



REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2024

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Submitter Number: 1

Full Name: Jan Thomas

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Large area with many communities for one person to have to look after

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

No

Please add your comments

The cost to change is unnecessary at this point in time - money better off spent elsewhere

Submitter Number: 2

Full Name: Grant Hadley

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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: 3

Full Name: Robert D Lawrence

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

My submission focus is on the following points:

- Rate increases are a significant concern in all districts.
 - Representation is also a significant issue. The Malvern Ward SDC's largest geographically is estimated to have 25% population growth over coming years.. 3rd in the growth by ward estimates. Representation will be roughly equal across the district.
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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

My submission focus is on the following points:

- Malvern CB is the last remaining CB in Selwyn. Recent By-Election (disclosure: I was a 2nd placing candidate and a former MCB Member 2002) revealed 26% voter turnout. This is not a resounding support % in practical measures. Efforts to secure more effective role in governance for MCB other than MCB service awards and discretionary fund distribution have over time (even 20 yrs ago) been difficult. Without great governance responsibility I question the CB true effectiveness. I acknowledge MCB does enable an

additional forum for the community to raise or promote issues and concerns, but in my opinion no more effective than township or residence association or communications through submissions or the local councillor. Malvern is fortunate to have effective councillors. The recent infighting prior to the by election did little to enhance credibility or effectiveness. The MCB has an associated cost of approx. \$70K+ per year or \$200K + over an election cycle.

- Does MCB provide 200K of benefit? This is my struggle. I fail to see a cost effective requirement or benefit in keeping the MCB. Disestablishment of MCB enables consistency across SDC and provides a cost reduction option.
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Do you support the name suggestions for the four local electoral wards?

Yes

Please add your comments

My submission focus is on the following points:

- The proposed name is a combination of both the sub wards of the Malvern ward and is a nod to historical references.
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Do you have any other comments about our initial proposal for our representation arrangements?

No further comment

Submitter Number: 4

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Submitter Number: 5

Full Name: Blair Templeton

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

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

I have only recently moved to Rolleston from leeston and makes sense for one councillor for smaller areas and more for larger

Submitter Number: 6

Full Name: Lynn Townsend

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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?

There is no need to change anything apart from some boundary adjustments to some wards to ensure reasonably equal representation.

Submitter Number: 7

Full Name: tracey macleod

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

It's time Lncoln had a dedicated Councillor- at present Springs Ward has 3 Councillors and not one if them live in Lincoln- Selwyns second largest town by some nargin, and growing

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

We need to be heard more, not less- particularly in Lincoln where gave no voice on the Council-with springs ward Reps doing token gesture media comments when it suits

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

No

Please add your comments

Lincoln needs a stand alone Rep or 2

Submitter Number: 8

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

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

Have Councillors who represent our wards to have read and understood, to the best of their abilities, the reports which are presented to them at Council meetings. The Councillors who represnt the Springs Ward have not got my support as I have seen countless times asking obvious questions and in most cases questions which do not

have anything to do with the report in front of them. I do not feel the Springs Ward is properly represented at the table.

Submitter Number: 9

Full Name: Gary Martini

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

No need to add another name that the large majority of the population don't understand...Malvern works fine and has been in place for a long time...If the council must go down the woke path, then it is only democratic that other ethnic communities are also consulted to 'gift' their preferred names as well.

Submitter Number: 10

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

To decrease the number of Councillors in Malvern ward makes absolutely no sense at all. The Malvern ward encompasses by far the greatest area in terms of land mass. To expect ONE Councillor to look after this huge area, travel 000's of kms and still only get the same monetary return as a Councillor representing Rolleston is beyond ridiculous. The problems and issues that Malvern ratepayers have is vastly different from all the other wards. We have totally different lifestyles ,work, climate, needs and issues. We need a Minimum of TWO, who have between them all the knowledge needed for our many and varied communities which are spread over a huge area. Why do the Councillors have to represent 10,000 approx people.??? Why can't they represent 8,000 or 9,000 people and allow the Council to remain at 10 Councillors. Dropping to 8 Councillors creates a very bad precedent . What will it be next time? Even less Councillors for an even larger population?? The only change that makes any sense is to INCREASE the number of Councillors in direct proportion to the number of residents now in Selwyn, or stop allowing further massive subdivisions to destroy valuable productive land.

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

It makes no sense at all to remove the Malvern Community Bard. Malvern is by far the very largest ward in terms of size, and the Community Board provides a very necessary means for ratepayers in the further parts of the ward to be able to make Council and Councillors aware of any problems or concerns they or their community have, especially as one or both of our Councillors are present at Community Board meetings. Having a

Community Board also means that ratepayers do not have to travel long distances and time travelling to Rolleston for meetings or voicing their concerns. The Community Board runs at almost breakeven in terms of cost, as all Malvern ratepayers are levied for it. To remove the Community Board would place a huge amount of extra pressure on any elected Councillor, and also remove the rights of all Malvern ratepayers to have their local issues, which are vastly different to other wards, dealt with and solved quickly . Having a Community Board gives Ratepayers a much more visible connection between themselves and the Council and decision makers. Having a Community Board is an essential part of Malvern ward being able to grow new industries and have new initiatives presented to enhance our tourism and employment opportunities, which will benefit the whole of Selwyn as well as Malvern. To disestablish the Community Board would be a negative and backward step.

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

No

Please add your comments

The names that we already know the wards by are more than sufficient. Adding an extra name will only remove clarity of where we live but create massive costs in changing all references to the current name, both for Council and private businesses and individuals. This is just change for the sake of change, not because it is necessary.

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

Go back to the drawing board and rework the boundaries with 10 or even 12 Councillors . They are paid on a basis of the number of people they represent, so that should not alter the cost hugely. If Selwyn population is growing at the rate claimed, the number of Councillors should grow with it as well. Maybe another Ward is even needed in the highly populated areas .

Submitter Number: 11

Full Name: Jackie Codyre

Organisation:

Suburb: Rolleston

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 have faith you know what you are doing here

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

Please I beg you do not change the names - Please retain the English version Ward names. I do not want words and names that do not mean anything to me or my community.

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

Please do not change the ward names they are who we are as a community.

Submitter Number: 12

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Absolute waste of time, effort and money!!!

Submitter Number: 13

Full Name: Jenny Keightley

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

It makes sense in general and reduces costs, we suspect

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

With a lower population and huge catchment including Arthurs Pass, Castle Hill etc, there needs to be efforts to represent rural and remote communities well. There should be no change to Community Board in our opinion until the reduction in councillors has been trialled for one term. It may be that Ellesmere (Te Waihora) and Malvern (Tawera) have some issues related to rurality in common. Certainly they will around environment. Perhaps with new communication methods, they could be combined for community Board purposes. The alternative is to have specific working infrastructure at the council for consultation within rural communities and bringing forward those issues/ concerns

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

Yes

Please add your comments

I love the name changes

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

No / Kao

Submitter Number: 14

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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 do support your suggest name change , it should be :

Malvern Ward, Tawera

- Rolleston Ward, Kā Mānia
- Ellesmere Ward, and Te Waihora
- Springs Ward, Kā Puna

Submitter Number: 15

Full Name: Dean Syme

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

I don't believe in economic down turn especially in rural sectors the council should be wasteful spending on name changes, especially after it has made rates higher to cover these rediculuss spending

Submitter Number: 16

Full Name: Jane Mulholland

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

You have already ignored our wishes regarding a new wastewater system in Darfield. Half opposed it but still you decided to proceed. This will cost Darfield residents money they cant afford & the proposal to add it as a debt to each household effectively impacts the value any potential sale of our homes in the future.

I strenuously oppose taking away our voice through disestablishing the Malvern Ward. We need a strong voice to balance the power held in Rolleston.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 17

Full Name: Grant Clausen

Organisation:

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 Commission's Rules state that you need to have equal representation for all Wards based on population, however I am concerned that in Selwyn District's case, the rural wards of Malvern & Ellesmere are obviously less populated, but they represent more than 90% of the district's area - Not all decisions on works or programmes need to be based on population. I am also concerned that if the proposal goes ahead, we will have gone from a '6 mostly urban and 4 mostly rural Councilors' to a 6 urban - 2 rural split, this will give the rural sector next to no sway on all sorts of important decisions. I would be very interested to know the Rating income from the two Ward groups to understand if that also should have a bearing on the representation.

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 removal of the Malvern Community Board will give more equilibrium to representation for the district

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

No

Please add your comments

Whilst I respect and appreciate our history and beginnings, and embrace our early culture, we need to remember that all of us need to have the opportunity to 'Gift' names of our Wards, we have never been asked of our thoughts, this process has not been democratic and with the similar 'Naming' decisions in the district over the last few years, it is creating division within the population of the district and being seen as a dictatorial process. A more inclusive process may still come out with the same result, but the rate payers would be happier that they have been included.

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

I need convincing that the over-bearing Urban/Rural representation of the initial proposal won't relate to voting at the council table. Surely the boundaries can be adjusted in such a way that leaves the population numbers in each ward acceptable, and Malvern & Ellesmere having 2 councilors each?

Submitter Number: 18

Full Name: Jane Duncan

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 know that the Selwyn District is one of the fastest growing regions in New Zealand, so how does it make sense to decrease the number of district councillors representing us? Doing away with community boards further decreases rate payer and resident representation.

This was obviously a predetermined outcome as none of the options presented re the rearrangement of ward boundaries allowed for any community boards. How can this be called consultation? How is this democratic?

Community boards allow people to meet and discuss their issues at a local level which is important for the less articulate and technology savvy. Trying to solve a tricky issue at the council is daunting - tracking down your busy councillor, trying to find who to talk, hoping they'll ring you back, having to go to Rolleston to see them. We need more representation not less!

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

We need more representation at a local level not less! We are getting fewer councillors and no community boards without any choice in the matter. This is undemocratic.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

I don't care what they are called I just want more representation not less!

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

It's unfair, undemocratic and illogical when our population is growing. Obviously the staff at the council are sick of residents getting in the way of their decision-making and want to limit our interference in their work lives.

Submitter Number: 19

Full Name: Colin Richards

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Malvern is a vast agricultural area & needs it's present number of councillors to fully represent it.

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 Ward is required to balance the heavy representation of ever growing towns. Country folk need their voice heard to get true representation.

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

No

Please add your comments

First, why change the name, we the rate payers haven't asked for it. Second, who are you kidding we were gifted it. We paid thousands of dollars for the Rolleston library Maori name & you know it. Too much Maorism isn't going down well with your rate payers, start to listen.

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

Yes, we the rate payers & your employer's didn't ask for this, forget the changes, just give us value for our money & maintain Malvern's current level of representation. You need to look very carefully at how our money is spent & do a government like reduction in employee numbers.

Submitter Number: 20

Full Name: Catherine Barnett

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Malvern Ward is a large area with a diverse range of characteristics and needs. This Ward needs to be supported by two Councillors at least. Councillors are over-worked as it is and need support to complete their jobs representing the residents of Malvern.

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 Ward is a large ward with diverse needs and characteristics. The Board provides an important role in supporting the Malvern Ward Councillors in its representation of the residents and businesses of Malvern advocating on their behalf to Council. It is still an important arm of the Council structure.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Notwithstanding that I have no real knowledge of other Wards characteristics, but for Malvern I support the name Tawera Malvern Ward. I think it is a good link to where Malvern came from and is heading to. Springfield celebrates Tawera with our Community Hall and one of our Reserves all named after Tawera.

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

No

Submitter Number: 21

Full Name: Karren Madden

Organisation:

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 proposal would mean that larger rural areas will be underrepresented, and that focus will shift to urban areas.

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

I believe that there is a place for community boards and that there should be more of them. Disestablishment will mean the community voice is diminished. Council has not been very good at listening to the community it serves and has a limited capacity to read the room. The community voice needs to be heard.

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

No

Please add your comments

The current names are fine and have history. I am concerned at the cost associated with changing the names. In the current economic climate where families in the district are struggling to put food on the table and pay bills, this is a slap in the face. Council should be focusing funds on other more important projects for example infrastructure and roading.

Submitter Number: 22

Full Name: Malcolm Wheeler

Organisation:

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

with one less councilor in Ellesmerel feel that the Rolleston ward getting more representatives they will get more value than us.

It is becoming so difficult to exist in Selwyn for pensioners now and I get angry at the continual mayors glory not needed projects that we all have to pay for.

Pull your bloody heads in !!!

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

there is absolutely no need for all these Maori names.

I wish that the part Maori would celebrate their English heritage as much

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

no

Submitter Number: 23

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 believe rural ward representation should persist. Selwyn stands out from the likes of Christchurch due to its rural roots and character, we don't want it becoming anything like Christchurch, I left the city for a reason.

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

This is a frivolous waste of time and money. Keep the names the same and use single languages when communicating.

It is frustrating to see our rates rise dramatically while pointless initiatives like this are being indulged.

Submitter Number: 24

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

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

less councillors is a good thing. But they also need to be more present and listen to the community.

Submitter Number: 25

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

No issues makes sense and seems more evenly spread for the councillors

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

100% No keep them english only ! everyone knows their names. You said yourself just 9% identify as Maori decent. We are a multi cultural district with a much higher % of other cultures and the majority speak english. This Maori names for everything has to stop. We are one country and a democracy. We should not be creating division and confusing people with new names for things because its the supposed "thing" to do.

Submitter Number: 26

Full Name: Anita Friedman

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Some of the wards are far too big for one councillor to travel around to assist people.

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

Submitter Number: 27

Full Name: Nicola Sutton

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

If we have to retain the Malvern community board but the number of Councillors per Ward changes (i.e. the boundaries change) then I propose there also needs to be a community board for Ellesmere as well. This would then mean that both the rural wards would have a community board. However, my first choice is no community boards at all plus the proposed boundary changes.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

I think the te reo Māori names are unique for the district and show maturity with who we are as a district.

Submitter Number: 28

Full Name: Kevin Burney

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

A sole coucillor in the extremely vast Malvern ward is simply impractical and too onorous for that individual.The function of a community board therefore becomes hugely more imprtant in filtering residents issues,discussing options and then approaching the council,thus saving time and effort at the council so they can remain focused on the core functions they need to manage on our behalf.Ideally 2 councillors needs to be maintained so the region can be fully represented fairly,simply because of the area it covers.

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 previous comments made

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?

By reducing the councillors from 10 down to 8 i can see how decisions made in council can be expedited, but the diversity of input into decisions is reduced and it is more likely unpopular decisions will be snuck through without us voters even being aware of them. All the councillors including any cultural representatives need to be known to all the residents and all their conflicts of interest need to be notified, especially when voting on issues of relevance to them personally, at the very least to manage perceptions of unfairness at a later time..

Submitter Number: 29

Full Name: Mark Sutton

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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 board is a waste of money.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 30

Full Name: Naomi Sutton

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 31

Full Name: Chris Sutton

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Submitter Number: 32

Full Name: susan atherton

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Submitter Number: 33

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

With the growth of our wards should we not allow for the next stage of expansion as well instead of continuing to play catch up as you are attempting now, Should not the number stay the same or increase by 2

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 Boards were created to serve communities they live in, place's as wide and varied as Malvern would feel ignored if left to wither on a vine because someone in Rolleston feels they do not count

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

No

Please add your comments

If this had been something put to a referendum then probably supportive, but this is not democratic, put it to the community as a referendum please, it is too important not to be

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

There has been this planned centralization of control by Council planning team for some time, it is a concern that the democratic process and local representation is being eroded like this. I am disappointed, it shows a total lack of respect but does not surprise me as this has been flagged previously at Meet the Mayor event I attended where other boards, committees and the like have been removed in the drive to save money and centralize control. Distance does matter, those at Arthurs Pass or Kirwee need to know they have more than one voice

Unless of course that representative is getting a vehicle as part of remuneration

Submitter Number: 34

Full Name: Ken Hughey

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment. I support this proposal in full. It has been well thought through and clearly initial consultation has been supportive. It is appropriate for the changing context of Selwyn District.

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

I think the naming suggestions are fantastic and a reflection of Aotearoa New Zealand. I also really appreciate the gifting that has occurred.

Submitter Number: 35

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

English only is preferred. If that is not legally possible, then English first before Maori as that is most representative of our population's ability to understand what is written/spoken.

Submitter Number: 36

Full Name: Christine Mace

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Why is there a need to change the wards already in place.

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 absolutely do not agree with this notion of gifting the wards Maori names and who in there right mind would do such a thing. We live in a multi national community/country and why is it that everything has to have a Maori name when they are a minority. We have so many different cultures now living here and just like everything else Maori is being forced onto people one way or the other. I was also of the understanding that the English wording comes before the Maori word, which half of are made up and never existed to start with. Any wonder there is so much contention regarding. In the gifting of those names, how much is going to cost the rate payers this time. Just like the Library when it was gifted the name. It cost the rate payers \$20k

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

All I can say roll on the next elections

Submitter Number: 37

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Suburb: Tai Tapu

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

I absolutely love the gifted names

Submitter Number: 38

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 hope you have done your homework

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

Waste of rate payers money , why change it when everyone knows the name in english already

Submitter Number: 39

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 population of Selwyn District is growing very fast and all rural connections need good representation regardless where you reside. Represent all ratepayers and do not divide rural / town .

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 essential for all wards if run properly and a way communities can plan and have their say about problems that concern them . Also a way to communicate with their democracy elected councillors and get to know who reside in your ward or area. Ratepayers are the back bone of SDCouncil , make them feel wanted and connected.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Why not the Springs Ward first then Ka Puna,?

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

Being a democracy elected councillor is basically a full time representative for the ratepayers. It is my view that there has to be more transparency and

communication, and explanation. It is a responsibility to deliver good sound sensible governance. Ratepayers deserve to be well represented and not always wanting the nice to have versus the must have. Remember to look after all the ratepayers and when NZ is doing well, all NZealanders prosper.

Submitter Number: 40

Full Name: Mike Flynn

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Submitter Number: 41

Full Name: Susan Carline-Wright

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 wish to support the "4 Wards, 9 Councillors" proposal i.e. two Councillors for Malvern Ward

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

I wish the Council to retain the Malvern Community Board - the cost to ratepayers is negligible, and it's all very well to say new technology and behaviours enable people to use Zoom or Skype, however there are many older people who are not computer savvy, there are rural areas with limited internet availability, and also those who simply cannot afford a computer or the cost to run it. To assume their needs will be covered by a Zoom call is impractical and rather dismissive.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

It is a good mix of the historical settler names along with the local Iwi names.

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

It's not always about how many people live in a Ward, it's about effective representation of those people and physically being able to cover the geographical area. Malvern is an amazing and diverse Ward with a huge variance in the type of communities it represents and as such deserves to be considered as such.

Submitter Number: 42

Full Name: Richelle Reid

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

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 43

Full Name: Shannon McAleer

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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 not disestablish the Malvern Community Board.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 44

Full Name: Asti Boal

Organisation:

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Each ward should have minimum of 2 councillors so no one is bias and the community can go to the councillor that aligns more with their values.

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 45

Full Name: Ann-Maree Ozanne

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Malvern is a large area and needs two councillors. It needs aren't being met, so reducing to one will make it worse. I agree the boundaries need to be reconsidered, but the current proposed option isn't the only option.

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 community board has been ineffective for many years and only adds to the workload of our councillors not reduces it.

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?

Listen to what the Malvern Ward Councillors have to say on this matter. They know their communities better than those sitting behind desks at the council.

Submitter Number: 46

Full Name: Jane Huggins

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

While I understand the number of councillors is worked out according to the population of each ward, it seems illogical to reduce the number of councillors when the population is growing. It is unfair to take councillors away from less populated wards to make up the numbers for the growing wards. While Malvern has a smaller population, it is a huge area for one councillor to cover. We need two in order to have effective representation.

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

If there is to be only one councillor for the Malvern ward, then a community board is definitely necessary to support that councillor in representing this physically large ward. However, even with two councillors, the community board has been invaluable in representing the people of Malvern and supporting the councillors.

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?

I strongly urge the Council to retain the Malvern Community Board and two councillors (or even one) for the Malvern Ward. The difference in cost makes very little impact on rates.

Submitter Number: 47

Full Name: Chris Brown

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Selwyn council is not actively showing any care or acknowledgment of anywhere outside of Lincoln and Rolleston. Without a board we will not have a voice. Mismanagement of funds and a lack of leadership is seeing smaller towns left being low priority with useless token gestures thrown at us every now and again to shut us up. I want to know how you propose giving us a voice without a community board?

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

No

Please add your comments

Don't waste our taxpayers money and time on useless projects in tough times. These are projects for when there is surplus money. Just the fact we are having this conversation shows the level of incompetence and the culture of wasteful spending within the council. Pull your heads in.

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

Start running the entire district in a fair and profitable way without wasting our money. Make council staff and contractors accountable and start caring for the small towns. Fixing the paper road issue in Coalgate should take priority over name changes. I wanted 5k to gravel Hames Street that we would then maintain for council and was told there is no money, yet I guarantee it would cost more than that to implement name changes for the wards. Get your stories straight.

Submitter Number: 48

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

English name should come first given it is the most widely used and understood in the district. Nothing wrong with bilingual, however the most widely used and understood word should come first.

Submitter Number: 49

Full Name: Ross Clarke

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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 dont believe there is a need for it to be in Maori, English is the common language

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

No

Submitter Number: 50

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 51

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 52

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 Malvern Ward requires 2 Councillors as it is geographically large & has many different towns & rural areas to represent. Maintain the status quo.

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

Submitter Number: 53

Full Name: Kevin Mallon

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 have two concerns relating to reducing the number of councillors these are:

1. The physical size of the Malvern ward requires at least two councillors to manage the physical distance to be able to provide sufficient representation for all residents. Reducing the Malvern Ward would create an inequitable workload for the councillors and marginally sufficient representation for the residents.
 2. There is no discussion in any of the documents relating to the diversity of views around the council table. A reduction in the number of councillors, reduces this diversity and creates too much opportunity for councillors to form small voting groups. More people equals not only better representation but also better debate and, by design, much better decisions. To be fair it is my view that there are far too few councillors even with the proposal for 10.
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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

I do not support the disestablishment of the Malvern Community Board, it is my view that the community board provides a valuable role with the following benefits

- Better support to the residents and another path for the residents' voice to be heard
- Further diversity of views and opinions which are able to be easily communicated through existing channels to the council
- "Eyes and ears" of the community, a group of community spirited people who keep an eye on the state of the amenities and other items in the ward in particular and the district in general.
- The current community board also run local events such as the West Melton Anzac day service, who would manage this without the community board.

Disestablishing the community board is a step backwards with no alternative proposals

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 54

Full Name: Karla Roberts

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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 Malvern community board is still representing a large amount of 'isolated' communities eg farmers, more remote residence, across a larger area than other wards. The community board are still fulfilling a strong need within the Malvern community at this time that are not as manageable with 'new technology' as other more urban communities.

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?

Communities and wards outside of the larger areas eg Rolleston, are often feeling under considered/valued. The Malvern boards really help feel there is an option to be more heard and advocated for. Taking this away and decreasing the overall number of representation will only make this worse. So a strong plan to show all areas they will be heard, valued and supported is going to be needed.

Submitter Number: 55

Full Name: Daniel Letham-McGrath

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 56

Full Name: Samuel Wilshire

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 believe the boundrys are very short sighted for growth, malvern (in its current layout) has huge developments which in two years will be significantly larger than current. although the new springs ward layout will have 3 council members i would invision a need for 4 soon.

it would make considerably more sense to keep current boundries and councillor number currently.

malvern represents not only the largest area, it also represents 90% of our areas of natural significance, cultral significance and is the gateway to clean green New Zealand.

Malvern having only 1 representative is not only unfair for said councillor, but ethically unacceptable for the work load and area they represent. Already our two standing councillors Lydia and Bob do an amazing job but struggle with the work loads given to them already. Changing to one councillor in this ward is irresponsible

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

I do not support in anyway the erosion of representation for malvern through the dissolving of the malvern community board.

the prospect of Malvern losing their community board and one council representative is a kick to the guts of the fine people of Malvern.

Also I reject the suggestion that this board is unaffordable, given that near 50% of their funding is given back to the council for "management".

Trust has been lost by rate payers in the Selwyn District Council through liberal spending, rate increases and eroding democracy and infrastructure further fuelled by this.

The malvern community board provides a familiar face in their members, boots on the ground and a ear that hears them.

they not only report to council but to the people they represent. Their expenses are mild in comparison to other incentives rolled out by council which nobody asked for.

The Malvern community board represents the people of malvern, unfortunately these days many believe the sdc does not.

Keep the malvern community board, stop taking their funding away for management, or at least show some decency to be transparent enough to break down the true distribution of their rates fees as 50% council gain not malverns gain.

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

No

Please add your comments

possibly not the right time.

we have already had boundry changes recently, now another proposed poorly planned out change, people already dont know what ward they are in.
change the names after youve at least sorted this mess out

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

dissapointed

do the consultants engaged for this proposal even live in selwyn? Do they know the people? Do they know how we work play and live? I would suggest no to all the above.

Submitter Number: 57

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 just don't see the point! I do not see any reasonable gain to be associated with these changes. The replacement of the ward names with Te Reo Mauri is unnecessary and does not represent the ethnicity of the vast majority of Rate Payers in the Selwyn District. As such, I believe it to be racist and discriminatory against all non Mauri ethnic groups. Also, in the current economic climate, the Council should be cutting cost and either postponing or terminating any and all nonessential expenditures. The proposed changes will have to be funded by the rate payer, and the associated costs, which have no yet been stipulated will, if previous rebranding exercises are and guide, be very costly, with establishment and annual running costs most probably being into 7 figures per annum.

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

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 58

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Submitter Number: 59

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Submitter Number: 60

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Balancing ratio of population ratio to council representation makes sense.

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

Already represented through a voted council representation.

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

No

Please add your comments

They already have names that are known within the District. Any change will only cause confusion.

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

There is no mention in this submission regarding consideration for Maori/iwi specific representation. I am only presuming this is not under consideration as part of this review.

Submitter Number: 61

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

With the rapid growth in Malvern, it doesnt make sense to lose representation. The area and diversity should make special circumstances for such a large area of land and diverse climates.

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 Malvern Community Board has high engagement with their individual communities and leaders. It would be impossible for a single councillor to represent and advocate for the rural communities.

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?

I think the process has not been robust enough and that information has been hidden to suit what the council wants

Submitter Number: 62

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Submitter Number: 63

Full Name: Harvey Polglase

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

Insufficient representation for Malvern

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 Malvern Community Board is a vital link for the area with Council. SDC cannot effectively represent local views and needs without it, and other wards could also benefit from having their own Boards.

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?

The proposal to disestablish the Community Board is undemocratic, based on biased data, and ignored submissions from a large number of residents. It also ignored a

previous determination by the Local Government Commission confirming the validity of the Board.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
MANA KĀWANATANGA Ā ROHE

Determination

of representation arrangements to apply for
the election of the Selwyn District Council
to be held on 8 October 2016

Background

1. All territorial authorities are required under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) to review their representation arrangements at least every six years.
2. Representation reviews are to determine the number of councillors to be elected, the basis of election for councillors and, if this includes wards, the boundaries and names of those wards. Reviews also include whether there are to be community boards and, if so, arrangements for those boards. Representation arrangements are to be determined so as to provide fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.
3. The Selwyn District Council (the Council) last reviewed its representation arrangements prior to the 2010 local authority elections. Therefore it was required to undertake a review prior to the next elections in October 2016
4. The Council currently has a ward system of representation as set out in the following table.

Wards	Population*	Number of councillors per ward	Population per councillor	Deviation from district average population per councillor	% deviation from district average population per councillor
Malvern	8,460	2	4,230	-265	-5.89
Selwyn Central	19,450	4	4,863	+368	+8.19
Ellesmere	7,480	2	3,740	-755	-16.79
Springs	14,050	3	4,683	+189	+4.20
Total	18,750	11	4,495		

*Based on 2014 population estimates provided by Statistics New Zealand

5. There are also two community boards in the district – the Selwyn Central Community Board and the Malvern Community Board.

6. The Selwyn Central Community Board comprises four elected members, elected at large across the community, and one appointed member.
7. The Malvern Community Board comprises five elected members and one appointed member. The elected members are elected from subdivisions as follows:

Subdivision	Population*	Number of members per subdivision	Population per member	Deviation from community average population per member	% deviation from community average population per member
Tawera	2,810	2	1,405	-287	-16.96
Hawkins	5,650	3	1,883	+191	+11.31
Total	8,460	5	1,692		

*Based on 2014 population estimates provided by Statistics New Zealand

The council's proposal and review process

8. The Council established a representation review sub-committee to develop a representation proposal for the Council to consider. The sub-committee included one councillor from each ward of the district and the two community board chairs.
9. After consulting on representation issues and considering feedback, the sub-committee recommended to the Council that it adopt the following proposal:
- the Council comprise 11 councillors elected from four wards
 - the four existing wards be retained apart from the transfer of Burnham Camp and surrounding areas from the Selwyn Central Ward to the Ellesmere Ward (so that Ellesmere Ward complied with +/-10% fair representation requirement)
 - the name of the Selwyn Central Ward be change to Central Ward
 - the Malvern Community Board continue in existence with the boundaries of its two subdivisions redrawn so that they comply with the +/-10% requirement
 - the Selwyn Central Community Board be abolished.
10. The Council adopted the sub-committee's proposal as its initial representation proposal. The proposed ward arrangements were as follows.

Wards	Population*	Number of councillors per ward	Population per councillor	Deviation from district average population per councillor	% deviation from district average population per councillor
Malvern	8,460	2	4,230	-265	-5.68
Central	14,050	4	4,458	+37	+0.83
Ellesmere	9,100	2	4,550	+55	-1.23
Springs	14,050	3	4,683	+188	+4.19
Total	18,750	11	4,495		

*Based on 2014 population estimates provided by Statistics New Zealand

11. The proposed arrangements for the Malvern Community Board were as follows.

Subdivision	Population*	Number of members per subdivision	Population per member	Deviation from community average population per member	% deviation from community average population per member
Tawera	3,250	2	1,625	-67	-3.96
Hawkins	5,210	3	1,737	+45	+2.64
Total	8,460	5	1,692		

*Based on 2014 population estimates provided by Statistics New Zealand

12. The Council received 226 submissions on its initial proposal which the Council summarised as follows:
- 139 supported the retention of the Malvern Community Board while two submissions did not support its retention
 - 45 submissions supported the retention of the Selwyn Central Community Board while six submissions did not support its retention
 - six submissions supported the proposal to have 11 councillors
 - nine submissions supported the proposal to have four wards
 - six submitters asked for the name 'Central' to be changed back to 'Selwyn Central' while two submissions asked that it be renamed 'Paparua'
 - 11 submissions agreed with the entire proposal.
13. After considering the submissions, the Council resolved to adopt its initial proposal as its final proposal apart for changing the name of the Central Ward back to Selwyn Central.

Appeals

14. Twelve appeals were lodged against the Council's final proposal. The appellants were:
- Alan French
 - Bruce Russell
 - Gary Doyle
 - John McKim
 - Joyce Davey
 - Liz Russell
 - Marian Powell
 - Myra Luxton
 - Nathan Boshier
 - Weedons Reserve Committee
 - Brian Whittington
15. Each of the appeals sought the retention of the Selwyn Central Community Board.

16. In addition, a petition signed by 233 people supporting appeals against the abolition of the Selwyn Central Community Board was lodged with the Council. The Council forwarded the petition to the Commission along with the appeals. The petition has not been treated as an appeal but has been considered along with the other documents sent to the Commission by the Council.

Hearing

17. The Commission met with the Council and six of the appellants at a hearing held in the Selwyn District Council's chambers on 14 March 2016. The Council was represented at the hearing by the Mayor Kevin Coe, Councillor Mark Alexander and Chief Executive David Ward.

18. The appellants appearing at the hearing were:

- Alan French
- Bruce Russell
- John McKim
- Liz Russell
- Marian Powell
- Weedons Reserve Committee

In addition Geoff Bland appeared in place of Joyce Davey and Mick Lester, Chair of the New Zealand Community Boards Executive appeared in support of Alan French.

19. The following is a summary of the main points made at the hearing in support of the Council's proposal.
- The Council as part of its consultation process had put the issue of whether to retain community boards to the community.
 - Strong support was received through that process for the retention of the Malvern Community Board but views on the retention of the Selwyn Central Community Board were mixed.
 - The Rolleston Residents' Association (from the largest town in the Selwyn Central Ward) had supported the dis-establishment of the Selwyn Central Community Board.
 - There were some well-reasoned submissions arguing against the continuation of the Selwyn Central Community Board.
 - The Selwyn Central Ward has four councillors for a population of 20,000 and approximately 10 residents associations.
 - The Selwyn Central Ward is, geographically, the smallest ward and the Council considered that the councillors and residents associations could provide adequate representation.
 - By comparison, the Malvern Ward is many times larger geographically and only has two councillors.
 - The Springs Ward (which does not have a community board) also has high population growth.

- The Council deals with issues impacting on the Selwyn Central Ward such as heavy traffic.
 - The vast majority of work done in the Selwyn Central Ward is done with the support of councillors and staff; the community board has not led work or done things that a community committee could not have done.
 - The Council did not consider that dis-establishment of the community board would have a significant effect on councillors' workloads.
20. The following is a summary of the main points made at the hearing in opposition to the Council's proposal to abolish the Selwyn Central Community Board.
- Selwyn Central is a growing area, with much of the growth being because of population movement resulting from the Canterbury earthquakes.
 - Developments such as the establishment of an inland port at Rolleston will have a significant impact on the area.
 - The Council's representation review took a narrow approach based on whether boards should be disestablished, rather than considering how boards could play a constructive role in the district.
 - The board throughout its existence has suffered from a lack of commitment from the Council, lack of meaningful delegations and an unclear role.
 - Community board members act as the 'eyes and ears' of local government, and with a more intimate knowledge of the community can help to resolve issues that would otherwise get lost in the system.
 - Residents associations do a good job but at a different level; they are outside the Council structure and therefore do not have the same impact as a community board can.
 - Community boards provide a training ground for those wishing to progress in local government.
 - The Selwyn Central Community Board has been active in a number of local projects and activities, e.g. helping facilitate the development of facilities at Weedons Reserve, advocating on issues such as safe crossings and dog control, and supporting youth through the discretionary fund.

Requirements for determination

21. Statutory provisions relating to the determination of appeals and objections on territorial authority representation proposals are contained in sections 19R, 19H and 19J of the Act.

19R. Commission to determine appeals and objections

(1) The Commission must—

- (a) Consider the resolutions, submissions, appeals, objections, and information forwarded to it under section 19Q; and
- (b) Subject to sections 19T and 19V in the case of a territorial authority, and to sections 19U and 19V in the case of a regional council, determine,—

- (i) *In the case of a territorial authority that has made a resolution under section 19H, the matters specified in that section:*
 - (ii) *In the case of a regional council that has made a resolution under section 19I, the matters specified in that section:*
 - (iii) *In the case of a territorial authority that has made a resolution under section 19J, the matters specified in that section.*
- (2) *For the purposes of making a determination under subsection (1)(b), the Commission—*
- (a) *May make any enquiries that it considers appropriate; and*
 - (b) *May hold, but is not obliged to hold, meetings with the territorial authority or regional council or any persons who have lodged an appeal or objection and have indicated a desire to be heard by the Commission in relation to that appeal or objection.*
- (3) *The Commission must, before 11 April in the year of a triennial general election, complete the duties it is required to carry out under subsection (1).*

19H. Review of representation arrangements for elections of territorial authorities

- (1) *A territorial authority must determine by resolution, and in accordance with this Part,—*
- (a) *Whether the members of the territorial authority (other than the mayor) are proposed to be elected—*
 - (i) *By the electors of the district as a whole; or*
 - (ii) *By the electors of 2 or more wards; or*
 - (iii) *In some cases by the electors of the district as a whole and in the other cases by the electors of each ward of the district; and*
 - (b) *In any case to which paragraph (a)(i) applies, the proposed number of members to be elected by the electors of the district as a whole; and*
 - (c) *In any case to which paragraph (a)(iii) applies,—*
 - (i) *The proposed number of members to be elected by the electors of the district as a whole; and*
 - (ii) *The proposed number of members to be elected by the wards of the district; and*
 - (d) *In any case to which paragraph (a)(ii) or paragraph (a)(iii) applies,—*
 - (i) *The proposed name and the proposed boundaries of each ward; and*
 - (ii) *The number of members proposed to be elected by the electors of each ward.*
- (2) *The determination required by subsection (1) must be made by a territorial authority —*
- (a) *On the first occasion, either in 2003 or in 2006; and*
 - (b) *Subsequently, at least once in every period of 6 years after the first determination.*
- (3) *This section must be read in conjunction with section 19ZH and Schedule 1A.*

19J. Review of community boards

- (1) *A territorial authority must, on every occasion on which it passes a resolution under section 19H, determine by that resolution, and in accordance with this Part, not only the matters referred to in that section but also whether, in light of the principle set out in section 4(1)(a) (which relates to fair and effective representation for individuals and communities) —*
- (a) *There should be communities and community boards; and*
 - (b) *If so resolved, the nature of any community and the structure of any community board.*
- (2) *The resolution referred to in subsection (1) must, in particular, determine—*

- (a) Whether 1 or more communities should be constituted:
 - (b) Whether any community should be abolished or united with another community:
 - (c) Whether the boundaries of a community should be altered:
 - (d) Whether a community should be subdivided for electoral purposes or whether it should continue to be subdivided for electoral purposes, as the case may require:
 - (e) Whether the boundaries of any subdivision should be altered:
 - (f) The number of members of any community board:
 - (g) The number of members of a community board who should be elected and the number of members of a community board who should be appointed:
 - (h) Whether the members of a community board who are proposed to be elected are to be elected—
 - (i) By the electors of the community as a whole; or
 - (ii) By the electors of 2 or more subdivisions; or
 - (iii) If the community comprises 2 or more whole wards, by the electors of each ward:
 - (i) in any case to which paragraph (h)(iii) applies, -
 - (i) The proposed name and the proposed boundaries of each subdivision; and
 - (ii) The number of members proposed to be elected by the electors of each subdivision.
 - (3) Nothing in this section limits the provisions of section 19F.
22. Other statutory provisions the Commission is required to consider include those set out in sections 19A, 19C, 19F, 19G, 19T and 19V and these are addressed below.

Consideration by the Commission

23. In addition to determining the substantive matter raised in the appeals, the Commission is required by the Act to determine the ward and membership arrangements for the Council and community board arrangements generally.
24. The steps in the process for achieving required fair and effective representation are not statutorily prescribed. As reflected in its *'Guidelines to assist local authorities in undertaking representation reviews'*, the Commission believes that the following steps in determining representation arrangements will achieve a robust outcome that is in accordance with the statutory criteria:
- (a) identify the district's communities of interest
 - (b) determine the best means of providing effective representation of the identified communities of interest
 - (c) determine fair representation for electors of the district.

Communities of interest

25. Both wards and community boards need to be based on distinct and recognisable communities of interest.
26. The Guidelines identify three dimensions for recognising communities of interest:

- perceptual: a sense of belonging to an area or locality
- functional: the ability to meet the community's requirements for services
- political: the ability to represent the interests and reconcile conflicts of the community.

27. The Commission considers that the case for specific representation of distinct and recognisable communities of interest should reflect these dimensions.

Effective representation of communities of interest

28. Section 19T of the Act requires the Commission to ensure that:
- the election of members of the council, in one of the ways specified in section 19H (i.e. at large, wards, or a combination of both) will provide effective representation of communities of interest within the district
 - ward boundaries coincide with the boundaries of the current statistical meshblock areas determined by Statistics New Zealand and used for parliamentary electoral purposes
 - so far as is practicable, ward boundaries coincide with community boundaries.
29. 'Effective representation' is not defined in the Act, but the Commission sees this as requiring consideration of factors including the number of elected members and the appropriate basis of election of members for a particular district.
30. While not a prescribed statutory requirement, the Guidelines suggest that local authorities consider the total number of members, or a range in the number of members, necessary to provide effective representation for the district as a whole. In other words, the total number of members should not be arrived at solely as the product of the number of members per ward.
31. Section 19A of the Act provides that a territorial authority shall consist of between 5 and 29 elected members (excluding the mayor), i.e. councillors. The Council comprised 13 councillors when it was constituted in 1989. Since the 2001 local elections it has comprised 11 councillors.
32. The Council is proposing retention of 11 councillors and no appeals were received on this issue. The Commission believes this number is appropriate for a district of Selwyn's geographic area and population.
33. The Guidelines state that decisions relating to the representation of communities of interest (the political dimension) will need to take account of the extent that distinct geographical communities of interest can be identified, i.e. a physical boundary is able to be defined below the district level for the community of interest. The options for the basis of election provided in the Act are: at large across the district as a whole, division of the district into wards, or a mix of at large and wards. In relation to wards, it is noted wards may contain more than one distinct community of interest, but that these communities have sufficient commonalities to be grouped together.

34. Since its constitution in 1989, Selwyn District has been divided into wards (six wards from 1989 until 2001, and four wards since 2001).
35. In its current review the Council proposed retention of the existing four wards. Their retention had broad support in both of the Council's consultation exercises and there were no appeals against these arrangements. The four wards have existed for some time and can be seen to be accepted as reflecting distinct communities of interest in the district and with which residents have a sense of identity and belonging.
36. Each of the wards is centred on one of the larger towns of the district, while the Malvern Ward contains the entirety of the hill and high country portion of the district plus the adjacent service town of Darfield. The wards are at a scale that makes them appropriate areas, functionally and politically, for wards for Selwyn District. Accordingly the Commission concludes that these arrangements meet the requirement for effective representation of communities of interest in the district.

Fair representation for electors

37. Section 19V of the Act requires that the electors of each ward receive fair representation having regard to the population of the district and of that ward. More specifically, section 19V(2) requires that the population of each ward divided by the number of members to be elected by that ward produces a figure no more than 10% greater or smaller than the population of the district divided by the total number of elected members (the +/-10% fair representation requirement).
38. The Council proposes a change to ward boundaries through a transfer of an area including Burnham Camp from the Selwyn Central Ward to the Ellesmere Ward. This ensures that the Ellesmere Ward now complies with the +/-10% requirement of section 19V(3), as do the other ward and membership arrangements in the Council's final proposal as can be seen from the table in paragraph 10.

Communities and community boards

39. 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 territorial authority must make this determination in light of the principle in section 4 of the Act relating to fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.
40. The particular matters the territorial authority, and where appropriate the Commission, must determine include the number of boards to be constituted, their names and boundaries, the number of elected and appointed members, and whether the boards are to be subdivided for electoral purposes. Section 19W also requires regard to be given to such of the criteria as apply to reorganisation proposals under the Local Government Act 2002 as is considered appropriate. The Commission sees two of these criteria as particularly appropriate for the consideration of proposals relating to community boards as part of a representation review:

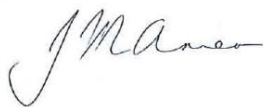
- Will a community board have an area that is appropriate for the efficient and effective performance of its role?
 - Will the community contain a sufficiently distinct community of interest or sufficiently distinct communities of interest?
41. The statutory role of a community board is to:
- represent and advocate for the interests of its community
 - consider and report on matters referred to it by its parent council
 - maintain an overview of council services provided in its community
 - prepare an annual submission to the council for expenditure within its community
 - communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within its community
 - undertake any other responsibilities delegated to it by its parent council.
42. Community boards do not exist in the Ellesmere and Springs wards. There was no demand for boards in these areas expressed in the initial part of the Council's review and no appeals seeking such boards.
43. The Council has proposed that the Malvern Community Board be retained. There was strong support for the continuation of this board expressed in the Council's initial engagement with the community and through submissions on the Council's initial proposal. In addition to this support, the Council's 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, particularly through quarterly 'on-the-road' meetings. The Council, at the hearing, also referred to the geographic size of the Malvern Community and the fact it was represented by only two councillors.
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.
45. The board currently comprises five elected members elected over two subdivisions. The Council redrew the boundaries of the two subdivisions in order that they comply with the +/-10% fair representation requirement. The Commission endorses this part of the proposal. The Commission understands that the Council now appoints both ward councillors to the board and it also endorses the proposal the board comprise two appointed members along with the five elected members.
46. As far as the Selwyn Central Community Board is concerned the Council based its initial proposal to disestablish the board on the following considerations:
- some submitters had made strong arguments for disestablishment

- the Selwyn Central Ward is geographically compact and well represented with four councillors
 - there is a duplication of roles with, for example, councillors, as well as community board members, attending most community committee meetings.
47. The Commission believes the key issues to be addressed are the requirement for effective representation of communities of interest and the contribution community boards can and do make to the governance of their district.
 48. In relation to effective representation, the Commission notes that Selwyn District Council has a relatively high level of councillor representation for districts in the 20 – 50,000 population range. It also agrees with the Council's assessment that the Selwyn Central Ward is compact and from that point of view able to receive effective representation from the four councillors the ward elects. These characteristics are seen by the Council to have led to a degree of duplication of roles between ward councillors and the community board.
 49. At the hearing Commissioners questioned appellants, including some who are community board members, about the role and activities of the board. While acknowledging the passion of board members for their work and for their community, they did not convey the impression that the activities they were involved in could not be carried out equally well by a combination of councillors and community committees.
 50. Although one of the arguments put forward by appellants for the retention of the community board was the high population growth in the ward, the Commission, despite questioning about this matter, did not receive a clear indication that the community board had an active role in strategic or growth-related issues affecting the community.
 51. Finally, the Commission notes that the board itself was not unanimous on whether or not it should continue in existence.
 52. In light of the above, the Commission determines to endorse the Council's proposal to disestablish the Selwyn Central Community Board. This decision is also made in light of the assurances given by the Council that councillors will continue to work with and support the network of community organisations in the ward.
 53. The Commission notes that if the residents of the Selwyn Central community believe this is the wrong decision they can make their concerns known at the upcoming elections. It is noted, further, that 10% of electors of any community are able to petition for the establishment of a community board at any time under Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Commission's Determination

54. Under section 19R of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Commission determines that for the general election of the Selwyn District Council to be held on 8 October 2016, the following representation arrangements will apply:
- (1) Selwyn District, as delineated on LGC-062-2016-W-1 deposited with Land Information New Zealand, will be divided into four wards.
 - (2) Those four wards will be:
 - (a) Malvern Ward, comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 300824 deposited with Land Information New Zealand
 - (b) Selwyn Central Ward, comprising the area delineated on LGC-062-2016-W-2 deposited with the Local Government Commission
 - (c) Ellesmere Ward, comprising the area delineated on LGC-062-2016-W-3 deposited with the Local Government Commission
 - (d) Springs Ward, comprising the area delineated on LGC-062-2016-W-4 deposited with the Local Government Commission.
 - (3) The Council will comprise the mayor and 11 councillors elected as follows:
 - (a) 2 councillors elected by the electors of Malvern Ward
 - (b) 4 councillors elected by the electors of Selwyn Central Ward
 - (c) 2 councillors elected by the electors of Ellesmere Ward
 - (d) 3 councillors elected by the electors of Springs Ward.
 - (4) There will be a Malvern Community, comprising the area of the Malvern Ward.
 - (5) The Malvern Community will be divided into two subdivisions as follows:
 - (a) Tawera Subdivision comprising the area delineated on LGC-062-2016-S-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission
 - (b) Hawkins Subdivision comprising the area delineated on LGC-062-2016-S-2 deposited with the Local Government Commission.
 - (6) For the Malvern Community, there will be a Malvern Community Board comprising:
 - (a) two members elected by the electors of the Tawera Subdivision
 - (b) three members elected by the electors of the Hawkins Subdivision
 - (c) the two councillors representing the Malvern Ward who will be appointed to the community board by the Council.
55. As required by sections 19T(b) and 19W(c) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the boundaries of the above wards and community coincide with the boundaries of current statistical meshblock areas determined by Statistics New Zealand and used for Parliamentary electoral purposes.

REPRESENTATION REVIEWS COMMITTEE
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION



Commissioner Janie Annear (Chair)



Temporary Commissioner Leith Comer



Temporary Commissioner Dr Pauline Kingi

7 April 2016

Submitter Number: 64

Full Name: Lean Seng Gan

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Submitter Number: 65

Full Name: Sara Meredith

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 think the data supports this change and it represents a fair and equitable division of representation for area and population.

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 believe Councillors needed to take on a bigger role in representing their respective wards. Too often does Council use the Community Board to skirt decision-making and I feel its a double-up of elected representation. The Community Board model is no longer fit for purpose and there are monetary savings to be had in disestablishing the Board.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Let's embrace and recognise our cultural heritage!

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

I think this is a really solid proposal grounded in sound research and data. I support simplifying and streamlining our elected representation.

Submitter Number: 66

Full Name: Nicola Bruce

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

as much as I think it would be nice to have the te reo names. It's the cost involved in doing so . It would involve everything from stationary to physical signs . We are in a recession and people are struggling to cope with the cost of living . So it is not the time to spend money on place names . But could be done at a later date when people are not struggling and businesses are going broke . Changing names now won't increase financial security. I think a delay is the sensible thing to do at this time

Submitter Number: 67

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 have an issue with the representation review and the information that is being provided. The review is flawed because the focus is on how many people live where. There also needs to be consideration of what percentage of the council's rates take come from each area. The representation of rates is as important as the representation of people. If this doesn't happen correctly then there will be a transfer of money from one part of the district to another which will create problems in the future.

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 Selwyn District Council does not seem to provide the same level of service to residents on the west side of State Highway 1 as it does to residents on the east side of the highway.

This is a problem since the rates take from the west side of the road is at least as important as the rates take from the east side.

This representation review could lead to the break up of the Selwyn District.

Retaining the Malvern Community Board is one way that representation for the entire district can remain equal.

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

No

Please add your comments

With language, simplicity is important. Adding additional words will not encourage people to use the names which makes this exercise pointless.

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

As mentioned earlier, only considering the number of people is flawed when then Council is mainly funded by rates by land areas. People who own farms pay a lot of rates but get very little services compared to people who own homes in Rolleston.

There needs to be some equality in the amount of contribution made to the district and the services returned to it.

Submitter Number: 68

Full Name: Stephanie Pearce

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Initially, I thought that one councillor for Tawera Malvern Ward was insufficient as it is a large area. However, having read that West Melton will now be covered by Springs Ward, and the numbers are comparable among all wards, I think that this is a good decision and I support the changes.

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 am a Malvern resident and I support disestablishing the board. The small number of residents, and the lack of engagement for quality candidates and for voting numbers makes us far too vulnerable to have extreme candidates winning places on the board. The recent conflict, which led to resignations, and a distracting (and no doubt expensive) by-election demonstrates that it is not a well functioning board. No other ward has a community board and there is no reason to continue to pay for one. There are local residents associations, which if functioning well can put in submissions or requests via the councillor. I think the new boundaries for the wards are fair and representative. Any councillor for Tawera Malvern and Ellesmere will need to be highly engaged and responsive to obtain re-election. Hopefully having one candidate only will encourage more attention by the electors.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

The names are absolutely beautiful and relevant to the local areas. I am tangata Tiriti, with a strong commitment to the bicultural foundation of our beautiful Aotearoa, and I thoroughly support recognition of Māori history and rights. The combination of names is a wonderful acknowledgement of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and of indigenous rights, which is long overdue in this area. Thank you for making this visible and important step in embedding te Tiriti for now and for the future tamariki and mokopuna to come after us. Absolutely love it.

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

No. Thank you.

Submitter Number: 69

Full Name: Gini Geng

Organisation:

Property Location: Don't know

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

Community development advisors in council could also have councillors to get residents' voice. In stead of using tax money to set up extra CDA sitting in the community board. That way works well with Christchurch city, but not for Selywn.

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

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 70

Full Name: Peter Hinchey

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

There should be community boards in all Wards, especially Springs!. We often feel we have hopeless representation in our Ward and council decisions seem to favour Rolleston.

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

No

Please add your comments

Absolutely not needed; just more confusion for all, including Māori. If you must be a raging PC council, then add Māori names to the end of current names - that would be the bilingual solution.

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

Prebbleton needs a better representative ! It seems to us that you have not canvassed opinions as wide as your glossy 'Consultation Document' implies, nor do I think that rehashing governance structure is really the way forward for a better deal.

Submitter Number: 71

Full Name: Karen Meares

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 distance travelled for urban towns and three councilors is easily covered.

For Malvern the distance covered is huge between townships, townships are isolated from each other so not easy to share facilities, Malvern needs 2 councilors at the very least. SDC committees are now disbanded and there is no clear link between SDC and communities, no one is interested in their minutes and there is no followup with issues.

The big urban areas have a lot of council initiated activities in their big community centre buildings, which makes it easy for councilors to meet and talk to rate payers. Some rural communities have a hall to meet in and have some activities and these are proposed to be moth balled as well. I would suggest that the rural halls are cheaper to run than the large amount of staff and SDC infrastructure to run the urban programmes. If Malvern is down to one councillor and no Community board this will accentuate the isolated rural areas and this one councillor has very little support for any issues in Malvern. This happens now with 2 councilors for Malvern.

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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

An effective community board should be able to bridge the gape between Malverns rural communities and work with the councilors

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

No

Please add your comments

Don't mind the Maori names but would like to see the English names first

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

Councilor reimbursements have no place in this discussion. I agree that if councilors were paid more it would help attract more ratepayers to stand.

However using this idea of reducing councilors to help give them more remuneration is at the expense of rate payers in the two rural wards.

Submitter Number: 72

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

names should represent New Zealanders - māori names cause negative diversification

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

The council is woke and does not represent the rate payers of Selwyn - the community boards ensure that we are represented. An example of how the council doesn't represent rate payers is the extraordinary amount of wasted money spent on rebranding Corde and the fact that there are so many vehicle's sitting idol all the time at Corde. The

decision to buy outdated Blakey's equipment is another questionable example. The council aren't living in the real world and our community boards make sure you do.

Submitter Number: 73

Full Name: Vicky Frost

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 communities need to keep representation.

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

it's very important to keep the Community Board as it's a conduit for small rural townships who get left out.

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?

I feel my submission is a bit superfluous as it seems the people at Council have already decided to reduce representation, which is short sighted as Selwyn is fast growing. Coalgate township is not mentioned at all in any short term or long term plans for Selwyn and thus ignored as regards any improvements, and they even have to

fundraise for security cameras. We will be further isolated if no Community Board and representation diluted.

Submitter Number: 74

Full Name: Chris Stewart

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 believe the Tawera Malvern Ward will be under represented due to the large area one councillor will have to cover. Arthur's Pass, the scenic gem in the District's area, will be particularly disadvantaged. The ratio of councillors to ratepayers should be relaxed for the Tawera Malvern ward and one extra councillor allowed in this ward. The disestablishment of the Community Board further aggravates this issue.

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

If a second councillor is approved for the Tawera Malvern Ward the disestablishment of the Community Board would be acceptable.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 75

Full Name: Andrew England

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Tawera Malvern has a sparse population and significantly more geographic area than the other wards. While one councillor may reflect our population number, it doesn't reflect our geography: this change would make direct engagement with a councillor unduly challenging for our 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

I don't think a simple yes/no answer suits this question.

The Malvern Community Board serves a function in this area. Its removal alongside a reduction in councillors would mean unfair engagement disadvantages to our community.

If the number of councillors reflected the geography of Tawera Malvern, then it may be reasonable to remove the community board.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Māori named this area long before Europeans did and there is no historical record showing an agreement to change names to English. It is simply rude to change people's names without genuine agreement. Whilst this may be historic, it wasn't that long ago.

These name proposals strike a reasonable compromise, keeping the imposed and assumed English names while restoring some mana to the Māori names of this area.

To not move to Māori names would be grossly disrespectful and negligent of the broader development of our nation.

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

Don't oversimplify statistics and forget geography!

Do respect the real history of this land!

Thanks

Submitter Number: 76

Full Name: John Lindsay

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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

I am at a loss as to why this current council has to apply Maori names to anything and everything and often there is no ENGLISH or at best ENGLISH as a second language.

Please refer to the Selwyn Census Data:

Residents / rate payers who identify as **European are 84.1%** of the Selwyn population.

Residents / rate payers who identify as **Maori are 9%** of the Selwyn population. (There are more Asian's, 11.4%, than Maori in Selwyn)

It's time this council stopped this reverse racism and use **ENGLISH** as the First language for naming everything the council has to name.

Sam and his majority of "Yes Sir" councillor's should remember who voted them onto the council, and (from what I hear) quite a few of the current councillor's will be voted out if they don't start listening to the people who pay their salaries.

Submitter Number: 77

Full Name: Shane Roberts

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

while the population ratio is a good concept it doesnt allow for the square KM area that needs to be covered . Having a single representative cover the giant area thatvis malvern/tawera will lead to under representation for that population

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

communtiy boards are still bery important for the small towns like coalgate, hororata, whitecliffs etc

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 78

Full Name: Susan Murray

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 an impossible question to answer as it is 2 questions in one. Dreadful questionnaire construction!! Please do better.

If you propose to cut councillors it decreases the amount of community participation in local government

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 great vehicle for community consultation. In fact all four wards should have community boards

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

No

Please add your comments

Each ward should have its English name first. Maori is not the first language of most New Zealanders. Why make it more difficult for people to identify where they belong. I am all for Maori being added second.

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

Please make questionnaires, in the future, able to be answered easily. Double barrel questions are completely inappropriate at this level.

Each household should have a brochure delivered to their mailboxes if you really want a comprehensive reply and real community representation. This needs to outline when and where people can respond.

Submitter Number: 79

Full Name: Chris Mitchell

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

Malvern Ward is to large in area for one councillor to be effective in consulting electors

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 community board is an effective means to communicate resident's needs and requests to Council

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

No

Please add your comments

Aan unnecessary cost to ratepayers to make this change. Everyone understands and knows the existing names of the wards and there is no need for this feel-good change

Submitter Number: 80

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

In an area with a rapidly increasing population it is short sighted to reduce the representation by way of reducing councillor numbers.

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

With the rapidly increasing population in the area it is more important than ever to have effective rural representation. Require a minimum of two councillors if community board is removed.

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

No

Please add your comments

Keep it simple

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

Effective community representation is vitally important.

Submitter Number: 81

Full Name: Amanda Rutland

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 understand the premise of what you're trying to achieve and in every change such as this there are winners and losers. Moving West Melton to the Kā Puna Springs ward makes sense on paper however there are strong ties to the Malvern District here and I for one am loath to break them.

To be clear there are two issues wrapped up in this one question and I have opposing views on each.

- on the matter of changing the boundaries I am opposed to moving West Melton out of Malvern. Having said that I am not opposed to changing the current boundaries, I understand that to achieve your current objectives some boundary changes will be required.

- on the matter of reducing the number of councillors from ten to eight I am in support in principal as less is more in this situation; noting that a better option may be to keep the ten councillors and amend the boundaries more appropriately to keep West Melton as part of Malvern.

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

I strongly oppose this proposal. Malvern is a large district that covers a lot of area and the MCB allows communities that are physically removed from each other to come together and be represented. I believe in the function of community boards; having come from a small remote community it is easy to be forgotten or overlooked by those 'in town' who are focused on dealing with what's right in front of them. Community boards offer a mechanism for rural communities to be represented in a way that centralised councillors cannot replicate, particular in a rural ward that covers such a large area as Malvern. Please don't take that away from us.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

I like that the new ward names include the representation of the local area and history as well as maintain the current English name. Great work.

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

I only found out about this process today through reading the Malvern News. Surely in this digital age the council can use technology at its disposal (such as email) to contact its residents and advise them of core changes to their representation such as this? It feels like you're trying to slide these changes through without anyone noticing. Your communications team need to step up their game to ensure everyone is aware of the changes and has an opportunity to voice their opinion. I would have provided feedback sooner in the earlier stages had I known this was going on. I shouldn't have to go out and find this information, it should be presented to me as a rate payer of the Selwyn District. I now fear my feedback has come too late to effect any change.

Having said that this feedback process is fantastic; after reading about this in the Malvern News I jumped on my phone and in less than an hour have submitted a proposal. It was simple to find online, easy to understand the proposed changes, and straightforward to populate the feedback form. Your technology team should be commended.

Submitter Number: 82

Full Name: Aidan Laby

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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?

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 83

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

community boards are an important voice in our democracy. They may be little known or underused but that it is not an excuse to dismantle our democracy.

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

No

Please add your comments

these wards were created by those that have been before and are a toanga in their own right.

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

council seems to seek to dismantle democracy and established identity. These are significant changes and ought to be voted on, not 'consulted on'.

Submitter Number: 84

Full Name: N Konijn

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Numbers do not represent the divers interests of the proposed wards. Springs and Rolleston might have the most inhabitants, but are very homogeneous.

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

Provided that both Malvern and Ellesmere get their own 2 councilors.

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

No

Please add your comments

Who are you trying to fool?

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

This proposal smells like dictatorship by numbers.

Submitter Number: 85

Full Name: Christopher Codyre

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

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

Submitter Number: 86

Full Name: MEEDOO GUTUB

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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: 87

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 size area for Malvern is not going to service Darfield well.

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 is being ignored and this is a large area where people care about what happens locally. Most people are aware that our rates are mainly going to Rolleston, Lincoln and Leeston now. Because of smaller numbers in this area when asked to give our views we are outvoted by the larger towns.

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

No

Please add your comments

We do not need Maori names. This habit of maori 'gifting' names is not fair. It is becoming impossible for some people to know what is being said and where to go for services as there is way too much maori language.

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

We need the Malvern Board to keep Council aware of what is needed in this area. Our rates are bordering on unaffordable this year and we get very little in return. Water rates are very much increased and Darfield has very high NITRATE levels in the water. The potential cases of Colorectal cancer in years to come is frightening. Now it seems the council want to muzzle the people in this area by taking away the local board.

Submitter Number: 88

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

reduce councillors to reduce our crazy rate increases.

NO MAORI WARDS

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

reduce costs to reduce huge rates burdens in ratepayers.

NO RACIST MAORI WARDS

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

No

Please add your comments

keep ward names in English.

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

No maori name changes to wards.

NO UNDEMORATIC RACIST MAORI WARDS

Submitter Number: 89

Full Name: Graham Parnell

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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Initial Proposal Submission Form

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You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at 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* Graham

Last name* Parnell

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.

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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

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?

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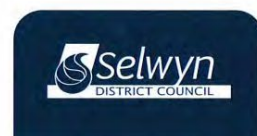
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Submitter Number: 90

Full Name: Suzanne Parnell

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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First name* Suzanne

Last name* Parnell

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Please add your comments

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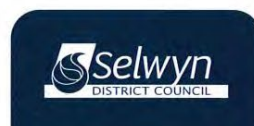
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Representation Review 2024



Submitter Number: 91

Full Name: Jenny Gilgenberg

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 that adjusting the number of counselors to eight would support fair representation across the for wards.

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 not. The Community Boards are a fundamental necessity for the people to keep the views of the people heard and transparent.

The Council should not consider removing the last remaining community board in the Malvern Ward. We need an accessible Community board members which would give us free access to the help when we need it and they should be able to assist when necessary. I do not believe that Council is in this position to do this and we need these people to represent us, when there is an issue with the council that they are not hearing the people of the Selwyn district views.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 92

Full Name: Roger and Francie Taylor

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2024 3:42 PM
To: Representation Review
Subject: Selwyn Council Repreview

We are writing re our concerns of the New Representation arrangements within the Selwyn District Council

1 / We live in Darfield (Malvern) and the lose of the Community Board is devastating. There Board Members are the first point of call if we needed problems solved. They lived amongst us so knew the area as we know some of them personally.
So we are against their disestablishment.

2 / Council Representation The removal of one of our Councillors for the Malvern Ward is making it even harder to have a contact if needed re happenings in our Area. A huge job for one person and we notice Malvern will be the biggest area to represent. Without the Community Board this position will be even busier.
We object to us losing one of our Councillors.

3 / Re adding Maori names to the Wards

So many places / departments/ Hospital Boards/ Libraries in New Zealand have changed their names to Maori (we dont seem to remember being asked if we agreed) We are suppose to be encouraging different Nationalities to immigrant to New Zealand , yet they are totally confused with this extra language they are expected to use. The cost of these changes must be running into the Millions of dollars. The Maori names we already have and use are adequate to recognize the Maori heritage.
so we are very much against changing our Ward name

Thank You

Roger and Francie Taylor

Submitter Number: 93

Full Name: Hannah Eddy

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 support the change to the ward boundaries; however, I think there needs to be more even distribution of Councillors. Only having one Councillor for the Melvern and Ellesmere Wards I think is risky as it opens up decision-making and consideration for rural communities to potentially be impacted by the biases and political perspectives of only one person as their representative, where as having a spread of two Councillors balances that risk. I also think there should be an iwi representative as a Councillor voted in.

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 think that it is not fair for only one ward to have a community board.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 94

Full Name: John Roper

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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 Malvern / Tawera ward needs to be strongly represented to ensure residents are not forgotten which is currently the situation.

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

Dont reduce the Malvern voice. Services are seriously lacking in this location.

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

No

Please add your comments

Stick with english names.

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

For once listen to those who contribute.

Submitter Number: 95

Full Name: Gareth Irving

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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Yes

Please add your comments

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

No

Please add your comments

why change them

Submitter Number: 96

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

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: 97

Full Name: Cristene Trenuela-Chan

Organisation:

Property Location: Rolleston

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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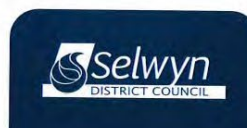
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Submitter Number: 98

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

Fair doesnot mean equitable!!!! there are other considerations to take into account then the number of people per councillor.

there is an enormous geographical area for the 1 proposed Malvern councillor to service. Meeting with their 'people' involves hoping in the car and travelling nearly an hour and 50+ km in some cases compared to a Rolleston councillor (of which there will be 3 of them) that only has to travel 2mins and 2 kms down the road.

The community groups each councillor engages with is actually the same ergo, the work load is the same. The ability for one person to physically service such a huge geographical are needs to have a loading taken into consideration.

As I said I note the careful absence to the 'equitable' in the proposal.

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 Malvern board is a very pro active, effective board. Just because other communities - all closer, more accessible to Rolleston, its services and the indeed council offices - chose not to have a community board is no reason to disestablish the Malvern board. Especially if you ignore all submissions and plough ahead with only one

councillor for the area. There will be an even greater need for the Malvern board to ensure we have another avenue for our voice to be heard and ensure our poor lonely councillor is not overloaded.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Im sure the appropriate consultation for the names has taken place. More than happy with these.

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

As previously stated fair does not mean equitable. Basing decisions purely on numbers of people doesnot ensure all people have equitable access to representation. Far from it in fact.

the other thing that needs to be considered is who that councillor will be. The one lonely councillor in the Malvern ward has a massive area to cover compared to a Rolleston councillor. They may both attend for example 5 council meetings, 10 community meetings a month, however for the Rolleston councillor this may only amount to 15 hours commitment while for the Malvern councillor this may be more like 25-30 hours. Neither fair nor equitable!

This inequity could result in very capable, talented people not standing for council as they are unable to make that commitment along with whanau and career commitments.

Submitter Number: 99

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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

you forgot to mention that the Malvern ward includes Arthur's Pass.making it the largest ward by area and it will need 2 councilors to cover this area as it is now. Malvern must retain the 2 councilors in order to have fair representation of its rate payers

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 Malvern ward being north of state highway one has long been under valed and basically been the poor cousin to the rest of the Selwyn district. The Malvern Community Board is a great ambassador for the township committee's and very supportive of those committee's. They often play a role of mediator or one of liason between the residents committee's and the council. With Malvern ward being the largest ward the community board often liaise with the 2 councilors to help share the workload.

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

No

Please add your comments

sick of woke name changes.

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

this whole "Have your say" is probably just another tick the box for public consultation. I have had many of these tick the box surveys and everytime I get the feeling that I have just wasted my time. It's always seems that someone in the council with probably a degree and a spare one comes up with these ideas and because it is their idea they aren't prepared to except any other outcome. I have in the past put letters after my name when I send in drawings to architect's and engineers to solve problems on commercial buildings. Those letters are NSQ no school qualifications. What is really frustrating is we can vote off council members but we can't do anything about the staff. Don't get me wrong because I do think we have alot of good staff members within the council all We want is for them to listen. I have had good ideas come from builders laborers in the past and have taken there ideas and adjusted my work plans often to return a better result. In closing please listen to what the residents have to say. Thanks

Submitter Number: 100

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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No

Please add your comments

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No

Please add your comments

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Please add your comments

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Concerns re changes.....Cost Benefit Analysis..change for changes sake, driven by councillors that cannot read a balance sheet.....

Has at the very least . a cost benefit analysis of the proposed changes been made?...if so can we see a copy and who carried out the analysis (Names please) at the very least! (I want to know how much these changes including name changes COST please? and the consequences of being held to account)

These are my primary concerns and I see the politicalization and agenda driven ideals being pushed onto the ratepaying citizens of this area..let alone the extra cost..how much do you think it costs to change names on stationary etc...The next election will raise some interesting facts and level of competences.

Democracy Democracy Democracy

Thank you Graeme