



REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2024

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Submitter Number: 501

Full Name: David Farmer

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

Submitter Number: 502

Full Name: Jo Brackmann

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 1

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: 503

Full Name: Rebecca Rose

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 think it's very confusing to work out which one we ate in. Seems no thought to Lake Coleridge even though it refers to Oxford!!

Submitter Number: 504

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 2

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Representation Review 2024

Initial Proposal Submission Form

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

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

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at selwyn.govt.nz/repreview.

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*

Last name*

Address*

Town*

Postcode*

Contact number*

Email address*

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation*

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

☒ Ellesmere ☐ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

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

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

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* Please keep my details confidential & anonymous

Questions

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Keep as status quo.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I feel that malvern is a large area and needs more support to hear voices across the district. Should each ward have a community board?

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

They are fine

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

We need to ensure that rural + small town Canterbury continues to have a clear voice.

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

**Representation
Review 2024**



Submitter Number: 505

Full Name: louise deans

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 1

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

My submission to the Selwyn District Council concerns the vast land mass to be cared for by the Council, not only land, but water quality and air quality. We choose to live here because of the open spaces and the ability to earn a living off the land.

It is short-sighted of the Government to talk about representation of people when it is the land that is of primary concern. It is our responsibility and duty to care for the land. People and land go together. They cannot be separated.

Our Malvern district may not be heavily populated by people, but as well as being a major thoroughfare by road and rail to the West Coast, it is also our biggest money earner in terms of tourism, visitors who seek to explore one of the most beautiful and accessible areas of New Zealand, to spend their leisure time ski-ing, fishing, tramping, climbing, hunting, photography, painting and so on.

I would submit that although the Government dictates the proportion of representation by people alone, it is selling both itself and the people who live here short by refusing to acknowledge the importance of land to a district council like ours. If a land mass such as the Malvern ward falls short of that quota, then there should be a private act of parliament to deal with this anomaly by giving the land the importance it deserves by having at least two councillors to represent that land mass.

Submitter Number: 506

Full Name: Dee Innes

Organisation:

Suburb: Windwhistle

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

this proposal works on the premise that all wards are equal. However, if Malvern ward is configured using population alone it puts Malvern at a disadvantage. It covers a huge geographical area. Its identity is different to the wards on the other side of state highway one. We have been fighting for fair representation for over 20 years – if you disestablish the Malvern community board representation to council will become confined to staff and councillors with less empathy to Malvern.

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

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 507

Full Name: John Taylor

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

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

Malvern is the biggest ward in area and the status quo should remain

Submitter Number: 508

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 4

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

No

Please add your comments

as the district is growing rhwre should not be leas councillors. All of the rural wards need two councillors as they cover large areas. If rhe oeople in these wards are to be properly represented then the number of rural councillors should stay the same

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 should be established in all wards or at least the rural wards. Surveys do not always give rhe correct information- they depend on how questions are asked

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

No

Please add your comments

i would support if the wards have bothe the Maori and the English name and if the change involves no cost

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

only to say again that if the population is growing there should not be less councillors

Submitter Number: 509

Full Name: Calvin Payne

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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

No

Please add your comments

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

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

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

No

Please add your comments

In our Malvern Ward, which is 5020 km² and has a population density of 3 population per km². This is a sparsely populated rural area where the most efficient way to provide effective rural representation to the 14 communities is to have a community board with appropriate delegations. This also applies to Ellesmere Ward 1301km² (density 10 per km²) where a community board could provide the link to Council. A community board has members with local knowledge on the ground in our communities and can communicate without relying on at best unreliable mobile or internet. One Councillor can

only be in one place. Our current community board members live in Hororata, Coalgate, Darfield and West Melton.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW OPTION FOR SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL for Effective Rural Representation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The highlights are:

Current

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

Initial Proposal

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

New Option

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

It can be seen that the km² per representative increases significantly in the Initial Proposal for Malvern and Ellesmere Wards. In my new option the km² per representative are significantly improved.

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

As a comparison the overall km² per rep. for Waimakariri is:

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

Submitter Number: 510

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 1

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: 511

Full Name: Fleur Deans

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 1

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 do not support the boundary change to move West Melton into the Springs Ward as it will marginalise the Tawera Malvern Ward. West Melton should stay in the Tawera Malvern Ward and I support the proposal of the Malvern Community Board and the two current Malvern councillors to extend the ward boundary to the SH1. This would better align with these rural communities and their interests for many areas including schooling, healthcare and transport.

Fair representation cannot be determined solely by population numbers - geographical area, proportion of rates paid per head of population and many other factors need to be considered. The rural communities of Selwyn receive less Council services compared to the urban areas whilst paying a higher proportion of rates and our businesses are key drivers of the district and wider economy.

Our two councillors do an excellent job of representing us but they are both incredibly busy fulfilling their roles and there is no way that this can be done by one person. There are unique challenges and requirements for representing the rural and primary sector rate payers which far exceed representation of straight forward urban rate payers and this is why we need to keep two Malvern representatives, not to mention the incredibly large geographical area (5,000m²) they need to cover which would just not be feasible for a single councillor.

This form says above - "Adjusting the number of councillors to eight would support fair representation across the four wards." There is no definition of what constitutes 'fair' under the Interpretation section of the Local Electoral Act 2001 but there is in the dictionary - fair means "treating a group of people equally". Using population numbers

as the definition of 'fair' implies that those areas with the highest numbers have more rights to be heard than those from smaller communities. This is a highly questionable to say the least and is certainly not aligned with the ethos and laws of New Zealand, including Te Tiriti o Waitangi, to give more rights and representation to the largest population group.

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

No

Please add your comments

Malvern has chosen to retain and continue to fight for its community board - I believe under the Act all wards have this right and Malvern should not be penalised by having its community board disestablished just because other wards have chosen not to retain or form their own. Malvern makes up 70% of the geographical area of Selwyn and as such there is a wide area with diverse views and needs to cover and this is made possible by the representative structure of the community board.

As a member of the Malvern community who deals first hand with the vulnerable and elderly, I do not believe the new technologies and changed communication behaviours (whatever that means) will make it easier to connect with these people - they prefer to be able to pick up a phone and call one of their community board members to discuss the issues that are important to them.

Can you provide the raw data for the 'research' you refer to above, ie was it based on the Research First Report presented to the Representation Review Subcommittee meeting on 13.02.24? If so the views of 400 out of a population of 80,000 cannot be considered statistically relevant at all and therefore it is a highly dubious and misleading statement to state that only "9% of Malvern residents felt the board had primary responsibility for representing their issues..." You can only determine this for sure if you have surveyed all residents or at a minimum, a statistically significant number which 0.5% most certainly is not.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 512

Full Name: Hamish Rennie

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 population of Selwyn is growing at a fast rate. peoples perception of the relevance of local government and its importance depends largely on clos interaction of people with their councillors. the larger the population per councillor, the less likely the close interaction and the increasing loss of relevance of councils. Therefore keep with 10 councillors and a slight restructuring of the wards, but in doing so recall that fair presentation can be interpreted in terms of rural v urban. Although often considered in terms of isolation to justify different population distributions beyond the 10% variance provided in guidance in the law, to provide effective and fair representation requires recognition that although they may have fewer people the rural wards have different types of issues to the urban ones and that may mean a disproportionate population distribution between councillors in order to ensure rural needs are effectively and fairly addressed. We do not want to replicate the national level where whoever wins Auckland (ie caters for Aklds perceived needs) governs the country. i like the te reo additions to the names of the 4 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

A population grows thr may be a need to re stablsh community boards, but they will need to be driven fromthe community. At prsent thre is not that driv coming from the community lvl for them.

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

Yes

Please add your comments

Great names and logic to them.

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

As noted do not reduce or change the existing representation, modify boundaries slightly to enable this if necessary.

Submitter Number: 513

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?

No

Please add your comments

I feel that by losing two councillors, we have less of a voice. The SDC needs to remember that they are servants of the community, not the other way around.

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 should be reinstated because they have more knowledge on their area than what the council does. I would also argue that it would waste far less money by consulting a community board first for any proposed projects, than to have SDC do it (Whata Rau in Leeston being a perfect example).

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

No

Please add your comments

I like the names but think the original name should go first to make it an easier transition, but because Leeston didn't get a say in the name of their new community center, I vote no.

Submitter Number: 514

Full Name: Charlotte Rietveld

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 2

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

We very much value our representation, especially given the broad geographic area of the Malvern ward, the community board makes local information transfer and representation so much more accessible for rurally dwelling residents of the Malvern ward.

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

No

Please add your comments

While the gifting is kind and generous, it does not need be formally changed. The proposed name changes complicate geographic areas unnecessarily.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback, especially in such a user-friendly format.

Submitter Number: 515

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?

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

it actually makes more financial sense to have community boards . They know what is needed in the area. It would save rate payers money in the long run .

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

No

Please add your comments

the original name would make more sense to go first. It would make it a smoother change. If it was Malvern Tawera Ward etc I would support it.

Submitter Number: 516

Full Name: C A Rietveld

Organisation: Windwhistle District Society

Suburb: Snowdon

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 Windwhistle District Society is a 60 year old community institution representing the collective interest of over 120 households from Sleemans Rd out towards Lake Coleridge.

At our most recent community meeting this issue was discussed and unanimously agreed that we oppose the reduction in councilor representation for our area.

We understand the need to balance population growth, but the proposal makes no allowance for the enormous geographic area of the Malvern Ward. To propose this reduction, in conjunction with the removal of our community board is disgraceful centralisation and will make it increasingly difficult to ensure diversity of opinion is represented.

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

Again, this is a highly valued means of local representation and we would be very concerned to see it removed. Given our geographic remoteness, we seldom encounter councilors in person and have ever-decreasing postal and rural support services. This means our community board members are frequently the only point of contact we have

in terms of representation. They are proactive, engaged people who attend low-key events, enabling an invaluable information transfer between rural community and council.

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

No

Please add your comments

Submitter Number: 517

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

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

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Submitter Number: 518

Full Name: Ashleigh Bowater

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 1

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: 519

Full Name: Gerald Innes

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: 520

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

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No

Please add your comments

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

Yes

Please add your comments

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

There needs to be an increase in the number of councillors for the Malvern Ward or at the least retain the Community Board, as geographically it is a huge ward to be serviced.

Submitter Number: 522

Full Name: Warren Dobbs

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 2 Malvern ward councillors travelled 20,000km in 12 months to provide fair and effective representation for the residents of Malvern. Doubtfull that even with the best of intentions, they were able to adequately meet the needs, especially when our current council is so difficult to get a response from. I waited 3 months this year to get a response from council concerning nitrates in our Kirwee Water Supply, and it was only when I contacted Lydia Gliddon, that I received an email response from a staff member who obviously was good at quoting Council policy, but the information provided was years out of date, and irrelevant. Proof here that we need greater representation, not less, if we are to receive the sort of support that Selwyn Council should provide, especially with the ever increasing rates increases, resulting in even less service to the community. It should NOT be necessary that in order to get a response from Council, one should have to work through their local Councillor. With only one Councillor for the Malvern Ward, the task would be impossible.

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 opportunity and representation, not less, in order to make Selwyn Council effective, and reflect the concerns of ratepayers. Malvern is the largest ward in the District, yet Council priorities are generally more likely to focus on Rolleston. In my

view, the Malvern Community Board is essential to assist the Ward Councillors to fairly and effectively represent the concerns of residents in Malvern

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?

Councillors are the chief link between residents and the working of council, their main role being to make decisions that adequately reflect the issues and concerns of residents and ratepayers at the council table. To do this successfully, they must have an adequate work load expectation, in order to be well informed when making their deliberations. One person has no chance of successfully meeting these obligations in a Ward the size geographically as Malvern. I urge Council to respect the wishes of the residents/ratepayers of Malvern, and provide opportunity for increased representation, NOT less.

Submitter Number: 523

Full Name: Rex Verity

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: Not Stated

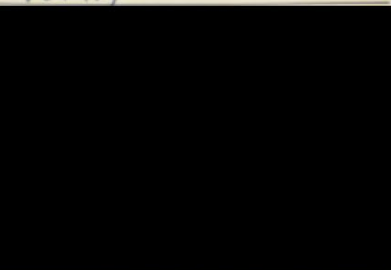
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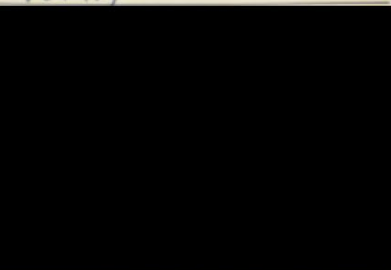
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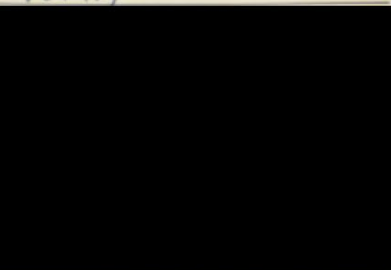
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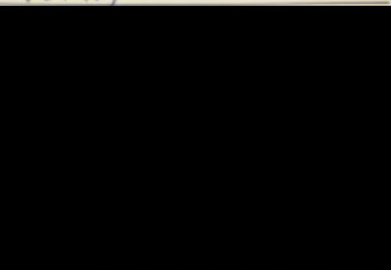
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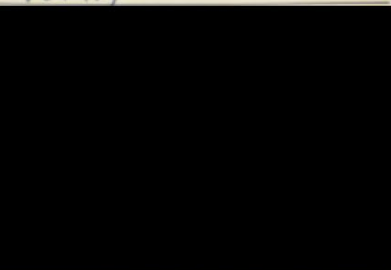
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Please add your comments

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments CBs are close to their communities, providing a bridge between citizens and Councillors, and enabling grassroots folk to engage with and even participate in decision making and governance. CBs increase and improve the local knowledge fed into Council decision-making. Council consultation is improved, better and cheaper.

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

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Please add your comments

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

Rather than reducing the number of Councillors
either add additional Councillors for
Rolleston-Springs wards - my preferred
option - with a minor increase in SDC's
annual spend
or adjust the boundaries to include more
of Rolleston-Springs current catchment
in Malvern and Ellesmere.
If the Rolleston-Springs/Malvern-Elles
mere population continues to grow
either establish for Malvern and Ellesmere
2 better-resourced Community Boards with
devolution of more decision making (my
preferred option),
or split SDC into 2 DCs with a high degree
of integration of shared, co-funded admini
stration, policy and service delivery

If someone thinks of becoming a Councillor,
being involved in a Community Board can be a
stepping stone. The CB can provide some
education/preparation about the issues and
about Council processes, resulting in better
Councillors, better representation and a
better return for the ratepayers' \$.

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Submitter Number: 524

Full Name: Graeme Trist

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No



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First name* *GERARD TRIST*

Last name* *TRIST*

Address*

Town*

Postcode*

Contact number*

Email address*

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Less democratic

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Less democratic

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

*To larger geographic
area to cover for Malvern
representation and names
too long for little gain.*

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

*Representation will be
lessened*

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**Representation
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Submitter Number: 525

Full Name: Conner Waltes

Organisation:

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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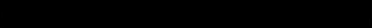
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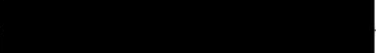
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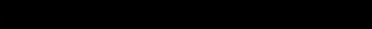
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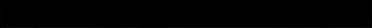
Last name* Walters

Address* 

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

I support this because there
aren't enough for 8 councillors.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I feel that if wards
want to have a board, then
they should.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I think they should just be English. Keep it simple.

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

No I do not.

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**Representation
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Selwyn
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Submitter Number: 526

Full Name: Morgan Pullan

Organisation:

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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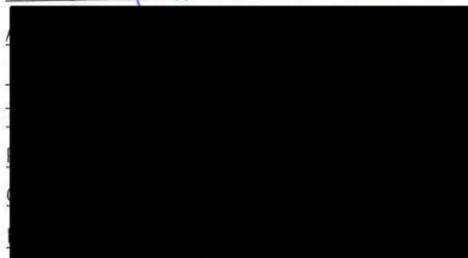
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First name* Morgan

Last name* Pullan



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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

less councillors to
represent the community,
meaning there is less
voices heard.

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

less assistance to
the community, again
less voices heard.
It's moving to a
new area

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

cultural significance

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

I wish to see more input to the rural community, personally to me, as Rolleston seems to be getting a lot and that the rest of Selwyn gets the off-cuts.

Cont 2.

propose a community board for Ellesmere

lower voting to 16 because everything around eg, license, most recreational activities, age to leave school is 16, so it seems appropriate

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 Selwyn
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Submitter Number: 527

Full Name: Cameron Wall

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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First name* Cameron

Last name* Wdell

Address

Town*

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Contact

Email address

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation*

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

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

It's a No to halving the number of wards:
Change No boundaries:
for wards: Eight
Councillors

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Each Ward should have
the option
Malvern needs a
community board due to
area size.

Darfield 11/9/24

527

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

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Representation Review 2024



Submitter Number: 528

Full Name: Soham Desai

Organisation:

Property Location: Ellesmere

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Lesson 11/9/2528

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First name* Soham

Last name* Desai

Address*

Town*

Postcode*

Contact*

Email address*

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

As per the meeting notes

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

it's up to the Malvern community.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

I do not mind which name
it would be

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Selwyn
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Submitter Number: 529

Full Name: Sarah Wall

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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First name* Sarah

Last name* Wall

Address

Town*

Postcode

Contact

Email address

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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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

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

It's a No to all questions
don't change the boundaries
and for ward eight
councillors

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Each ward should have
the option.
Malvern needs our
community board due
to the area it covers

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?

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Leave as is.

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**Representation
Review 2024**



Submitter Number: 530

Full Name: Roger Chaplin

Organisation:

Suburb: Whitecliffs RD 1

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No



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First name*

ROGER

Last name*

CHAPLIN

Address*

Town*

Postcode*

Contact number*

Email address*

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Questions

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I feel with an increasing population we need more councillors to represent us!

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I feel the community Board is an important go between between the rate payers and the council.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Why change something that has been in existence for over 100 years

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

As above, if it works leave it.

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**Representation
Review 2024**



Submitter Number: 531

Full Name: Fred Bull

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

Representation Review 2024

Initial Proposal Submission Form

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First name* FRED

Last name* BULL

Address* 

Town*

Postcode*

Contact number*

Email address*

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

FURTHER COMMENTS OVER LEAF.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Representation
Review 2024**



Submitter Number: 532

Full Name: Rachael McGill-Brown

Organisation:

Suburb: RD1

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Darfield 11/9/24 532

Representation Review 2024

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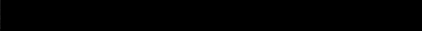
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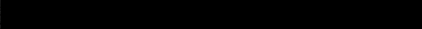
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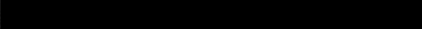
First name* Rachael

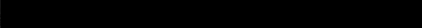
Last name* McGill-Brown

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Please add your comments

Increase Rolleston representation
but don't decrease Malvern
reps. Too large an area
to cover for 1 person

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

Useful in between council
and community.
Don't spend money
dis-establishing the board.

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*Its 2024 lets embrace
Te Reo Maori*

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**Representation
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Selwyn
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Submitter Number: 533

Full Name: Alan Peacock

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Representation Review 2024

Darfield 11/9/24 533

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Submitter details

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First name*: ALAN

Last name*: PEACOCK

Address*: [REDACTED]

Town*: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Contact number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

The Malvern Ward is too geographically large to be adequately served by just one councillor. Reducing our councillors to just one strips away more of our democracy.

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

We need the Malvern Community Board to look after our needs because we aren't looked after well enough by the council who are too filtered focused.

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

RATHER HAVE EITHER
TAWERA OR MALVERN WARD

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

IF WE WANT TO GO TO
A TOTALITARIAN STATE
BEING SCRIPPED OF THE
RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION
IS JUST THE FIRST STEP

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**Representation
Review 2024**



Submitter Number: 534

Full Name: Colin Giddens

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 3

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

Lincoln 11/05/24

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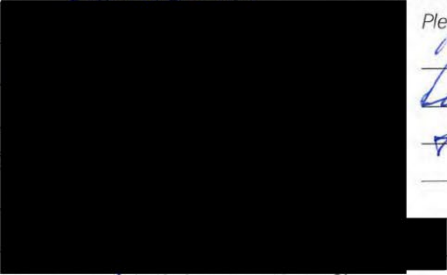
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First name* Colin

Last name* Liddens

Address* 

Town*

Postcode*

Contact number*

Email address*

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation*

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

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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

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

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

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

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

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

Currently rate payers are not bothered with the council, they know change is coming?

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

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Submitter Number: 535

Full Name: Graeme Dawson

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Representation Review 2024

Initial Proposal Submission Form

Darfield 11/9/24 535

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First name* GRAEME

Last name* DUNN

Address

Town*

Postcode

Contact

Email address

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Malvern ward is the largest in the SDC and has a large population needs 2 councillors to represent the rate payer adequately

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

Our Malvern Community Board is the link between rate payer and council

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Malvern Ward has been
in existence for over
150 years. No need to
change

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

I have seen so many
of these bright ideas
put forward by
corporate thinking staff
members of Council
without any local
knowledge or feel of
the local community
and this is doomed to
fail and again the rate
payers will be the losers.

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**Representation
Review 2024**



Submitter Number: 536

Full Name: LESLEY WHELLANS

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Representation Review 2024

Darfield 11/9/24 536

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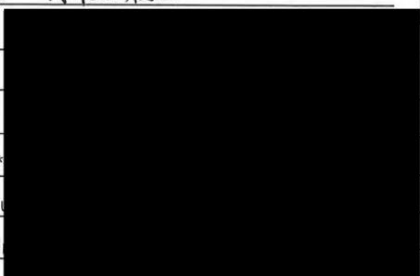
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First name* LEYLEY

Last name* WILKINS

Address* 

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Having only two councillors working for us the rate payers, covering such a huge area with a population that is growing every day is ludicrous. The fact that SDC wants to cut it back to one councillor is unbelievable.

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

How sad that there is an idea to have no community board is ludicrous. We are already living in a community where the majority of residents no longer know each other or where to access help. Not everyone has access to a computer or even a vehicle. With no community board they would have to travel to Rolleston which is not an option for many.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I have nothing against other cultures or nationalities.

I feel keeping it as it is, is understandable and non biased.

I am unsure of the reasons to change, however the different names at the beginning of electoral role do not make one feel like they are all part of Selwyn.

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

I think they are not a viable proposal. Particularly expecting that work you are expecting one councillor to do in an area which is 70% of the land area of Selwyn and one of the largest in New Zealand. Malvern needs more councillors not less.

If we are going to lose 1 councillor it is vital that we get to retain our community board.

It is a known fact that a large proportion of Malvern's rates go to support Rolleston, to take away the services of community boards and community councillors from Malvern is unfair and impossible to comprehend.

I sincerely hope that you are taking the opinions of those of us who live and work in the Malvern Community, often with very little support or input from SBC.

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**Representation
Review 2024**



Submitter Number: 537

Full Name: Peter Schnell

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

Representation Review 2024

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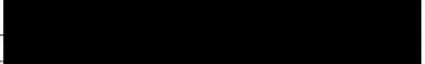
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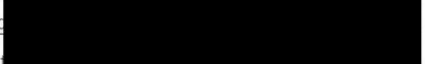
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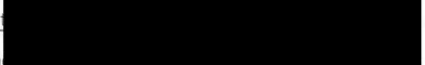
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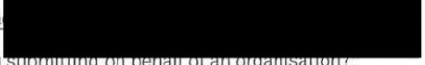
Last name* Schnell

Address* 

Town* 

Postcode* 

Contact* 

Email* 

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Please add your comments

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

leave them as is.
Why do we need
change

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

Listen to what the
people want.

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**Representation
Review 2024**



Submitter Number: 538

Full Name: Thorne Allan

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 1

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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First name* Thorne

Last name* Allan

Add

Town

Post

Code

Email

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

The Malvern Ward is far
to big for 1 counsilar to
be able to serve the ratepayers
We are beter served by counsilaris
than by council management,
many of whom have no idear
of the needs & services of
rural community

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

The Malvern Community board
covers a large section of Selwyn
county, they laise with the citiz
of Malvern & council, this is very
important to the wellbeing of
organisations & busineses
in Malvern.

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

The cost of changing the paper work to rename wards would be better spent on maintaining our roads & assets. 97% of New Zealanders don't understand Māori or even speak the language

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

When the Mayor used his vote & casting vote to go with the Government on 3 matters, he made a political decision for every citizen & Rate payer in the County, this was an appalling decision, if he has a conscience he should stand down as Mayor, and let someone take his place who is not climbing a political ladder. The Mayor's lack of support for a councillor in Malvern who was denied information from council Management, shows quite clearly who is running the Council. The councillors were elected to make decisions around the council table, for the benefit of the rate payer, council staff are (employed) to carry out those decisions. It would appear to be the other way around. We have far too many ^{fails} ~~fails~~ running around the headquarters with the dogs wagging behind

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Submitter Number: 539

Full Name: Janelle Schnell

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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First name* Janelle

Last name* Schnell

Address

Town*

Postcode

Contact

Email address

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Please add your comments
Leave as is Please

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

The people of SD
need to be listened
to.

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Representation Review 2024



Submitter Number: 540

Full Name: Janet Taege

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: Not Stated

Representation

Review 2024

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First name* Janet

Last name* Taege

Address*

Town*

Postcode*

Contact number*

Email address*

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation*

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Malvern + area needs more than one representative due to the growing population in all of our areas (townships esp. Darfield) increase of farms being sold for building sections
The huge mileage in this area for one rep

there is more than they should have to cover on their own. Need to think of the physical + mental strain of their families is more than just one person should do.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

This board should not be disestablished like many others (feel that we are ignored everything is central on Rolleston + over Highway 1. We need a body who is willing + also need to look after the affairs + needs of this area. Darfield especially + surrounding townships.



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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

It is important that Malvern & Tawera
are names retained. The history
of the area is important to be kept
as this area was developed before
many other areas - We need to keep
& retain our history & keep it alive

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

I feel that there could be an
unfairness if the outer areas
do not have equal representation
especially when decisions & voting
over matters that concern our
areas & not the others - I do not
want to think that decision
making over important items
concerning us could be affected.

I also would like the present
decision makers to think of
the representatives chosen to
represent us & the affect on
that person being on their own
in such a huge area & they are
having a huge responsibility
to be fair to all the areas they
are concerned with.

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**Representation
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Submitter Number: 541

Full Name: Trevor Taege

Organisation:

Suburb: Kowai Bush

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

Representation Review 2024

Initial Proposal Submission Form

Darfield 11/9/24 541

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First name* Trevor Taege

Last name* Taege

Address

Town*

Postcode

Contact

Email

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

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☐ Yes ☒ No I oppose this initial Proposal

Please add your comments

Malvern is 70% of the SDC land area
It is 5,000 Square Kms. Malvern supports
14 Communities. Malvern rate payers
pay \$15.29 pp in rates The Malvern
Ward must retain two Councillors
Because of the Huge area.

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 I oppose this initial proposal

Please add your comments

With the Malvern Wards huge area
It's absolutely necessary to have
grassroots information directed
back to the Council meetings.
Malvern has a huge amount of bridges
culverts, Shingle roads and sealed
Roads.

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

I oppose having 2 names for all wards

Please add your comments

*Malvern
It's important that must retain it's Identity We don't want any Moari Names.*

Please find many Malvern Names attached.

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

We have been blocked from getting information about How many bridges and culverts. How many Kms of Sealed Roads and Shingle Roads are in the Malvern Ward.

Where is the Transparency and honesty.

This Council Corrupt as I have found many times before.

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**Representation
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S D C Ward Submission

Malvern Lions
Malvern News
Malvern waste solutions
Malvern squash club
Malvern mowing
Malvern indoor cricket
Malvern home kill services
Malvern glass
Malvern computers
Malvern contracting
Malvern butchery
Malvern home nursing
Malvern bins
Malvern A & P assn.
Malvern anglican parish
Malvern hills water supply
Malvern farmers vet club
Malvern hills road
Malvern air conditioning & electrical Ltd
Malvern collie club
Malvern Ward

Do you think that all these businesses will be happy with the cost of a name change ??? at huge expense . Some of these will be a further cost on the rate payer!!!!!!!!!!

Submitter Number: 542

Full Name: Mark Moore

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Representation Review 2024

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Parfield 11/9/24 542

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First name* Mark

Last name* Moore

Address

Town*

Postcode

Contact

Email address

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation*

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

Please add your comments

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Representation Review 2024



Submitter Number: 543

Full Name: Rachel Moore

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Representation Review 2024

Initial Proposal Submission Form

Dayfield 11/9/24 543

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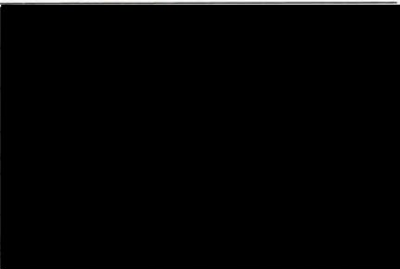
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First name* Rachel

Last name* Moore

Address* 

Town*

Postcode*

Contact number*

Email address*

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation*

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☐ 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

In no way represents
our own community
needs at a level that
addresses & identifies
(locally)
these - as part of our
malvern community.

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

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Representation Review 2024



Submitter Number: 544

Full Name: Heather Taege

Organisation:

Suburb: Kowai Bush

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

Representation Review 2024

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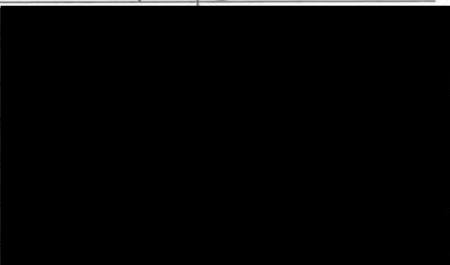
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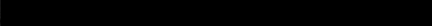
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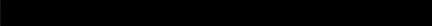
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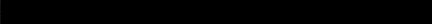
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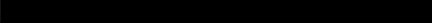
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Contact number* 

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☐ Yes ☒ No I oppose the initial proposal.

Please add your comments

Malvern rate payers pay \$1528 pp in rates Malvern supports

14 communities. It is 5000 sq kms Malvern is 70% of SDC land area. The Malvern ward must

retain two councillors in this huge area. I oppose the initial proposal.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

The Malvern Ward is a huge area, many bridges, culverts, sealed & shingle roads therefore it is necessary to have local information directed back to SDC meetings how will all this happen, without our community board??

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I only support one name for all wards. It is important that MALVERN retain its own identity, being just MALVERN.

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

I hope that S.D.C. will take time to read these submissions thoroughly and consider what they are saying. I hope that whoever writes up the reports do so honestly.

21 Malvern attached.

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S D C Ward Submission

Malvern Lions
Malvern News
Malvern waste solutions
Malvern squash club
Malvern mowing
Malvern indoor cricket
Malvern home kill services
Malvern glass
Malvern computers
Malvern contracting
Malvern butchery
Malvern home nursing
Malvern bins
Malvern A & P assn.
Malvern anglican parish
Malvern hills water supply
Malvern farmers vet club
Malvern hills road
Malvern air conditioning & electrical Ltd
Malvern collie club
Malvern Ward

Do you think that all these businesses will be happy with the cost of a name change ??? at huge expense . Some of these will be a further cost on the rate payer!!!!!!!!!!

Submitter Number: 545

Full Name: Suzanne Brown

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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First name* Suzanne

Last name* Brown

Address* [REDACTED]

Town* [REDACTED]

Postcode [REDACTED]

Contact [REDACTED]

Email address [REDACTED]

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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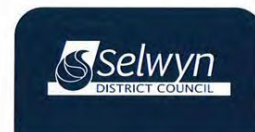
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Submitter Number: 546

Full Name: Aileen Peacock

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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First name* Aileen

Last name* Peacock

Address*

Town*

Postcode*

Contact number*

Email address*

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Please add your comments

Area too large for just 1 councillor.

Also removes our democracy.

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

Definitely Not!

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

YES!
Tawera Malvern
Ward!!

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

Just making sure
we have
enough
Representation
for each ward!

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**Representation
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Submitter Number: 547

Full Name: Stephen Ray

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 1 Annat

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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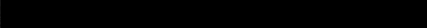
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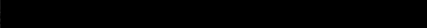
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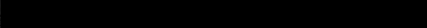
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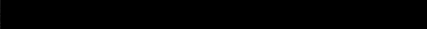
Last name* Ray

Address* 

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Postcode* 

Contact number* 

Email* 

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Please add your comments

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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Submitter Number: 548

Full Name: Sharon Ray

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 1

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Representation Review 2024

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First name* Sharon

Last name* Ray



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☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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Representation Review 2024



Submitter Number: 549

Full Name: Greta Brown

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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First name* Greta

Last name* Brown

Address* 

Town*

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Contact number*

Email address*

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Please add your comments

leave as is

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

leave the Malvern Community Board in place.

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

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

Just leave the representation as it is.
We have little enough eyes on the council now without reducing councillor numbers or removing the community board.
Stop trying moves that will reduce a) visualisation of what is occurring in council and b) reducing our actual voices and representative numbers.
Enough already!

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**Representation
Review 2024**



Submitter Number: 550

Full Name: Cecile Tait

Organisation:

Suburb: RD 4

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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First name* Cécile

Last name* TAIT

Address 

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Please add your comments

I believe the SDC should INCREASE
councillors by two, not decrease by two.
There should be four in the two urban
areas and two in the two mainly rural
areas, which is twelve councillors. Then the
ward boundaries won't need to be changed
and the rapid population growth is represented.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

I advocate the Malvern Community Board
being kept, particularly because of
Malvern's large geographical area and also
because Malvern has fourteen communities
of interest (whereas Rolleston has
only one).

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

Instead of the Council spending money on changing ward names and ward boundaries, the Council should employ five MORE councillors as there is rapid population growth and for the effective representation of the people living in the Selwyn District, urban and rural.

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

- Decreasing councillors from ten to eight is a 20% reduction. This, combined with a 13% population growth is a 33% decrease in councillors per capita. I feel this is a senseless move when the district's population is increasing rapidly. The only explanation I can see is that the Council is cost-cutting i.e. trying to save money at the expense of rate-payers.
- In deciding the number of councillors, there needs to be a balance between large geographical areas and areas of a large population. Farmers, eg, aren't going to feel their voices are being heard if this is calculated on population statistics only. Ecan has realised this.
- It is really ineffective to have only one councillor for a large geographical area, as their working day is reduced with travelling time taken into account. Also, two councillors can discuss any difference of opinion which more effectively represents all the people in that ward.

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Submitter Number: 551

Full Name: Dene Wason

Organisation:

Suburb: Russells Flat, RD 1

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No



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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

This proposal seems to be based mostly on population and ignores size of area and differences in needs of rural communities and towns. It does not give enough consideration for fair and effective representation.

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

In tandem with the proposal to reduce councillors to represent the Malvern area, to disestablish the Community Board as well, is seen as taking away the voice of our needs and disregarding our communities.

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

Names are fine. Representation to give voice for the needs of different communities are more important.

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

While growth of towns are obviously changing the population dynamics, the Selwyn District Council covers a large area. its largest industries of agriculture and all the businesses and services which are involved and their communities, deserve their different needs and voices heard.

One lone councillor cannot adequately represent an area the size of the proposed Malvern Ward.

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Submitter Number: 552

Full Name: David Feary

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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First name* Feary David

Last name* Feary

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Please add your comments

No because whilst it may be set against population bases there has been no account made for land area involved for representatives.

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

We would lose our main channel of access to council on local issues and would just load up our council members with a greater workload.

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

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Why change something for the sake of change when people sometimes appreciate familiarity.

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

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**Representation
Review 2024**



Submitter Number: 553

Full Name: Kevin Brown

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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Darfield 11/9/24 553

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First name* Kevin

Last name* Brown

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Contact number*

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Malvern cannot be satisfactorily catered for by 1 councillor. The area to be served by 1 is too large to be fair to that councillor. Malvern needs more representation (3) not 1. There seems to be an urban against rural divide in many decisions made by council.

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

With the disestablishment of the former township & other committees we need more representation on our behalf to council. We now have some local groups in place that do not have broad local interests at heart. Malvern needs that extra layer of representation to get the rate payers views to council.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Malvern is a much wider inclusive name for the ward. Tawera only being a part of that area is not a true representative name.

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

In the Malvern ward we seem to be limited by a lack of rural representation at the council table. The Eastern wards vote in larger numbers for things that suit them but not the rural communities. Please give consideration to that from the perspective of rural communities, not outnumbered by urban councillors. So take notice that the area of some wards require greater representation than we now have, leave things as they are or increase the proposed number of councillors at least for the Malvern ward. As councillors are voted volunteers they are not elected as salaried workers therefore a bit less remuneration for more councillors should be no problem. The main remuneration for councillors should be more based upon the cost involved (e.g. mileage) than sitting around the table at meetings etc. More councillors are needed, not less to serve the rate payers opinions on council voting.

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**Representation
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Submitter Number: 554

Full Name: Murray Shipley

Organisation:

Suburb: Charing Cross RD 1

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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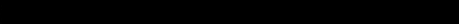
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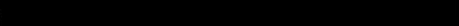
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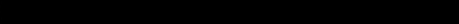
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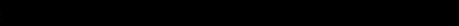
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Due To the size of the Malvern
Ward, it requires 2 Councillors.
The Act provides the flexibility for
this to happen.

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

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why complicate and confuse
areas by adding additional words.
Malvern is known as Malvern
Ellesmere is known as Ellesmere.

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

Will the massive rate increases
proposed for the Selwyn District.
Would it not be better for the
residents of rural Malvern and the
residents of rural south Ellesmere
to join - amalgamate with
Ashburton District.
And the areas of Rolleston, Lincoln
Pebbleton amalgamate with
Christchurch District.

Ashburton District council is renowned
for looking after their rural
residents, which Selwyn council, I feel,
does not do!

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Submitter Number: 555

Full Name: John Very

Organisation: Malvern Community Board

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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Submitter: **Malvern Community Board**

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

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

Address:

Malvern ward in the Selwyn District, Canterbury

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

Submissions close: 5 pm, Thursday, 12th September 2024

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

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

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

The submission is in seven (7) sections:

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

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SECTION A - INTRODUCTION

1. Role and Responsibilities of the Malvern Community Board

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

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

→ The Malvern Community Board's core functions include:

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

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

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2. Community Engagement in Preparing This Submission

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

3. Support for the 2024 Representation Review

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

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

4. Key Considerations for Effective Representation in the Malvern Ward

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

- **Geographic Size:**
The Malvern Ward is by far the largest and most rural of the wards in the Selwyn District, covering more-or-less 5,000 km², representing more-or-less seventy per cent (70%) of the land area of Selwyn District. This large geographic area necessitates ensuring reasonable access between elected representatives and constituents, facilitating regular face-to-face interactions and public meetings.



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

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

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

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

5. Recommendation, Commendation and a Concern

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

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

SECTION B – MALVERN COMMUNITY BOARD'S SUBMISSIONS

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

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

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

The Malvern Community Board opposes:-

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

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

- **Geographical Considerations:**
The Malvern Ward covers a significant land area, being more-or-less seventy per cent (70%) of the Selwyn District – and more-or-less 5,000 km², making accessible representation a challenge. Reducing councillors will hinder effective representation, especially in rural areas like Malvern, where physical and social geography plays a vital role in the community.
- **Legal Provisions:**
The *Local Electoral Act* 2021 provides for departures from the +/- 10% Rule in limited prescribed circumstances. MCB is of the view that the Malvern ward satisfies the legislative criteria to at least consider and likely qualify for an exception. The most likely outcome would be retention of two (2) councillors for the Malvern ward. This would ensure fair and effective representation, taking into account the large size and dispersed population of the Malvern ward – however constituted.

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

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

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

THIRD: Neutral Position on Proposed Boundary Changes

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

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

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

→ No Recommendation.

Fourth: Opposition to 'NO Community Boards'

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

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

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

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

→ Recommendation: The Malvern Community Board recommends:

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

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

FIFTH: Opposition to the Disestablishment of the Malvern Community Board

The Malvern Community Board opposes the proposal to disestablish the Malvern Community Board. The Board believes it is untestable that Community Boards serve an important role in giving smaller communities within larger wards an effective voice in local governance. Specifically, the MCB provides crucial representation for the many smaller, rural communities spread across Malvern's 5,000 km² area, comprising 70% of the Selwyn District.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No community boards

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

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

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

→ **Recommendation:** The Malvern Community Board recommends:

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

SIXTH: Neutral Position on the Proposed Name Change

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

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

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

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

SECTION C: INITIAL PROPOSAL'S REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

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

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

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

The provision in the legislation enabling a departure from strict compliance with the +/- 10% Rule has been successfully applied in various situations analogous the situation in regard to the Malvern Ward. Regional and District Council's have successfully applied for and been granted approval from the Local Government Commission² - *Local Electoral Act* 2001.

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

Illustrative are the following -

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

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

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

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

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

The Malvern Community Board is of the view that:

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

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

Can we learn from the past?

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

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

Council employee remuneration by band

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

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

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

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

Selwyn District Council
Annual Report 2022/23 page 96.

Moving on...

A: Proposed boundary changes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Further Rationale for retaining the option for Community Board

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

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

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

- The geographical land area remains more-or-less 5,000 km², constituting 70% of the Selwyn District, even allowing for the 'ches-pieces' to be moved from election to election;
- There has been negligible change in the communities of interest, with in Malvern there being a stable core of fourteen (14);
- There has been some population growth in the Malvern ward, but not to a degree that fundamentally alters its rural or semi-rural nature and characteristics of the ward, however constituted.

Representation Challenges in a Rapidly Growing District

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

The Initial Proposal suggests the following councillor distribution:

- 1 Councillor for Malvern, covering 4,887 km² and representing 9,510 people.
- 1 Councillor for Ellesmere, covering 1,264 km² and representing 10,930 people.
- 3 Councillors for Springs, covering 112 km² and representing 28,490 people.
- 3 Councillors for Rolleston, covering 22 km² and representing 32,310 people.

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

Need for Nuanced Representation

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

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

Overemphasis on the +/- 10% Rule

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

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

SECTION D: THE BOARDS CONCERNS

Enhancing the Quality of Feedback on the Initial Proposal

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Distinguishing between affected and unaffected respondents:

Directly Impacted Group:

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

Indirect or District-Wide Group:

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

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

2. Contextual Weighting

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

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

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

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

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

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

Addressing Community Concerns

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

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

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Lack of Evidence Supporting Fewer Councillors

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

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

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

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

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

...residents associations...



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

Referring to a previous determination of the *Local Government Commission*, it is probative and highly relevant that the Commission was clear, after a fair and proper hearing, in concluding that⁴:

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

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

³ https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/2151701/SDC_LTP24-34_Significance-Engagement-Policy_July24.pdf Accessed 5th September 2024

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

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

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

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

In fact, that SDC had the need to obtain feedback on two park-and-ride stations in Rolleston – especially given the then uncertainty as to funding sources and amounts. It now transpires that only ten per cent (10%) of the relied co-funding is now available! Ratepayers have the right to expect certainty and not have to foot the unnecessary extra costs of re-working proposals. As the fastest growing local government district in Aotearoa the Selwyn District has gained an urban core (Rolleston | Lincoln) and a network of semi-urban townships but retains much of its rural character: Malvern is some 5,000 Km² being around 70% of the District. In some respects Ellesmere and Springs also have similar issues in regard to fair and effective representation. Maybe had the initial proposal reflected a more critical and nuanced analysis and evaluation the initial proposal could have sought to ascertain from those in other wards whether a community board would assist in achieving better representation in each of the other wards.

Rural locations

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

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as having kaitiakitanga⁵ of the whenua. Flooding and mitigation are relevant – accepting these are matters for the Regional Council (ECan). Maintenance of rural roads, Reserves and Community Halls and facilities are important matters for our rural communities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Research Evidence on Representation Quality

United Kingdom Research

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

- UK Electoral Reform Society (2013):
This study highlights that larger ward sizes, following councillor reductions, lead to diminished accessibility, especially in rural areas. This finding is relevant to the Malvern and Ellesmere Wards, where reducing councillor numbers could severely limit residents' access to their representatives. The Malvern Community Board (MCB), through extensive community engagement, has determined that this issue will be even more acute if the MCB is disestablished, as residents would have fewer opportunities to engage with local elected representatives.
- Local Government Information Unit (UK):
Their research⁶ indicates that fewer councillors result in lower community engagement. With fewer elected officials, residents have fewer opportunities to interact with their representatives, leading to a decrease in voter turnout and a potential disengagement from the political process. This concern applies directly to rural wards like Malvern, where long travel distances already create accessibility challenges.

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

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- Commission on Local Governance (UK):
Several reviews conducted by the Commission demonstrate that reducing councillor numbers can reduce the quality of representation. This is particularly problematic in rural areas, where councillors face longer travel times and are less accessible to constituents.
- UK Local Government Boundary Commission (2022)
The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny⁷ found that reducing the number of councillors, especially in large rural wards, leads to decreased accessibility and reduced community advocacy. This finding is relevant in the context of Malvern, where the Initial Proposal - agreed by the majority of councillors, is that there be only one (1) councillor representing a vast geographic area, and no Malvern Community Board to share the work, a situation that could potentially result in significant gaps in effective representation in the Malvern ward and councillor 'burn-out'.

Australian Research on Council Representation

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

- Loss of Local Knowledge and Connection:
Research by the *Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government* suggests that reducing the number of councillors weakens the connection between councillors and their communities. In larger wards, councillors struggle to maintain the same level of local knowledge and engagement. This issue is evident in Selwyn, where one councillor is proposed to cover 70% of the district (representing 9,510 persons), compared to three councillors in Rolleston, each representing 10,770 persons within a significantly smaller area (7 km²). This is highly likely to apply in the Ellesmere ward with only one (1) councillor.
- Representation Gaps in Rural Areas:
A study by the *Queensland University of Technology* found that larger rural wards often struggle to provide equitable representation, as councillors are less accessible to constituents in distant or dispersed areas. This issue is directly applicable to the Malvern Ward, where representation gaps could widen if councillor numbers are reduced.

New Zealand Research on Local Government Representation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source: Local Government New Zealand (2019)

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

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PART E: RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

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

PART F: CONCERNS ABOUT THE SURVEY QUESTIONS

The Initial Proposal submission form

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

Clear and Unambiguous Questions

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

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

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

Question 1. asks,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contextual Questions for Affected Areas

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

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

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

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

Pilot Testing

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

PART G: TO CONCLUDE

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

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

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

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

→ Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

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

John F Verry



Community Board Member
 Deputy Chair - Malvern Community Board

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

Attachment A:

SDC Representation Review 2024 – SDC | Initial Proposal Submission Form

Initial Proposal Submission Form

Dated 12/9/24

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

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

You can make a submission using this form, or by completing the online submission form at selwyn.govt.nz/repreview.

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

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

Privacy statement

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

Submitter details

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

First name* Malvern

Last name* Community Board

Address* 4- Darfield Library
+ service centre

Town* Malvern

Postcode* 7510

Contact number* 022 087 3463

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

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation*

MCB - John Verry
Deputy chair

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☐ Ellesmere ☒ Malvern

☐ Rolleston ☐ Springs

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

Questions

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please add your comments

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

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

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

Return this submission form by:

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

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

- Posting it to:

- Freepost 104 653
PO Box 90
Rolleston 764

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

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

