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## SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL Annual Plan 2020 / 2021

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## Selwyn District Council

Published by Steph Murphy [?] · 22 April · 🌐



Consultation is now open on the Draft Annual Plan for 2020/21.

The consultation includes six key issues that we want your feedback on, including options to reduce rates increases. There's also information on the range of projects and developments planned for the coming 12 months.

To read more, and to have your say go to the link below.



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Published by Steph Murphy [?] · 1 May at 16:59 ·

Mayor Sam Broughton introduces the Council's Annual Plan, which is open for consultation until 22 May.

Check it out online and send us your feedback.

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For information about our rates payment extension scheme, go to [www.selwyn.govt.nz/rates](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/rates)



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**Chris Tyler** Id like to see the council do the right thing for the Selwyn Huts. Make it right.

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**Jens Christensen** 0 rates rises don't make a lot of difference. What does is trimming surplus staff and the proper tendering of works contracts instead of handing them on a plate to Sicon/Blakely.

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**Eddie Clark** Jens Christensen A rates rise is not needed as there is so much development in Selwyn for housing, offices and factories which is generating millions upon millions new revenue.

Selwyn is a highly desirable place to live. Very sadly Selwyn Council do not protect the Selwyn environment at all well. In addition Environment Canterbury constantly make the comment they are under resourced in staff and financing. What would be welcome is to ensure the council becomes much more efficient instead of the slow cumbersome organisation it has become

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**Eddie Clark** I would really like to see Selwyn Council and Environment Canterbury get their real weight behind the proposed waste plant extension. Speak up for Selwyn, it's villages and environment by every means possible including using the District plan

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**Mike Moulin** They have a bloody nerve to increase rates, with people being laid off, or hours cut back.

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**John Nigel Shirtcliffe** 0 rate rise this year

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**Selwyn District Council**

Published by Steph Murphy [?] · 5 May at 17:30 · 🌐

We're reviewing the level of rates increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on our lives.

In the Draft Annual Plan we are reviewing the rates increase to ensure we make the right decision for our community and we want to know what you think.

We had originally proposed an average 3.5% increase in line with our Long-Term Plan 2018-2028, but we're now considering options to reduce this, or to freeze rates at this year's level.

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**John Nigel Shirtcliffe** Hope you are not doing the ccc trick paying a lot of your people \$ 1000 k a year if you are it's time to cut there wages .most of the rates will be going on wages .

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**Mark Alexander** I can assure you John Nigel Shirtcliffe that no-one at the SDC is paid \$1000K per year.

I don't have the salary banding for staff.  
The Chief Executive has just been reappointed and agreed to a cut in his salary.

Getting and keeping good staff requires that an organisation pays competitive salaries. It costs more to pay a consultant when one hasn't got the expertise in-house.

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**Anne Thompson** I think he meant 100K. Is anyone earning that Mark?

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**Hannah Mackay** Anne Thompson yes they are it's in the annual report and how about how many staff are not currently working and on full pay

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**Anne Thompson** So that was a smartarsed reply from the councillor then, who knew full well what John meant.

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**Jens Christensen** It is not so much whether the odd person is considered to be receiving too much salary, it is a matter of ensuring that all positions are necessary and that those that are employed are producing a full 40 hours. Another saving to be made is to ensure that civil works are tendered and not handled to Sicon/Blakely on a plate.

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**Lucy White** John Nigel Shirtcliffe as per the 18/19 annual report SDC has 468 employees, with 200 FTE and 46 earning 100k or more (with 3 earning more than 220k). Assuming that all those that earn 100k + are FTEs then that's 1 in 4 full time employees that earn 100k or more. I don't have the figures for 19/20 as these are not available on the council website yet.

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**John Nigel Shirtcliffe** Lucy White it takes a lot of rates to pay that amount of money each year

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**Lucy White** John Nigel Shirtcliffe apologies I miscalculated, it's 41 not 46 employees earning 100k or more in FY 18/19. 47 employees of the council earned 80-100k, so it is a reasonable deduction to assume that some of these may have crossed the 100k threshold in FY 19/20. And yes, that is a fair amount of rates.

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**John Nigel Shirtcliffe** Lucy White that's ok but it's still a lot of money spent on wages in the trying times we are going through hope they look twice about the money they spend on some of there pet project's. I bet they would be more cearefull if it was there money . There are a lot of people that have lost there jobs or getting a lot less hurs the rates have been going up and up quite a lot each year and a lot more homes beeing built and thay are adding to the pool of rate money

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**Dušan Horky** And how am I supposed to translate it as a Guild

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**Sue Jones** Remember to follow the link to have your say

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**Glen Lovelock** Rates keep going up along with inflated salaries ,seen better roads in Africa . Get it sorted you Greedy Huas!!

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**Al Sinclair** Do something for small business you are killing the hospitality industry in Selwyn with you're greedy rip off policies Would like to know what the percentage your wages are to your GDP Christchurch City council wages 40% I wonder what yours are most of you got your nose in the trough

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**Gareth Oldman** No need to increase rates. Just stick an animal control officer with a pair of binoculars on Liffey Wetlands.

You'll be printing money catching the inconsiderate arseholes that flout the dog leash rules!

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**Matt Marquis** Pay rises frozen across most sectors yet this greedy council still continues to squeeze money out of us any way it can... they try to justify it saying it's for roading (that is never completed), a dog park (that you can hardly use due to private booki... See more

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**Kathryn Spurdle** Our rates went up \$900 this year .... it's crazy

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**Dean Spurdle** Welcome to big government Kathryn Spurdle

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**Kathryn Spurdle** Dean, lol thanks for the welcome , I think we have first class tickets

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**Dean Spurdle** When you consider what you guy's get for your rates \$900 is a MASSIVE increase!

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**Misha Baxter** Kathryn doesn't sound like 3.5% increase 🤔

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**Joanne Kenure** The rates over the last few years have gone up massively and a lot of people have been finding it harder to pay. Council needs to stop spending and reduce our rates to make it more manageable for everyone. Yes roading is important. So is our water supplies. You say we don't pay for our water. Well 2 charges say we do. One is upkeep the other is usage. I sincerely hope that foreign countries are still not taking our water

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**Jill Gordon** Reduce rates.... go back to basic infrastructure spend and maintenance - bread and butter items.... and remove all the cake and icing items please.... if we are all having to cut and reduce our outgoings SDC should be doing the same.....

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**Joanne Kenure** **Jill Gordon** I agree with you. In these lockdown and following depression times we need to cut back and consolidate what we have and not go on splurging on things that we can't now afford. SDC should cut back on their spending and just do essentials. No new halls/libraries council buildings. No new sewerage schemes. New Zealanders need to cut back and dig in. We are going to go thru a lot of tough times with massive unemployment. Wage decreases. Fewer hours etc

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**Lily Lee** Please clean up the Prebbleton central. It's full of birds nest and poo under the roof.



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**Deb Thompson Bee** Time for a rate freeze this year!! Nothing more to add than that. It's simple !

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**Hugh Foster** Freeze our rates AND the pay rates of all Selwyn Council Councillors, Mayor, accountant & management! I got 1.7% rise before Covid, so your ground level staff below 65k per annum should get no more! Make your business lean just like the rest of us!

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**Chris Martin** Why an increase, its not like we are getting more for our money.

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**Chris Tyler** Read the Save the Selwyn Huts FB

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**Carmel Salkeld** freeze

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**Selwyn District Council**

Published by Steph Murphy [?] · 7 May at 14:51 · 🌐



We're proposing to take a pause on developing a new community centre in Prebbleton.

In the Long-Term Plan 2018–2028 we proposed developing a new community centre in Prebbleton.

Since then we've carried out consultation with the Prebbleton community, and found that although there's strong support for a new facility, there's uncertainty around the best location and type of facility it should be.

Taking more time to work with the community on planning would help us find the best long-term outcome. We want to know what you think.

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**Chris Tyler** Good idea.[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) · 2w



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**Selwyn District Council ▶ Leeston/Southbridge/Ellesmere  
CommunityPage**



13 May at 10:37 · 🌐

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Anna Epiha and David Marshall

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**Jamma Taituha** Definitely needed

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Published by Steph Murphy [?] · 12 May at 19:27 · 🌐

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We're providing for growth and demand management in our water network.

One of our essential services is to provide high quality drinking water to more than 80% of the district's population.

The network is funded through a standard district-wide rating system which includes a fixed base rate and a variable amount based on the amount of water used.

We now need to review these charges, so that we are making adequate provision for future growth and security in our water supply infrastructure network, to encourage water conservation, and to provide for any impact from the Government's Three Waters review.

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**Findlay Jenkins** It's a wonder they dont charge for air and well far to many bureaucrats sucking the system

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**Stephen Constable** Mmmreally didnt no we didnt have high quality water?

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**Joanne Kenure** See water is not free. We pay for our usage

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**Grace Taylor** Can you please advise what date submission close? I don't see one.

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**Selwyn District Council** ✓ Hi Grace, consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 22 May. Thanks 😊

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We're proposing to develop a wastewater system for central Darfield.

Over the past three years we've been working with other agencies and the local community, to consider options for a wastewater scheme for Darfield and Kirwee, which do not currently have a reticulated wastewater system.

A business case assessment showed the most appropriate option was to develop a scheme for central Darfield and for any new development within the township.

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**Juliet Flanagan** Chris Flanagan

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**Jens Christensen** Ratepayers of Selwyn, be very afraid of this proposal as part of the schemes funding is suggested to be funded by all of Selwyn. Every other waste water scheme in Selwyn has been funded by the community that gets the benefit. I have no problems with the operating costs being funded by the District but not the capital costs. Submit your views to the annual plan, closes soon. Check councils Web site for details.

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**Selwyn District Council ▸ Darfield, New Zealand, Community Group**

14 May at 17:13 · 🌐

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14 Comments



**Al Sinclair** Why the would you do it now with Covid Completely out of touch especially when you're spending other people's money

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**Bianca Allen** Many have sent in to say no to this unnecessary system. We all have PAID for our septic tanks and maintain them. Stop ignoring the community. No we do not want this system. Stop wasting money on unnecessary projects! Stop ignoring our responses

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**Gareth Rowlands** If the majority of people in the current council, had been there for more than 5 minutes, and had any sort of ticker, rather than scratching their comrades backs to get ahead, then they would know that the rate paying residents of Darfield, already paid for a wastewater scheme that never eventuated, (notice this is conveniently negated from the current document). Why should they pay for another, they likely will never see?, and probably instead be manifested, in yet another improvement for Rolleston, the SDC "Jewel in the voting crown".

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**Philip Hunt** Nope, don't want it don't need it. Maybe you could hold off while we all deal with your comrades consequences. Stop wasting money.

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**Sharn Nu'u**



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**Campbell McClimont** So by further community consultation, you mean you're going to tell us what you are going to do and we as the ratepayers can hit our head on a brick wall. I can't recall a time when I have ever spoken to someone in Darfield who wants this. But then this doesn't meet the business plan of someone on the council who has only got time and overpaid at that, to find ways to spend up large on something unwanted and unnecessary.

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**Denise Ellen** At a time when our rates have risen to extraordinary levels in Darfield for no visible advantage, you want to ask Darfield people to dig even deeper into their pockets to begin this journey? Or does this only affect the main business sector who maybe s...  
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**Luke Simpson** Dont need it.

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**Sharn Nu'u** When you've got fibre cables being laid, but don't have a sewerage system 🤔 #shittownofNZ

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**Denise Ellen** Sharn Nu'u fibre cable was a directive of the central govt. Rolling it out over NZ. Most rural towns have a septic tank the cost per household to be added to your rates could be \$25k and if you rent it will be passed onto you! This cost belongs to everyone!

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**Richard Poole** This doesn't make sense to me, everyone in the township already has a septic system. Where is the benefit unless Darfield is going to double/triple in size?

The cost to decommission existing tanks and connect to reticulated wastewater system will be significant for both ratepayers and homeowners. Homeowners currently have to pay for septic emptying/servicing but that would just be replaced with an annual cost for the reticulated system.

This seems like a solution in search of a problem, I've not met anyone in Darfield who is in favour of this change because we all seem to be struggling to see why it's necessary/beneficial relative to the costs incurred.

Frankly, the money would be better spent on providing community services or investments that create long-term jobs rather than creating huge infrastructure disruption that then costs local jobs by removing the need for septic tank servicing.

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**Trent O'Neill** Why is everyone so bull headed? Just because you already have a septic system doesn't mean that the township shouldn't have a reticulated sewer system.

Darfield is a growing city and adding one of these will help with growth and also save future buildings the cost of having to add one which in turn drives further growth

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**Bianca Allen** **Trent O'Neill** we pay more then enough rates which keep going up and up and up each year and have already forked out to pay for septic tanks. Council can do it but they need to budget for it and not be a cost on top of what we pay them each year. They have know about future plans of these areas which they should have budgeted for years ago. Can u afford another 10k/20k/30k on top of your mortgage,rates, food, water charges, electricity etc most households cant.

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**Richard Poole** Have a look at the actual plan Trent and you'll see that the proposed areas won't help with new developments as they only intend to cover one end of Horndon St and the area by the sawmill and one side of the shops. For the cost involved, it feels like the money could be spent more wisely.



**David Cruickshank** Quite happy with what I have thanks.

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**Kathy Nustrini** Nope don't want it, have a septic and rates bill that is already expensive enough

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**Andrea Horton-Gaskin** Don't want it thanks I have a treatment system already which is as good as the reticulated system treatment and I paid handsomely for it so unless SDC refund me for that I won't be paying ANYTHING

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**Bianca Allen** I recommend sending in your views to the council as they want and need to hear from you. Just did and its quick and easy to do 😊

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**Lee Brunton** Yes make your views official, it is fairly quick to register and submit your viewpoint.

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Steve Curtis How do people know that you even read them?

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Chris O'Brien Finished mine today. 🙄

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