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Submitter Number: 606

Full Name: Rachael Thomas – presenter Karl Dean

Organisation: North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers of New Zealand

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

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes



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**Submission on:
Selwyn District Council Representation Review**

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

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SUBMISSION ON THE SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION REVIEW PROPOSAL 2024

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NCFF wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

Responses to consultation questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

Submitter Number: 607

Full Name: Elaine Smart

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

Representation Review 2024

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Submitter details

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First name* Elaine

Last name* Smart

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*

Not Applicable

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.

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Please add your comments

Because of its extremely widespread rural area, Malvern Ward should continue to have two Councillors in order to fairly represent its people. - Ellesmere Ward should also continue to have two Councillors, because of its broad rural area. - Residents in rural areas greatly value and use their local community assets (such as community halls, historical sites, local libraries, showgrounds, sports facilities, churches, country schools, parks, clubrooms, and newspapers)

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 greatly appreciate the volunteer work done by our Malvern Community Board, (and also the volunteer work done by past members) Because Malvern Community Board members all live in & are out & about supporting our community - often in several different ways - they get to see what local needs & meet with local people hearing the concerns which need to be raised with Selwyn District's 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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English is spoken in many nations of our world.
Many families from many different countries/languages
are arriving to live here in Selwyn, and are needing to learn to
adequately understand the English language, in order to
participate in many key aspects of NZ life. Putting
Maori names in front of the Ward's names is
ridiculous and an example of making their learning
more difficult.

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

West Melton (on a main route to our
CHRISTCHURCH CITY) is northwards of
the Main South Road — so transportwise
doesn't easily link with the other Springs Ward's
townships listed.

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Full Name: Gordon Gilmour

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Property Location: Malvern

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Last name* GILMOUR

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Please add your comments

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Submitter Number: 609

Full Name: Evan Frew

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: Yes

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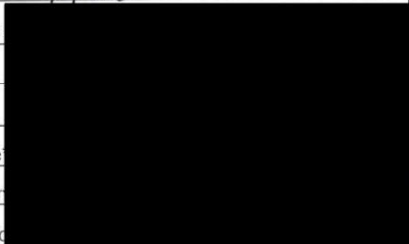
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Last name* Frew

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Contact number

Email address

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I consider that the reduction from 10 council member to 8, a back word step especially that the former size of our local area requires more than 1 councillor to effectively represent the people

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Please add your comments

The area of Malvern has had a long good service from the MCB. It is more now important to give it responsibilities & a chance to address local issues that a councillor will not have time to address.

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Why do we need to have every word with a Maori name & as such listed first
I would have thought that Rolleston would have been OK.

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

I am concerned how much the concentration of decision making will be done by such a small number of Councillors.

The retention of the Malvern Community Board is essential for such a large land area with many different communities to ensure that local issues are addressed.

One Councillor for Malvern is just a token gesture by Council to claim that it is doing local governance satisfying outcomes. It is the death of local Democracy.

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Submitter Number: 610

Full Name: Gavin Lea

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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Submitter Number: 611

Full Name: Jullie Sorrell

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

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First name* Julie

Last name* Sorrell



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Leave them alone for once.
The renaming of everything
the Council sees fit to
change alienates many in
the Community. Many Groups
would wish to gift names to the
Council, but are prevented doing so.

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Submitter Number: 612

Full Name: Gillian Sweeney

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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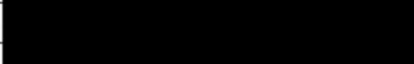
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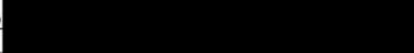
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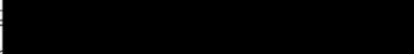
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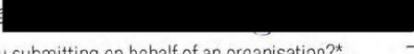
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Submitter Number: 613

Full Name: Lois Lea

Organisation:

Property Location: Malvern

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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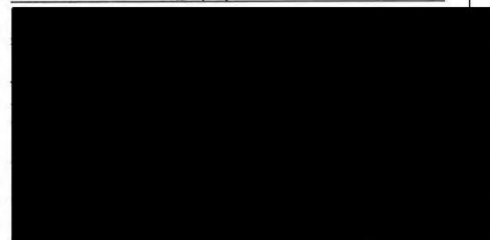
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Public need more voice, not less.

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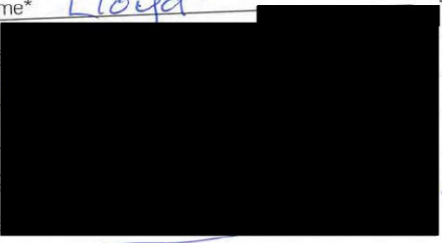
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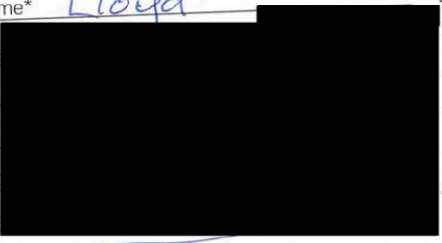
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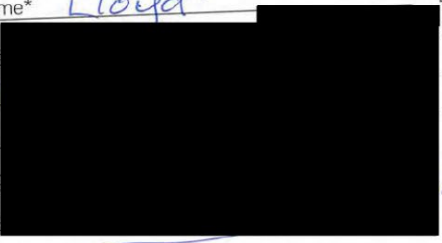
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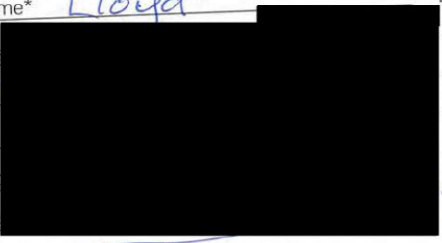
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*The current names
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to use and for find,
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Submitter Number: 615

Full Name: Peter Hobbs

Organisation:

Property Location: Springs

Wish to speak to the submission: No

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CONSULTATION OPENS 8/8/24

THIS IS DELIVERED BY MAIL
6/9/24

CONSULTATION CLOSES 12/9/24

HOW IS THE TIMING JUSTIFIED.

DOES THIS COUNCIL ACTUALLY
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