rule, risking inappropriate representation outcomes that fail to reflect the unique characteristics of the rural areas.

The Malvern Community Board urges the Council to reconsider the emphasis placed on the +/- 10% Rule and instead adopt a more balanced approach that takes into account the rural nature and social geographical aspects of the district and its diverse community's of interest.

### SECTION D: THE BOARDS CONCERNS

#### Enhancing the Quality of Feedback on the Initial Proposal

Less ambiguity in the questions so that one question address one topic would ensure the responses address the one issue posed by the question and the answers are clear.

The Malvern Community Board believes that narrative responses provided in response to the Consultation document significantly enhance the validity of data obtained from 'tick-box' responses. There are instances in the responses 1 to 100, and likely further responses, where the 'feedback narrative' indicates a contra-position to the 'tick-box'. In

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



other instances respondents have not 'ticked-the-box' instead providing a narrative response. How has this been analysed and reported?

Narrative feedback allows respondents to elaborate on their answers, offering context that can clarify their reasoning and provide a deeper understanding of their perspectives. This qualitative input captures nuances and personal experiences that 'tick-box' responses alone cannot convey, offering decision-makers richer insights into the views of the respondents.

The opportunity to speak to submissions adds an essential further dimension to the consultation process, allowing for a more comprehensive evaluation of public sentiment. The value of qualitative data lies in its ability to reveal context, personal perspectives, and subtle distinctions that inform more effective decision-making.

→ The Board submits that when evaluating responses to the Initial Proposal, the following considerations are relevant in guiding the decision-makers to arrive at the best decisions:

1. Distinguishing between affected and unaffected respondents:

Directly Impacted Group:

These are respondents directly affected by the proposal. Their feedback is critical as they will experience the most immediate consequences, whether positive or negative.

Indirect or District-Wide Group:

This includes people who are not immediately affected but may experience long-term or secondary impacts. Their perspectives provide broader context for decision-making.

→ Segmenting the Data, that is separate responses for better and valid analysis: Analysis of the survey data, should break down responses from those directly affected versus those who aren't. This segmentation helps ensure the decision-makers are considering the unique concerns of each group rather than lumping all opinions together.

2. Contextual Weighting

Direct Impact - Higher Weighting: In many cases, the opinions of those directly affected should have more weight. This is especially true for proposals like moving communities of interest into another ward and the disestablishment of the Malvern Community Board.

Broader Input - Informative but Secondary: Feedback from the broader district might receive slightly less weight as neither the movements of West Melton or Burnham or the disestablishment of the MCB has significant wider implications.

3. Community values around effectiveness: Decision-makers should seek to understand what "effective representation" means to people in different, especially affected, communities of interest across the wards and the District.



Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
 MCB Submission to the  
 2024 Representation Review



4. Barriers and enablers of effective representation: It is essential to explore the factors that support or hinder effective representation, particularly given the unique characteristics of various communities of interest in each of the wards.
5. Perceptions of effective representation: Consideration should be given to how the community envisions achieving effective representation, whether through the arrangements in the Initial Proposal or alternative solutions that better align with legal requirements.

The role of councillors extends beyond policy-making; it requires them to understand the diverse needs of their constituents at both the micro-community level and the macro-district level. The unique challenge of having a single councillor for the Malvern ward is the extensive geographical area and the well-documented "patchy" telecommunications infrastructure in the district, especially in parts of the Malvern Ward. This means that engaging with residents and staying connected with their issues will require significant time and effort and modern technology may not be of much assistance.

Legislation provides for Community Boards to complement the work of Councillors by enabling board members to engage with and advocate for local residents. Having a councillor appointed to the Malvern Community Board (MCB) enhances collaboration and ensures value for money for the targeted rate of \$25.

#### Addressing Community Concerns

Through its extensive engagement, the MCB has learned that many Malvern residents are concerned about councillors being "stretched too thin." Illustrative is that residents have expressed this sentiment along the lines of the following, "I worry about the workload if [redacted] is the sole councillor. How can [one person] stay across it all?" These justifiable concerns often lead to discussions about the potential health and safety implications of one councillor attempting to manage an unrealistic workload, raising questions about the balance between representation and personal well-being. How will any occupational health and safety risks be adequately identified, managed – minimised if not able to eliminated?

There is also widespread scepticism that reducing the number of councillors in the district, while increasing remuneration, would lead to better outcomes. Many respondents noted that while higher pay may seem appealing, the increased responsibilities and workload could outweigh the benefits. Importantly, there is no evidence to suggest that reducing the number of councillors automatically attracts higher-calibre candidates. In fact, reducing councillor numbers while the population continues to grow could have detrimental effects on representation quality.

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



Lack of Evidence Supporting Fewer Councillors

The Board notes with concern that council officers have not provided substantive, verifiable evidence to justify reducing the number of councillors from ten to eight. During the 1989 local authority amalgamation, Selwyn constituents had a much lower representation ratio. Since then, changes to the boundaries of areas such as Burnham and West Melton have been made to meet the +/- 10% Rule, but without adequate consideration of other lawful mechanisms to ensure fair and effective representation.

Council officers have suggested that fewer councillors would attract better candidates, but no supporting evidence has been provided. Research from other local government systems, such as those in the UK and Australia, indicates that reducing the number of councillors can often make representation less accessible for local populations, particularly in large and diverse areas like Malvern, which comprises 70% of Selwyn's land area. In such cases, fewer councillors can result in overburdened representatives, and contrary to the outcome intended by officers and some councillors, governance quality diminishes as workloads become unmanageable.

The Malvern Community Board urges the Selwyn District Council to carefully reconsider the proposed reduction in councillor numbers. Without sufficient evidence to support this change, the risk of compromising effective representation—particularly for rural communities like Malvern—remains too high and unjustified.

The role of community | resident's associations, has been provided to the Representation Review Sub-committee with the ability of SDC to have direct involvement with community or residents' associations. MCB considers any contact or avenue for fair and effective representation can only be beneficial. Noting in the past the effective Township committees were unilaterally disestablished by SDC as were Hall committees. While councils often engage with these groups as part of their broader community engagement strategies, there is no statutory requirement for Council to so engage. Sections 78 - 82 of the *Local Government Act 2002* require councils to consider community views when making decisions. This includes ensuring that the decision-making process is transparent, and that the community has opportunities to contribute. However, this requirement does not extend to any formal relationship or mandatory involvement with specific community or residents' associations. Councils can decide how they gather community views, and while they may choose to engage with these associations, it is not a legal requirement. The extent of such involvement is determined by the SDC's own policies and practices, whereas there is a lawful mandate in regard to the role of Community Boards.



## Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal MCB Submission to the 2024 Representation Review



Selwyn District Council's *Significance and Engagement Policy*<sup>3</sup> - interestingly or maybe significantly makes no reference to the role of Community Boards which have a statutory role in local government. Reference is made to "Channels may include (but are not limited to):...

...residents associations...



The initial proposal that West Melton "be moved", is apparently driven by an over focus on the +/- 10% Rule. The MCB has effective relationships with the community | residents' associations, with Board members attending committee meetings and the Board meeting with the community | residents' associations to advance the interests of those who live, work and play in the ward. Illustrative was the efficient and constructive way the community came together in response to SDC's proposal in the LTP 2024 - 2034 to decommission the Sheffield Memorial Swimming Pool. Another example is the collaboration in work being undertaken by the MCB and some community | residents' association committees in relation to the community halls in the Ward.

Referring to a previous determination of the *Local Government Commission*, it is probative and highly relevant that the Commission was clear, after a fair and proper hearing, in concluding that<sup>4</sup>:

44. The Commission concludes that the Malvern Community is an appropriate area for the efficient and effective performance of the community board role and contains a distinct grouping of communities of interest. As a result it provides effective representation for communities of interest within the area and should continue in existence.

Having stated at paragraph 43 that Selwyn District Council's then "representation review sub-committee noted the workload associated with attending meetings of community committees in the ward, and the beneficial relationship the board has established with its community...The Council, at the hearing, also referred to the geographic size of the Malvern ward and the fact it was represented by only two councillors." (emphasis added).

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0017/2151701/SDC\\_LTP24-34\\_Significance-Engagement-Policy\\_July24.pdf](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/2151701/SDC_LTP24-34_Significance-Engagement-Policy_July24.pdf) Accessed 5th September 2024

<sup>4</sup> Local Government Commission's *Determination of representation arrangements to apply for the election of the Selwyn District Council to be held on 8 October 2016*



## Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal MCB Submission to the 2024 Representation Review



It is submitted that now (2024) in the preliminary consultation the DRA | MCB and Kirwee responses were effectively *prima facie* excluded from detailed analysis and due consideration in the officer reports to the representation review sub-committee. The current Malvern Community Board, despite an inauspicious start, has and retains strong community support, at least in the Malvern ward which is what is important.

- ➔ Now, somewhat unbelievably, Council Officers have formed the view that the Malvern ward can be adequately, fairly and effectively be represented by one councillor and no community board and this was accepted by the majority on the current representation review sub-committee and the Councillors!

The Selwyn District has traditionally been rural. Rolleston, in times past referred to as the "Town of the Future," has experienced significant and rapid growth transforming from a small rural settlement into one of the fastest-growing towns in Aotearoa | New Zealand. This growth has also posed challenges, including the need for careful urban planning to maintain a balance between development and the district's rural character, which must be reflected in the representation arrangements to ensure fairness and effectiveness.

In fact, that SDC had the need to obtain feedback on two park-and-ride stations in Rolleston – especially given the then uncertainty as to funding sources and amounts. It now transpires that only ten per cent (10%) of the relied co-funding is now available! Ratepayers have the right to expect certainty and not have to foot the unnecessary extra costs of re-working proposals. As the fastest growing local government district in Aotearoa the Selwyn District has gained an urban core (Rolleston | Lincoln) and a network of semi-urban townships but retains much of its rural character: Malvern is some 5,000 Km<sup>2</sup> being around 70% of the District. In some respects Ellesmere and Springs also have similar issues in regard to fair and effective representation. Maybe had the initial proposal reflected a more critical and nuanced analysis and evaluation the initial proposal could have sought to ascertain from those in other wards whether a community board would assist in achieving better representation in each of the other wards.

### Rural locations

Rural locations are loosely defined by property size and use, and limited supporting infrastructure such as water systems, bus services, refuse collection and streetlights. This is the situation in large parts of Malvern and parts of the Ellesmere wards. People living in rural locations often present different functional needs, which contribute to different foci when it comes to representation. The feedback received by Board members is that, rural ratepayers are more likely to question the value they receive from the rates paid. Rural residents are more likely to speak about the way local and central government's plans will impact the environment and ecosystem. Many see themselves

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
 MCB Submission to the  
 2024 Representation Review



as having kaitiakitanga<sup>5</sup> of the whenua. Flooding and mitigation are relevant – accepting these are matters for the Regional Council (ECan). Maintenance of rural roads, Reserves and Community Halls and facilities are important matters for our rural communities.

There is a strong community desire for effective utilisation of local providers of goods and services to meet the needs of the local communities of interest. Unquestionably where such can be provided to the required standard ensuring value-for-money. This aligns with the LGNZ promotion of localism and benefits the social and economic fabric of communities of interest and the Selwyn District. This need not be at the expense of current commercial arrangements, but effectively complementary providing a win-win. The best illustration is maintenance of Reserves by locals who are attuned to the community needs and have the flexibility to cost-effectively tailor maintenance to usage of the Reserves. At the other end of the spectrum is that of many Community halls that SDC 'took over' and in the perception of many 'mismanaged'. These are matters, should SDC delegate responsibilities to a Community Board, where 'locals-working-with-locals' can provide a win-win! 😊

- ➔ These are all important considerations for the representation review to consider given the *Local Electoral Act 2001* requires that Selwyn District Council must provide for "effective representation of communities of interest" (ss19T and 19U).

MCB is of the view that as far as practicable, relevant consideration, has to be given to factors such as:

- avoiding arrangements that may create barriers to participation  
 ? = does reducing the elected representation from ten (10) to eight (8) Councillors in the District and to one (1) Councillor and no community board in Malvern provide for fairer and more effective representation or create a barrier to participation in local government and improve representation and participation in local democracy?
- supporting the population's reasonable access to the elected representatives and vice versa  
 ? = does reducing the elected representation to one (1) Councillor and no community board in Malvern provide those living | working in Malvern reasonable access to the sole elected representative, and for transparency and completeness, what would be the other seven (7) elected Councillors role / response?
- ensuring the elected members' ability to effectively represent the views of their electoral area

<sup>5</sup> Kaitiakitanga embraces social and environmental dimensions. Human, material and non-material elements are all kept in balance. Current usage emphasises conservation and preservation of the whenua (land) for both current and future generations.



Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



? = can one (1) Councillor and no community board realistically and reasonably effectively represent the views of those in the Malvern ward? For transparency and completeness, the how will the other seven (7) elected Councillors realistically and reasonably contribute to the effective representation of the views of the people in the Malvern ward?

=> these are all highly relevant and probative in relation to the initial proposal achieving fair and effective representation in the Malvern Ward.

- The above questions are real and not rhetorical!  
Each Councillor must be satisfied that, after careful consideration of all the responses received and appropriate weight given to the probity of each response that the initial proposal ensure effective representation.

#### Research Evidence on Representation Quality

##### United Kingdom Research

Studies from countries with varying council sizes, including the United Kingdom, suggest that reducing the number of councillors may not significantly impact the quality of representation. However, it has been shown to negatively affect local democracy and accessibility.

- UK Electoral Reform Society (2013):  
This study highlights that larger ward sizes, following councillor reductions, lead to diminished accessibility, especially in rural areas. This finding is relevant to the Malvern and Ellesmere Wards, where reducing councillor numbers could severely limit residents' access to their representatives. The Malvern Community Board (MCB), through extensive community engagement, has determined that this issue will be even more acute if the MCB is disestablished, as residents would have fewer opportunities to engage with local elected representatives.
- Local Government Information Unit (UK):  
Their research<sup>6</sup> indicates that fewer councillors result in lower community engagement. With fewer elected officials, residents have fewer opportunities to interact with their representatives, leading to a decrease in voter turnout and a potential disengagement from the political process. This concern applies directly to rural wards like Malvern, where long travel distances already create accessibility challenges.

<sup>6</sup> Kitchin, H., Phillimore, J., Goodson, L., Mayblin, L., Jones, A., & Pickstock, A. (2009). Communicating cohesion: Evaluating local authority communication strategies.  
[https://www.download.bham.ac.uk/inlogov/pdfs/communications\\_research.pdf](https://www.download.bham.ac.uk/inlogov/pdfs/communications_research.pdf)

## Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal MCB Submission to the 2024 Representation Review



- Commission on Local Governance (UK):  
Several reviews conducted by the Commission demonstrate that reducing councillor numbers can reduce the quality of representation. This is particularly problematic in rural areas, where councillors face longer travel times and are less accessible to constituents.
- UK Local Government Boundary Commission (2022)  
The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny<sup>7</sup> found that reducing the number of councillors, especially in large rural wards, leads to decreased accessibility and reduced community advocacy. This finding is relevant in the context of Malvern, where the Initial Proposal - agreed by the majority of councillors, is that there be only one (1) councillor representing a vast geographic area, and no Malvern Community Board to share the work, a situation that could potentially result in significant gaps in effective representation in the Malvern ward and councillor 'burn-out'.

### Australian Research on Council Representation

In Australia, reforms that amalgamated councils and reduced the number of elected councillors have shown similar adverse and detrimental effects on local democracy:

- Loss of Local Knowledge and Connection:  
Research by the *Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government* suggests that reducing the number of councillors weakens the connection between councillors and their communities. In larger wards, councillors struggle to maintain the same level of local knowledge and engagement. This issue is evident in Selwyn, where one councillor is proposed to cover 70% of the district (representing 9,510 persons), compared to three councillors in Rolleston, each representing 10,770 persons within a significantly smaller area (7 km<sup>2</sup>). This is highly likely to apply in the Ellesmere ward with only one (1) councillor.
- Representation Gaps in Rural Areas:  
A study by the *Queensland University of Technology* found that larger rural wards often struggle to provide equitable representation, as councillors are less accessible to constituents in distant or dispersed areas. This issue is directly applicable to the Malvern Ward, where representation gaps could widen if councillor numbers are reduced.

### New Zealand Research on Local Government Representation

MCB has concerns about the proposed increase in councillor remuneration as but one strategy strongly advocated in the reports from officer(s) to the representation review sub-committee and councillors as an effective way to attract better candidates for the upcoming 2025 local body elections. The evidence to support such a contention is

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.cfqs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022-10-11-lgbce-report-combined-draft-2-003.pdf>

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



lacking and has not been presented to the representation review sub-committee, councillors or the public who are responding to the initial proposal. This approach will not significantly improve the calibre of candidates as it is but one fact among many in having quality candidates stand for election in local body election, many of which are systemic.

- **Issue of Voter Turnout:**  
Research has shown that declining voter turnout in local body elections is a systemic issue, as recognised by *Local Government New Zealand* (LGNZ). The *LGNZ Electoral Reform Group*, chaired by Nelson Mayor Nick Smith, is working to refresh the local electoral system in response to low voter turnout.
- **Asquith et al. (2022):**  
The evidence presented in this New Zealand study supports the view that increasing the number of councillors, thereby reducing the number of constituents each councillor represents, correlates with an increase in voter turnout. This finding reinforces the need to maintain or increase councillor numbers, rather than reduce them, in rural wards such as Malvern and Ellesmere.

There is also evidence that the ratio of councillors to number of voters, and the total population and geographical size of constituencies, are important factors. Drage and Webster (2016) observe that the New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs statistics have consistently shown an increase in voter participation where councillors represent fewer citizens. This picture is amply illustrated by Table 4, which shows 2019 data from large and small councils.

Table 4: Turnout and councillor/voter representation ratios for large and small councils, 2019

Council	Turnout %	Councillors	Voters	Representation ratio
Auckland	35.3	20	1,065,501	53,275
Wellington	39.9	14	148,177	10,584
Christchurch	41.1	16	248,605	15,538
Hamilton	39.4	12	102,673	8,556
Mackenzie	60.6	6	3,115	519
Westland	63.9	8	5,953	744
Kaikoura	61.4	7	2,736	391
Waimate	52.2	8	5,463	683

Source: Local Government New Zealand (2019)

Figure 4 Asquith, A., Webster, K and Cordow, A. *Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance* 2021, 24:79-97, <https://doi.org/10.5130/cjlg.vi24.7541> Accessed 8th September 2024



Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



## PART E: RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

Research from the UK, Australia, and New Zealand highlights the risks associated with reducing councillor numbers, particularly in rural areas such as, in particular Malvern and also Ellesmere. The MCB advocates for the retention of the current councillor numbers and the MCB itself to ensure that effective, accessible, and equitable representation is maintained, especially in the Malvern and also Ellesmere wards.

## PART F: CONCERNS ABOUT THE SURVEY QUESTIONS

### The Initial Proposal submission form

MCB is of the view that the survey methodology and design in the Initial Proposal submission form are flawed as is evidenced by the wording of some of the questions.

#### Clear and Unambiguous Questions

Where survey question(s) combine multiple aspects, making it unclear whether respondents support all elements of the proposal or just specific parts. This ambiguity can lead to unreliable data and invalidate analysis. It is noted that various respondents have identified and raised their concerns and indicated that the 'mis-matched' and poor question design has introduced confusion and bias in some of the responses, that the Board is confident officers will identify and provide appropriate advice in regard to countering such confusion and bias.

Q1: Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

Question 1 in fact asks two questions within the single survey question, presenting several methodological disadvantages that can compromise the validity and reliability of the submission data. There is the real issue that responses to Question 1 can be misleading because it's unclear which part of the question the respondent is answering. This compromises the validity of the data, making it difficult to draw accurate conclusions. Analysing the data becomes problematic since the results may not accurately reflect respondents' true opinions.

Question 1. asks,

1.1 "Do you support...[the] change [to] the ward boundaries?" and

1.2 "four wards, eight councillors...?".

For a respondent answering "Yes," it's unclear whether they support:

- (i) the boundary changes –
- (ii) reduction to 8 Councillors –
- (iii) both or neither!

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
MCB Submission to the  
2024 Representation Review



The Board is of the view that this the data obtained fails to be of sufficient integrity to enable the Council to make an informed decision in relation to the views of the respondents.

Acknowledging the Board has no role in SDC operational matters but to add weight to our submission, it is with great respect suggested that the following – or such - wording may have elicited data that had greater integrity and would have been more useful in informing SDC and Councillors in relation to ensuring fair and effective representation at the October 2025 local government elections.

Question 1: Do you agree the reduction in the number of councillors from 10 to 8 would provide for effective representation across all wards?  
o Yes o No

#### Contextual Questions for Affected Areas

The current survey does not account for the unique circumstances of persons in specific areas affected by the proposed changes *vis-à-vis* person not directly affected. Providing separate questions for each location would ensure that responses were specific to the respondent's situation and location and providing more accurate information for analysis and evaluation.

Question 2: Answer the following question ONLY IF you live in Burnham OR West Melton  
I live in Burnham. I agree Burnham goes to Rolleston ward o Yes o No  
I live in West Melton. I agree West Melton goes to Springs ward o Yes o No

Maybe a further helpful question would have to ask those in Rolleston and Springs if Burnham and West Melton should join their respective wards?

Question 3: Community Boards  
3.1 Do you support there being Community Boards in the Selwyn District o Yes o No  
3.2 Do you support there being a Community Board in your ward? o Yes o No

#### Pilot Testing

Before the survey was finalised was there any pilot testing? Conducting a pilot test with a small, diverse group of respondents would more likely than not identify any issues with question clarity, format, or bias. The feedback would be used to improve the survey and quality of information provided.

#### PART G: TO CONCLUDE

The Malvern Community Board submission to the Selwyn District Council's initial proposal for their representation review 2024 presents an opportunity to ensure more inclusive and effective representation for all communities. The Malvern Community Board urges the council to carefully consider the views expressed by residents |

Selwyn District Council – Initial Proposal  
 MCB Submission to the  
 2024 Representation Review



submitters and to make changes that enhance democratic participation and compliment localism in local government in the Selwyn District.

The evidence suggests that reducing the number of councillors does not necessarily lead to better candidates or improved representation. Instead, it may negatively impact the quality of representation by limiting accessibility, diversity, and the ability of the councillor to effectively represent their constituents in Malvern.

While reducing councillor numbers from ten (10) to eight (8) may not directly harm the technical quality of representation in the Selwyn District, it can have negative impacts on the democratic process by, in the Malvern ward in particular, reducing councillor accessibility, weakening advocacy for local issues, and lowering community engagement – especially if the Malvern Community Board is disestablished.

→ Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Submitted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 at the Darfield Library & Service Centre.

*John F Verry*



Community Board Member  
 Deputy Chair - Malvern Community Board

on behalf of the Malvern Community Board, as agreed at the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Attachment A:

SDC Representation Review 2024 – SDC | Initial Proposal Submission Form



## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Dated 12/9/24

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

**Privacy statement**

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

**Submitter details**

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* Malvern

Last name\* Community Board

Address\* 4- Darfield Library  
+ service centre

Town\* Malvern

Postcode\* 7510

Contact number\* 022 087 3463

Email address\* john.erry@selwyn.govt.nz

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

MCB - John Verry  
Deputy chair

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

**Questions**

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

NO to the reduction in Councillors  
YES to retain four wards  
NEUTRAL on ward  
boundary changes  
= question not clear, in  
fact a 'mis-match'...

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

People in other wards are  
the best to provide their  
views  
using a sledgehammer to  
crack a walnut risks  
destroying the kernel!

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Māia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

*Neutral*  
SDC must not incur extra costs in re-branding given the level of rate increase provide value-for-money if change happens

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

*There are adequately provided in the substantive submission this appendix it is attached to ---*

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:

- Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
- Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
- Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
- Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
- Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln

- Posting it to:

- Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 764

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)



## Submitter Number: 592

**Full Name:** John Verry

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

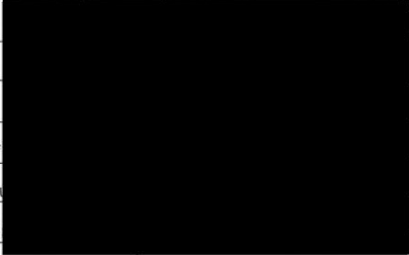
You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* John

Last name\* VERRY

Address\* 

Town\*

Postcode\*

Contact number\*

Email address\*

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

*what a challenge  
what am I saying  
NO TO? To help clarify  
I am NOT affected by the  
changes  
YES to four (4) wards  
NO to reduced # councillors  
NO to one councillor for  
the malvern ward.*

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

*Am @ a loss to understand  
why NO CBs?  
Is it over-kill to  
disestablish the MCB?  
This would be a personal  
benefit to me ---*

*Page 1 of 2 ---*

*Dorfield 12/9/24*

592



John Verry page 2 of 2.

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

English & Māori are the two  
official spoken languages in  
NZ (3rd is sign language)  
SPC MUST manage the costs  
& not engage highly paid  
consultants to re-brand  
each of the 4 wards if

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

→ the initial proposals  
option for B the use  
of both Māori & English  
is the outcome.

maybe involve the community (novel I know) in  
a design process & judging?

Then over time as required introduce the re-branding  
as rate payers must not be required to pay for  
more than what is actually required. I know,  
another novel approach to spending in SDC.

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

**Representation  
Review 2024**

**Selwyn**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Submitter Number: 328

**Full Name:** Douglas Frazer

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Rolleston

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

No

Please add your comments

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

1. The primary amount of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of New Zealand in dollar terms still comes from rural farmer's, and the smaller townships within them providing the farm's primary food; Stock feed; supplies, etc.

2. Rolleston in particular; but also in Lincoln, and Prebbleton have had significant growth rates over the last 8 or so years. Rural farmland and smaller towns within their Wards have not had significantly rates of population growth, due to that fact they are the Primary sheep; grain; viticulture; dairy, and horticulture producer's for the expanding towns and Supermarkets within Canterbury; N.Z. wide, and the International Markets.

3. To remove the Malvern Community Board Councillor then, as well as 1 Councillor from Ellesmere will significantly have a detrimental effect on how the farming community's voice is heard within Council meetings. That is why I reject that notion to reduce the Council forum from 10 to 8 Councillors. The Council would become significantly "biased" towards the rapidly growing SDC towns only, whilst ignoring the needs of those who provide the major; annual, GDP for New Zealand each year.

4. Whilst I am not against Maori place-names for each Ward, I strongly object to a Maori place-name being placed in front of that Ward's English name. I was brought up to speak English within New Zealand, not Maori. In my view, English should still be the first language placed at the front of each Ward within Selwyn; i.e Rolleston/Ka Mania; etc.; Not the other way round! The number of Maori population on the Electoral Roll to vote in the General Election last year within Selwyn area was a figure of around 350; maybe less. The population of other Ethnicities within Selwyn District is around 80,000 persons, give or take. Therefore, putting the "Maori" name firstly is completely ridiculous and biased, population-wise, in my opinion, and should NOT be continued by the Selwyn District Council! I am not a biased person to any culture: I had a quarter caste Maori Brother-in Law. I also have 2 each one eighth caste nephews from my Sister's marriage to that man. However, by putting a Maori cultural bias within N.Z. with Maori place names first is merely causing racial division, NOT racial harmony. I personally think it is time that this cultural "Ideology" was "laid to rest"; and you Councillor's alone, have the ability to do that; at least, for the good of the Selwyn District Council and beyond. I realise this idea is quite provocative, and is not addressing the point in question regarding Councillor numbers; but it is high time that a Council began to carry out this action, and not to continue to "cowtow to the few Maori activists within New Zealand! By doing so may well help lower the build-up of racial tension within New Zealand; to a small measure at least! You, alone, Mayor, and you Councillor's, have the ability to do so. A great many people within your Selwyn District, would very much agree with, and welcome that response from you as well.

Thank you.

## Submitter Number: 278

**Full Name:** Graham Evans

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Ellesmere

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

Yes

Please add your comments

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

No

Please add your comments

I am happy with the current names

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

The structure as setup at present with 12 elected ward representatives is satisfactory



## Submitter Number: 556

**Full Name:** Bruce Russell

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

TR 12/9/24 556  
over counter

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* Bruce

Last name\* Russell

Address\* 

Town\*

Postcode\*

Contact\*

Email\*

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Having 1 malvern councillor  
would not be effective to  
represent the important  
Rural areas in the 5000  
Kilometers

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

What a ridiculous decision?  
in view of the large  
number of Darfield and  
neighbouring towns as  
well as the vast area

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

This is not what RR committee agreed to  
The English name was to be first.

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 764

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

**Representation  
Review 2024**



## Submitter Number: 398

**Full Name:** Darryl Griffin

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

Please see attached

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

Please see attached

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

Yes

Please add your comments

I commend the Council on the name changes

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

Please see attached

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

Please refer to the attached submission

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

Please refer to the attached submission

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

Yes

Please add your comments

I commend the Council on the proposed name changes

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

I made a submission yesterday and attached an earlier version of my submission supporting documents. Please replace with this version. Thank you.



Ward	Perceptual <sup>1</sup> : sense of community identity and belonging, reinforced by				Functional <sup>2</sup> : dependence on shared facilities and services			
	Distinctive physical & topographical features	Similarities in economic or social activities carried out in the area	Similarities in demographic, socio-economic and/or ethnic characteristics of the residents of a community	Distinct local history of the area	The rohe or takiwā of local iwi and hapū	Schools, recreational and cultural facilities	Retail outlets, transport and communication links	Political <sup>3</sup>
Malvern	Isolated <sup>4</sup> , Arthurs Pass, Malvern Hills	Tourism (jet boating, skiing, lake and river fishing); dairy farming; pastoral farming; crop farming; hill country farming; wine; Central Plains Irrigation; horse training	Urban – Darfield, West Melton; similar independent small communities; farming and rural based towns.	Pastoral farming, plains and hill country, brick manufacture	Ngai Tahu, Waitaha	Darfield High School	SH 1, SH 73, SH 77	Malvern Community Board
Rolleston	Urban, District centre/heart		Urban		Ngai Tahu	Rolleston High School	Rolleston Town Centre, District Council Headquarters; SH 1, SH 1, SH 76	
Springs	Canterbury Plains, Lake Ellesmere	Horticulture, fruit and vegetable growing; pastoral farming; horse training	Urban – Lincoln, Prebbleton	University and Research Institutes, pastoral farming	Ngai Tahu	Lincoln University		
Ellesmere	Canterbury Plains, Lake Ellesmere	Horticulture, fruit and vegetable growing; wine, horse training	Similar independent small communities; farming and rural based towns.	Pastoral farming,	Nga Tahu, Te Runanga Taumutu	Ellesmere College	SH 1	

<sup>1</sup> A sense of belonging to a clearly defined area or locality<sup>2</sup> Ability to meet with reasonable economy the community's requirements for comprehensive physical and human services<sup>3</sup> Ability of the elected body to represent the interests and reconcile the conflicts of all its members<sup>4</sup> "Isolated" in terms of distance or physical separation in a District context.

## **Selwyn District Representation Review – Proposal and Background Supporting Information**

### **Proposal**

That Selwyn District comprise

Kā Puna Springs Ward (excluding West Melton perhaps)	3
Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward	1
Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward	3
Tawera Malvern Ward (including West Melton perhaps)	1
At Large	<u>2 to 4</u>
Total number of Councillors	<u>10 to 12</u>

and, that a Rural Community Board be established.

### **Keeping the 'local' in Local Government**

Selwyn has developed remarkably over the last 20 years. With such strong growth fair and effective representation for individuals and communities will continue to be difficult to achieve to ensure all, those in urban environments and those in the rural sector, are engaged. Shifting boundary lines to meet the fair representation requirements every time a representation review is conducted will be the norm and be unsettling for Selwyn communities. The West Melton area was shifted to be in Malvern Ward in 2022 and now it is being shifted again, this time into the Springs Ward. That makes even less sense than the move in 2022 – at least there was an historical connection with Darfield and Malvern, there is none with Lincoln and Springs. There will come a time when Rolleston must be divided up with some parts 'attached' to its rural hinterland just to achieve the legislative limits for 'fair' representation. In my opinion, what that risks is losing connection with rural folk across the district, reinforcing the urban connection with Christchurch, with perhaps the result being Selwyn's demise.

From my reading, international experience is demonstrating that the core role of an effective local government sector is enabling and supporting empowered communities with a likely outcome, amongst others, of restoring trust in councils and creating an effective discipline on central government's treatment of the sector. There is no better way of protecting local government's position than demonstrating it is local government which has the support of the people who ultimately will vote for central government. The Carnegie UK Trust, which adopts democratic well-being as one of its four well-being domains - "we all have a voice in decisions which affect us" - and New Local, a UK think tank which argues "community power has the potential to answer some of the deepest and most persistent challenges in our society today. Our work is driven by deepening the case for change and helping people and institutions to put this transformational approach into practice." (\* Peter McKinlay, McKinlay Douglas)

Selwyn can lead the way by working to restore the trust people have in our local government and thereby contributing to improving democracy in New Zealand. To do so, representation must be effective.

### **Communities of Interest:**

During a representation review territorial authorities need to determine:

- any identifiable communities of interest below the district level
- whether these communities of interest are located in identifiable geographical areas, justifying the establishment of wards, or are spread across the district.

The term "communities of interest" is used in the Local Electoral Act to describe in general terms the sense of community or belonging reinforced by the geography of the area, the commonality of places

to which people go to for their employment, the location of their schools, marae, banks, where they do their shopping and the location of their religious, recreational and major transport facilities etc.

I note that the Council conducted a comprehensive review and analysis of the various communities of interest in the district. That robust analysis required consideration of travel distances throughout the area, observations of people and their everyday movements (social, commercial, educational and recreational, access to public services etc), existing public records of land use and various statistics, and interviews with key informants. Growth predictions for the district were also included.

I have included as Appendix 1 my summary of the significant matters as they apply to the existing wards for consideration. In my opinion the connections do not support including West Melton in the Kā Puna Springs Ward of the Council's initial proposal. I do not have sufficient detailed information to reflect on the difference it makes to the fair representation requirements to shift West Melton back in with the Tawera Malvern Ward. The lesser number of members that the Council has makes meeting or getting close enough to obtain an exemption for the fair requirements all that more difficult.

#### **Fair and effective representation**

The Local Electoral Act requires "fair and effective representation for individuals and communities". In carrying out a representation review, local authorities need to be guided by the principle in the Local Electoral Act of "fair and effective representation for individuals and communities".

Fair representation relates to the number of persons represented per member. The ratio of persons per member in each ward or constituency is required to be within +/-10% of the ratio for the district or region as a whole. This is designed to ensure approximate equality in representation i.e. votes of equal value. However, section 19V(3)(a) permits non-compliance with the '+/-10% rule' for territorial authorities in some circumstances. Those circumstances are where:

- a. non-compliance is required for effective representation of communities of interest within island communities or isolated communities
- b. compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest
- c. compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by uniting two or more communities of interest with few commonalities.

As stated previously I do not have a breakdown at mesh block level to understand what shifting the West Melton area back to Tawera Malvern will mean to the Tawera Malvern and Kā Puna Springs Wards but, in my opinion, if the fairness breach is not too great, then such a move would be justified on the grounds of effective representation. The Local Government Commission has indicated in the past that it would approve proposals that exceed the +/- 10% rule if they provided for more effective representation.

Effective representation relates to representation for identified communities of interest. This needs to take account of the nature and locality of those communities of interest and the size, nature and diversity of the district as a whole. The need for effective representation of communities of interest will determine the basis of election for the Council.

#### **Elections at-large or Wards and Numbers of Councillors**

Elections at-large:

Considerations:

- Is this considered good governance for the District?
- Do elections at-large meet the fair and effective representation requirements?
- No issues with the "+ or - 10%" rule.
- Mayor and all Councillors elected by the electors of the whole District.

- Can still establish community boards.

#### Mix of Elections at-large and Wards:

##### Considerations:

- Is this considered good governance for the District?
- Does having some elections at-large and some by way of Wards meet the fair and effective representation requirements?
- All wards must comply with the "+ or – 10%" rule.
- Mayor and some Councillors are elected by the electors of the whole District whilst others are elected by Wards.
- Can still establish community boards.

#### Elections by Wards:

##### Considerations:

- Is this considered good governance for the District?
- Are there any identifiable communities of interest below the district level?
- Are these communities of interest located in identifiable geographical areas, and do they justify the establishment of Wards?
- Should Wards have a single member or multi member representation?
- Ward boundaries must coincide with meshblock boundaries.
- All wards established should comply with the "+ or – 10%" rule.
- Can still establish community boards.

The Council needs to have enough Councillors to ensure there is an even workload and that the business of Council is efficient, too few Councillors can mean burn out and very limited effective representation, too many Councillors can mean a number of Councillors not involved and not being seen as contributing. I think that determining that number should be 8 is extremely short sighted if the Council is to endeavour to become more relevant than less relevant to its community.

#### Number of Elected Members

Effective representation must be achieved with between 5 and 29 members (excluding the Mayor). The Selwyn District Council currently has 10 elected members (excluding the Mayor) and is proposing to reduce that even further to 8.

The following factors should be considered by elected members for deciding the appropriate number of elected members to represent the Selwyn District:

- The size, nature and diversity of the District.
- A range of different options, and the advantages and disadvantages of each.
- Structure considerations for fair representation.

Criteria to assist with the assessment of these options should include:

- Avoiding arrangements which create barriers to participation.
- Not splitting communities of interest.
- Not grouping together two or more communities of interest with few common interests.
- Accessibility, size, and configuration.

Throughout New Zealand local government there are an average of 7,185 people per elected member. In the South Island that average is 4,962 persons. In Selwyn the proposed number of 8



councillors means 1 for 10,155 people (currently with 10 members it is still much lower at 1 for 8,124 people). The fixation of reducing the number of councillors is founded in commercial board structures and that has little or no bearing on local government. Local authorities are complex organisations and the concept of more heads being better applies. Comparing Selwyn with other local authorities about the same population size and with a substantial urban centre dominating the district (Whangarei, New Plymouth, Hastings, Rotorua for example) indicates that collective thinking is that 10 is too small a number for Selwyn. For those four exemplified councils the average is 1 member for 6,944 people. For effective representation perhaps a more appropriate number would be 12 members as that would mean 1 member for 6,771 people.

I must comment here that using the remuneration review process to circumvent the work of the Remuneration Authority and increase remuneration for individual councillors is not appropriate. That is a separate issue and if remuneration is a problem, then it should be addressed separately. By making remuneration an issue in a remuneration review it becomes problematic for existing Councillors as they would clearly have a pecuniary interest unless they have categorically stated their intention is not to seek re-election.

To ensure more effective representation across the District, acknowledging the rural population and trying to better engage with everyone in Selwyn, I propose that the Council consider adding 2 to 4 members to the initial proposal and having them elected at large across the district. If the Council agrees to that proposal, then representation in Selwyn would look like this:

	Proposed 2025	Current
Springs Ward (excluding West Melton perhaps)	3	3
Ellesmere Ward	1	2
Rolleston Ward	3	3
Malvern Ward (including West Melton perhaps)	1	2
At Large	<u>2 to 4</u>	<u>2 to 4</u>
Total number of Councillors	<u>10 to 12</u>	<u>12 to 14</u>

#### **Ward Names**

I commend the Council for reviewing and making changes to the names of the proposed Wards.

#### **Communities and Community Boards**

All territorial authorities must consider whether community boards are (or would be) appropriate to provide fair and effective representation for individuals and communities in its district as part of their representation review.

This section 19J of the Act requires every territorial authority, as part of its review of representation arrangements, to determine whether there should be community boards in the district and, if so, the nature of those communities and the structure of the community boards.

The representation review provides a process for a territorial authority to propose the constitution of new boards, alterations to existing boards, or disestablishment of existing boards.

Currently, Selwyn District Council has one community board supporting the Malvern Community. The Community Board has five elected members representing the electoral subdivisions of Tawera (1 member), Hawkins and West Melton (2 members each) and one appointed member (a Councillor representing the Malvern Ward).



The Council has decided to dispense with the Malvern Community Board and not have any Boards at all. Part of the focus on that decision is the current direct costs associated with the Board. Having greater delegation and more local responsibilities would alter the perception the having community boards is 'just another cost of democracy'. An active and effective community board focussing on the rural issues is well worth considering.

My contention is that to ensure effective and engaged representation of the rural sector the Council should reconsider this issue and consider having a Rural Community Board supporting all of the rural area of Selwyn (as well as increasing the size of the Council). If that is a step too far at present, given that the Ellesmere-Springs areas have not pursued community boards in the past, then perhaps having the Rural Community Board just cover Malvern at this time with a view to extending the area at the next representation review. Devolution of responsibilities and increasing delegations are a given with the creation of a Rural Community Board. Currently the existing community board is rather impotent.

Community boards allow Councils to reflect that a community of interest exists below district or ward level to such an extent that it should be recognised as distinct, and that a separate board governance structure would provide for the effective representation of that community. This test demands that there needs to be additional representation for the rural community in Selwyn.

If a Rural Community Board is considered, then the issue of the electoral subdivisions will need to be addressed, as will the delegations and responsibilities that the Board is to be charged with implementing.

I acknowledge there is an important thought here. When considering representation, where Councillors are elected from and who by is, in a legal sense, only important from an electoral perspective. Once Councillors get to the Council table, they have a duty to represent and work in the best interests of the whole District regardless of their electoral ward. What effective representation in the form proposed is trying to address is the perception in the minds of those being represented that they are an important part of local democracy and Selwyn values their engagement and input.

#### **Acknowledgements**

I acknowledge the following for utilising their resources in preparing this submission: Local Government New Zealand, Taituarā (Society of Local Government Managers), Local Government Commission, Peter McKinlay (McKinlay Douglas) and Helen Fulcher (South Australian Department of Local Government).

#### **Appreciation and Presentation**

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this very important process. I had forgotten that Selwyn had indicated in 2021 that it would carry out a further review in 2024 and subsequently missed contributing when the initial proposal was being considered. Never-the-less it is not too late to contribute, or for the Council to make changes.

I am also grateful for the opportunity and look forward to presenting and supporting this proposal to the Council.

Darryl Griffin

[REDACTED]

## Submitter Number: 509

**Full Name:** Calvin Payne

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

This is in fact two questions and I do not support either for the following reasons:

Changing the Ward boundaries by moving West Melton into Springs Ward and Burnham into Rolleston Ward significantly impacts the established identity of our communities and will impact rates and fair representation. Reducing the number of Councillors seems inappropriate in the fasted expanding region and town in New Zealand. If we make changes to our elected representation we need it to be fit for the future so that we do not need to undertake another review in 3 years time.

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

In our Malvern Ward, which is 5020 km<sup>2</sup> and has a population density of 3 population per km<sup>2</sup>. This is a sparsely populated rural area where the most efficient way to provide effective rural representation to the 14 communities is to have a community board with appropriate delegations. This also applies to Ellesmere Ward 1301km<sup>2</sup> (density 10 per km<sup>2</sup>) where a community board could provide the link to Council. A community board has members with local knowledge on the ground in our communities and can communicate without relying on at best unreliable mobile or internet. One Councillor can only be in one place. Our current community board members live in Hororata, Coalgate, Darfield and West Melton.

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

Yes

Please add your comments

I support the use of Dual naming because this reflects the history of the area. Malvern was the first council in New Zealand based in Hororata. Dual naming to me means the names can be used together, individually or in any order depending on the context they are being used. The word Ward always needs to be used to differentiate for example between Tawera Sub-division and Tawera Ward.

---

**Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

Please see my attachment for a proposed Ward structure and further information on areas and population density.

	CURRENT												
	Councillors	Community BOARD	TOTAL Reps	KM2	KM2 per Rep.	KM2 per Councillor	Population	Pop. Per Councillor	Pop. Per Rep.	Density pop/km2	Rate Payers	Rate pay per pop	Rate Payer den/km2
ELLESMERE	2	0	2	1301	651	651	13450	6725.00	6725.00	10.34			
MALVERN	2	5	7	5020	717	2510	15500	7750.00	2214.29	3.09	7877	0.51	1.57
ROLLESTON	3	0	3	35	12	12	30000	10000.00	10000.00	857.14			
SPRINGS	3	0	3	197	66	66	22300	7433.33	7433.33	113.20			
				6553			81250						

	PROPOSED												
	Councillors	Community BOARD	TOTAL Reps	KM2	KM2 per Rep.	KM2 per Councillor	Population	Pop. Per Councillor	Pop. Per Rep.	Density pop/km2	Rate Payers	Rate pay per pop	Rate Payer den/km2
ELLESMERE	1	0	1	1264	1264	1264	10930	10930.00	10930.00	8.65	4476	0.41	3.54
MALVERN	1	0	1	4887	4887	4887	9510	9510.00	9510.00	1.95	5578	0.59	1.14
ROLLESTON	3	0	3	66	22	22	32310	10770.00	10770.00	489.55	12331	0.38	186.83
SPRINGS	3	0	3	335	112	112	28490	9496.67	9496.67	85.04	11868	0.42	35.43
				6552			81240						



	NEW OPTION										
	Councillors	Community BOARD	TOTAL Reps	POP COUNCIL	POP REP	+/- %	KM2	KM2 per Rep.	KM2 per Councillor	Population	Density pop/km2
ELLESMERE	2	5	7	6725	1921	-9.0%	1301	186	651	13450	10.34
MALVERN	2	7	9	7750	1722	4.9%	5020	558	2510	15500	3.09
CENTRAL	7	0	7	7471	7471	1.2%	232	33	33	52300	225.43
	11	12	23				7386.36	6553		81250.00	

#### NEW OPTION FOR SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL for Effective Rural Representation

My submission describes a new option that was not considered in the options provided by Council to the community, it maintains the number of Councillors in our rural wards of Ellesmere and Malvern and adds one to our more urban wards.

It combines the current Springs and Rolleston into Central and maintains Malvern Community Board (increasing to 7 members) and establishes a five person Community Board in Ellesmere.

It is proposed that the community boards are paid for by targeted rate which could be set at about \$40 per annum for Malvern and \$30 per annum for Ellesmere for each rate payer.

There will be no increased cost to the community for Councillors as the remuneration pot is fixed for the district based on population.

For the community boards to be effective they will need appropriate delegations and for the Council to involve them in decisions relative to their Ward. The Council will also need to be reasonable with their support cost.

The more elected representatives we have allows us to have more diversity within our Governance structure e.g. age, ethnicity, gender, local knowledge and fresh ideas.

The option complies with the +/- 10% rule, although some tweaks on the boundaries around Ellesmere could make it more robust to future growth.

The option also compares well to the Ward and Community Board Structure in our neighbouring Councils of Waimakariri and Christchurch City Council.

Each Councillor will represent less population and have less area to cover allowing them to be more effective. They will also earn less salary although have more elected members to support them and advocate for the communities.

I have included another PDF showing the base data that was supplied by SDC for each option.

The first form below shows the Current Ward data and the second the Initial Proposal Ward data and the third my suggested structure.

The highlights are:

#### Current

	KM2 per Rep.	Density pop/km2
ELLESMERE	651	10
MALVERN	717	3
ROLLESTON	12	857
SPRINGS	66	113

#### Initial Proposal

	KM2 per Rep.	Density pop/km2
ELLESMERE	1264	9
MALVERN	4887	2
ROLLESTON	22	490
SPRINGS	112	85

#### New Option

	KM2 per Rep.	Density pop/km2
ELLESMERE	186	10
MALVERN	558	3
CENTRAL	33	225

It can be seen that the km<sup>2</sup> per representative increases significantly in the Initial Proposal for Malvern and Ellesmere Wards. In my new option the km<sup>2</sup> per representative are significantly improved.

	km <sup>2</sup> /rep overall
Selwyn 6553km <sup>2</sup>	
Current 10/1/5	410
Initial 8/1	819
New 10/01/12	285

As a comparison the overall km<sup>2</sup> per rep. for Waimakariri is:

	km <sup>2</sup> /rep overall
Waimakariri 2,200km <sup>2</sup> 10/1/24	63

## Submitter Number: 116

**Full Name:** [REDACTED]

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

---

**Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

Yes

Please add your comments



## Submitter Number: 452

**Full Name:** Grenville Button

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Springs

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiriri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* Grenville

Last name\* Button

Address [REDACTED]

Town\* [REDACTED]

Postcode [REDACTED]

Contact [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☐ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☒ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Huge diversity in community  
and wards that needs  
representing

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Huge diversity in community  
as above

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Majority of people are English speaking and have a history, connection to areas through colonisation

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

Stop increasing costs through poor representation of communities both rural and urban that have different priorities and needs.

Reduce Māori input which is cost to rate payers and tax payers but these costs are being hidden in budgets.

Consider equalify for all New Zealand people

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

Scanning and emailing it to  
[repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

**Representation  
Review 2024**

**Selwyn**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Submitter Number: 451

**Full Name:** Terry Glass

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

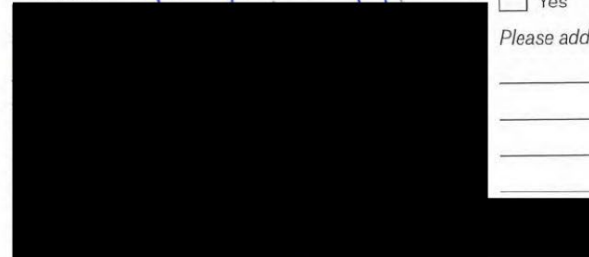
You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* Terry

Last name\* Glass



Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

---

---

---

---

---

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

---

---

---

---

---





## Submitter Number: 534

**Full Name:** Colin Giddens

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Springs

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

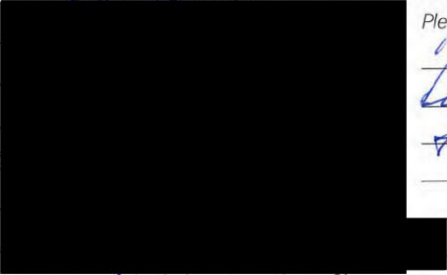
Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* Colin

Last name\* Liddens

Address\* 

Town\*

Postcode\*

Contact number\*

Email address\*

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☐ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☒ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

The rural vote is very important, no farmers no food no new money.

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

People have to have a voice and be heard, it is still a democracy. Less councillors no community boards what next!

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

*Elected members around the council table only  
Mayor have no more rights than any body else  
Put the name changes to a referendum next election.*

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

*Why have the government given councils directions if it because councils can't be trusted to manage the rate payers purse*

*Nothing need to change just get change is coming just wait.*

*Leave your egos at the door and listen to reason defer boundary changes until after next local body election*

*currently rate payers are not bothered with the council they know change is coming?*

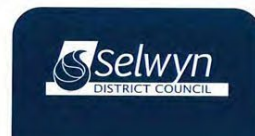
*The days of behind closed doors have finished, this isn't Dodge city Mr Mayor a little bit of education helps.*

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 764

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)



## Submitter Number: 531

**Full Name:** Fred Bull

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---



# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Darfield 09109124531

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.


You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* FRED

Last name\* BULL

Address\* 

Town\*

Postcode\*

Contact number\*

Email address\*

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

It would be totally unfair and ridiculous to even expect one councillor to effectively service the 5000 sq km of the Malvern Ward !!!

FURTHER COMMENTS OVER LEAF.

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

If the Council in its ignorance leaves Malvern with only one councillor then I would suggest the Community Board would be even more necessary than it is now.

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

*I understand the council have already passed a motion that English names be first and Maori second and I accept that, so why do council now want to go against their own motion?*

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

*Question 1 is really two questions and I feel has been cunningly worded to get the answer council wanted and not what is really fair and equitable to Malvern residents*

*The proposal to have one councillor per 10,000 head of population may appear to be a fair and simple system at first glance, but it is totally flawed when applied to a large sparsely populated area like Malvern.*

*Changing boundaries also upsets long standing community interests such as schools and clubs.*

*The Selwyn Council must be prepared to recognize that anomaly and MAKE THE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS !!*

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

*According to the last NZ census only 4% of NZ's population can converse in Maori, so what is this building to the vast majority?*

*Don't get me wrong. I am totally in favour of Maori retaining their language and culture, but council should show some consideration for the other 96% of us !!*

**Representation  
Review 2024**



## Submitter Number: 537

**Full Name:** Peter Schnell

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---



# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.


You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

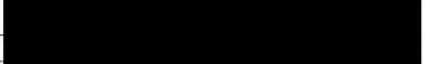
### Submitter details

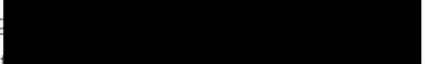
Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

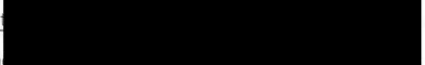
First name\* Peter

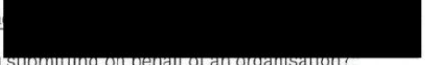
Last name\* Schnell

Address\* 

Town\* 

Postcode\* 

Contact\* 

Email\* 

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

No to both questions  
change boundaries +  
for wards, eight  
councillors

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Each ward should have  
the option:  
Also Malvern needs  
our Community board  
due to the area it covers.  
We have rights.

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

leave them as is.  
Why do we need  
change

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

Listen to what the  
people want.

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

**Representation  
Review 2024**





## Submitter Number: 539

**Full Name:** Janelle Schnell

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* Janelle

Last name\* Schnell

Address

Town\*

Postcode

Contact

Email address

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I would like to say No  
to both questions:  
Change boundaries "  
four wards - eight  
councillors

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Each ward should have  
the option:  
MALVERN needs our  
community Board, due to  
the area it covers, one  
person can't cover this size.

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

leave as is Please

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

The people of SD  
need to be listened  
to.

**Return this submission form by:**

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - **Council Rolleston Offices** 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - **Te Ara Ātea** 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - **Darfield Library** 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - **Leeston Library** 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - **Lincoln Library** 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to **repreview@selwyn.govt.nz**

# Representation Review 2024



## Submitter Number: 606

**Full Name:** Rachael Thomas – Presenter Karl Dean

**Organisation:** North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers of New Zealand

**Property Location:** I don't live in or own property

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---



## Federated Farmers of New Zealand

### Submission on: Selwyn District Council Representation Review

12 September 2024



0800 327 646 | **FED FARM**  
.ORG.NZ



**SUBMISSION TO SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ON ITS REPRESENTATION REVIEW PROPOSAL 2024**

**Submitter details**

Name of submitter: North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers

Contact person: Rachel Thomas  
Senior Policy Advisor

Address for service: Federated Farmers of New Zealand  
C/- Farmlands Cooperative  
535 Wairakei Road  
Christchurch 8053

Mobile: 021 087 36912

Email: [rthomas@fedfarm.org.nz](mailto:rthomas@fedfarm.org.nz)

## **SUBMISSION ON THE SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION REVIEW PROPOSAL 2024**

### **Introduction**

North Canterbury Federated Farmers (NCFF) welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Selwyn District Council Representation Review Proposal 2024.

Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a voluntary, primary sector organisation that represents farming and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers and their communities.

Federated Farmers aims to add value to its members' farming businesses by ensuring that New Zealand provides an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their businesses in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

The economic importance of the agricultural sector to New Zealand's economy is well recognised. Its direct and indirect contribution to New Zealand's economy is about 15%. Land-based primary sector exports comprise over 70% of New Zealand's merchandise exports. Any council activity which affects farm businesses has the potential to also impact, positively or negatively, on district, regional and national economies.

This submission was developed in consultation with the members and policy staff of NCFF.

NCFF acknowledges any submissions from individual provinces or individual members of Federated Farmers.

NCFF wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

## Responses to consultation questions

### 1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

- 1.1 We do not support the initial proposal for a number of reasons. Firstly, NCFF does not agree with Burnham being represented by Rolleston and believe it is far better suited to be represented within the Malvern Ward. This is from both a communities of interest perspective, where the Burnham community (which includes many farmers) align more closely with the Malvern Ward, and a future-proofing point of view where Rolleston is predicted to continue to develop and grow. As Rolleston's urban population increases, it will have less in common with the Burnham community.
- 1.2 Rolleston would be far better placed to remain at a ratio of 9,500 per member to allow for predicted growth and avoid the need to change representation arrangements in the near future. Rolleston's population member ratio should be set to allow for future growth and thus should not be aligned with Ellesmere (Rolleston is proposed as 1:10,770 and Ellesmere at 1:10,930). Shifting Burnham back to Malvern would allow for future growth within the Rolleston ward.
- 1.3 Continually changing how communities are represented has implications for the social well-being of residents who form a sense of belonging to the wards in which they live and develop rapport with local councillors.
- 1.4 In terms of reducing councillor numbers, it is important to ensure that rural representation is maintained. While the Malvern Ward may not have a large population, it covers a significant land area and benefits from the representation of two elected members. Given there may be a breach of the +/-10% rule, we suggest that the Council apply to the Local Government Commission to breach the rule for the Malvern Ward.

### 2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

- 2.1 Community boards can be an important vehicle for smaller communities to ensure their views are being heard. However, they require the standing of suitable candidates who once elected must work together on a mandate provided by the Council.
- 2.2 The bi-election caused by resignations from the Malvern Community Board (MCB) in 2023 came at a significant cost to ratepayers and indicates internal struggles within MCB which may or may not have been resolved.
- 2.3 We therefore support the initial proposal to remove MCB on the basis that councillors are better placed to represent these communities with a more specific mandate than that provided to community boards.

### 3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

- 3.1 We do not have any issue with the renaming of the wards if this has no cost implication on ratepayers.

### 4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

- 4.1 Ward boundaries should be determined by communities of interest, not just rejigged to fit within the rigid parameters of the 10%+/- rule under the Local Electoral Act 2001. NCFF fully acknowledges that Selwyn District has experienced rapid population growth and this warrants a change in representation arrangements, however continually changing the ward boundaries will leave communities feeling displaced and unsure of where they belong.

### **Conclusion**

Federated Farmers thanks the Selwyn District Council for the opportunity to submit on its 2024 representation review proposal. It is vital that representation on Council reflects the diverse landscapes, land uses and unique communities of interest that exist throughout the Selwyn District.

Karl Dean  
President, North Canterbury Province  
Federated Farmers of New Zealand

## Submitter Number: 115

**Full Name:** Matthew Talbot

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---



Darfield 22/8/24 115

# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiriri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* Matthew

Last name\* TALBOT

Address\* 

Town\* M

Postcode\*

Contact\*

Email\*

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

As Malvern has a very large Rural Community it is crucial to have a good representation on our local Council. Status quo or MORE!

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Absolutely Crucial to Maintain the Malvern Community Board.

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

No need to change names - It gets very confusing, when the names of familiar places keep changing. Look at the confusion the Rolleston library has created. You don't even know it's a library!

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

It is crucial for Malvern to have a big representation on the Selwyn District Council because we have such a different make base, being a large Rural Community spread over a very large area. Our needs are very different to those of a residential built up area, also after the earthquakes there are a lot more people moving out west & there needs to be recognition from Council that there will be infrastructure to suit the needs of All Council locations not just the densely populated areas.

AND to do this we district needs as many representatives on Selwyn Council as possible.

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

**Representation  
Review 2024**



## Submitter Number: 232

**Full Name:** [REDACTED]

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Springs

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?**

No

Please add your comments

Rural representation is important and should be maintained. Boundaries may need changing, but representation for the huge natural assets the Selwyn communities have in rural Selwyn need representation as much as the people do. Rolleston has dominated in investment and air time, this need to be redressed to ensure the rural communities of Selwyn get the same level of consideration.

---

**Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.**

No

Please add your comments

The level of representation is poor. I'd like to see better information to inform communities how to establish a Community Board. The SDC website offers nothing that I have been able to find. The proposal looks to be a way for SDC to reduce representation further and cut funding to community grass roots representation that actually should be something SCD supports to flourish. I'd be keen to see a breakdown of what the Counsellors do each week for their communities for the \$ they get. SDC is out of touch with many facets of the community and should be supportive of any other ways to maintaining community communication and engagement, not be striving to dismantle the few tools communities have.

---

## **Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?**

Yes

Please add your comments

Celebration of te reo and inclusion of Māori kupu is much needed in Selwyn.

---

## **Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?**

I was at a recent hui, and comments were damning of how council staff treat submissions, don't read them and can lose them. I left feeling that this tokenistic process is making a mockery of people who spend time to involve themselves in the process. Getting to speak to submissions was also cited as being critical as your submission may not get adequate attention from council staff. To hear this was incredibly damaging for rate payers who get involved in this process. Representation in Selwyn is poor and we should be looking into ways to grow engagement and trust not whittle it all down. If you want to pay councillors better, how about asking those at the top table to receive a lesser salary [https://www.taxpayers.org.nz/council\\_richlist](https://www.taxpayers.org.nz/council_richlist) don't cut the meagre representation we already have. Some accountability for councillors we do have is much needed. There is a lack of transparency of what they actually do. The role, done well, has so much value, but we have comfortable people doing very little in Springs Ward. They didn't even respond to emails at election time, let alone campaign and they still got in on heady cocktail of apathy and optimism. Council should be demanding more for the money, demanding accountability for their core job of REPRESENTING their constituents and getting rid of dead wood that doesn't perform- what mechanisms does council have to do this - or do they just sit tight until the next election rolls around?

## Submitter Number: 448

**Full Name:** Grant Prescott

**Organisation:**

**Property Location:** Malvern

**Wish to speak to the submission:** Yes

---



# Representation Review 2024

## Initial Proposal Submission Form

Dorfield 10/9/2024

Selwyn District Council is conducting a representation review to determine how the communities that make up the Waikirikiri Selwyn district should be represented in our coming elections.

Please read the consultation document and information available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview) before completing and dropping off this form at a Council Library and Service Centre by 5pm on Thursday 12 September.

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at [selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/repreview).

### Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory. These details will be used for the purpose of contacting you about this consultation.

First name\* GRANT

Last name\* PRESCOTT

Address

Town\*

Postcode

Contact

Email

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?\*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation\*

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?\*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, someone will be in contact with you to arrange the date and time.

Which electoral ward do you live in or own property in?\*

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

☐ I don't live in or own property in these wards

If you need extra space for your submission, use additional paper and attach it to this form. Please include your name on the additional paper.

Anyone can make a submission. Submissions will only be used for the purpose of this consultation process. All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

### Privacy statement

Submissions are part of the public consultation process, and are a public record. Submissions will be made publicly available on the Council website and in official documents. We will remove any contact details.

### Questions

1. Do you support the initial proposal to change the ward boundaries and the number of councillors (four wards, eight councillors) for local elections?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

ABSOLUTELY NOT EVERYONE IN SELWYN HAS A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED FAIRLY. YOUR ATTEMPT TO CHANGE WARDS AGAIN HAS AN AGENDA OF REDUCING RATEPAYERS SAY IN RURAL AREAS

2. Do you support the initial proposal to have no community boards? This would mean that the Malvern Community Board would be disestablished.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

IT REMOVES COMPLETELY A VOICE FOR THE RELEVANT BOARD AND PUTS INTO THE HANDS OF WHO-EVER SET THIS AGENDA

3. Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards from Malvern; Rolleston; Ellesmere; and Springs to Tawera Malvern Ward; Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; and Kā Puna Springs Ward?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

A UNNECESSARY PROCESS + COST TO RATEPAYERS. THE WARDS HAVE BEEN THE CURRENT FOR GENERATIONS. WHAT PURPOSE DOES IT SERVE TO CHANGE THEM + CONFUSE RATEPAYERS.

4. Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

IT APPEARS PRETTY OBVIOUS YOUR ATTEMPT TO MANIPULATE REPRESENTATION ACROSS SELWYN TO ENSURE THE LIVES OF ROLLESTON CONTINUE TO GET THE "KING'S PURSE" AND THE REST OF THE DISTRICT ARE LEFT WITH THE SCRAPS. WE ALL HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED WE ALL PAY EXORBITANT RATES TO PROP UP ROLLESTON AND COUNCIL'S EGO.

IT SHOULD BE SHARED EQUALLY ACROSS SELWYN AND TO REDUCE + CHANGE "WARDS" TO SUIT SOMEONE'S AGENDA IS WRONG. IF WE REDUCE TO EIGHT COUNCILLORS 4 WARDS: EACH WARD GETS 2 COUNCILLORS TO ENSURE FAIR REPRESENTATION. YOUR PROPOSAL CLEARLY SHOWS YOUR INTENTION TO GIVE THE LIVES OF MALVERN LESS OF A VOICE + OTHER WARDS MORE OF A VOICE. IN ESSENCE BULLYING SMALL WARDS + CHANGING BOUNDARIES FOR SOMEONE'S OWN AGENDA.

### Return this submission form by:

- Dropping it off at one of our Representation Review stands or with our Customer Service Teams at:
  - Council Rolleston Offices 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
  - Te Ara Ātea 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
  - Darfield Library 1 South Terrace, Darfield
  - Leeston Library 19 Messines Street, Leeston
  - Lincoln Library 22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Posting it to:
  - Freepost 104 653  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

All posted submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, 12 September 2024. Please allow time for your submission to be delivered by this deadline.

- Scanning and emailing it to [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz)

**Representation  
Review 2024**

