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Annual Plan 2020/21  
Consultation Document



## SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL Annual Plan 2020 / 2021

**SUBMITTERS TO BE HEARD**  
**Tuesday 2 June 2020**



**REFER SEPARATE BOOKLETS FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

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### Submission

Today's Selwyn's Times invites us your ratepayers to have our say on your plan. Apparently you get to define the issues and we like sheep get to submit our feedback. That not the way democracy works Sam.

I go back to our pre local body election session at the West Melton Domain when first and foremost we discussed your approach to rate setting and most importantly rate increases. For the record I withdraw my domain curb sealing request.

Covid-19 will ravage us more profoundly that the earthquake. It calls though for a seismic shift in thinking in both the public and the private sectors, let alone personal domain.

The businesses that I am involved with are a million miles away from your thinking which is plough on ahead as if nothing had happened (option one), freeze rates but gotcha we will claw that back next year (option two), the 'difficult' decision to find some savings and so lets split the difference (option three).

Businesses on who we depend to keep this show on the road and most importantly keep employment at proper levels, are all in a very different mode.

The three options now before the business sector are one, to fold the tent and go out of business; two, to scale back on employment to best ensure that they survive for another day; and three, to take a knife to running costs.

The latter is the gold standard and the public sector is no different. What do you mean – "we cant find savings" – give me a day in the office and I will do that for free.

In fact in cannot have escaped your notice that the reason NZ was so well positioned going into this crisis was that for 25 years successive governments had taken to heart my fiscal responsibility rules. It was not difficult to make the necessary decisions to find savings, given will and skill.

Heart and head said the same thing – it was the right thing to do on every front.

We are all in this together is a refrain we have heard ad nauseum throughout this crisis.

That applies to local government Sam – there is no hiding place from the virus and its profound consequences.

So how about the only option that is fiscally and morally responsible – trim the council to size in the new environment, consider what is core business and perform at a high level of efficiency. Only then can trust so critical to central and local government's licence to operate be restored.

You will have a ratepayer revolt if you choose any other course.

I have copied this to the next generation of ratepayers (my daughter and her husband) confident that they feel more strongly about your head in the sand attitude than I do. Nga mihi Ruth

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### **Submission**

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My 1 page Submission is attached

In Summary while we appreciate the challenges the council face in meeting the demands of their residents and the regulatory requirements of central government this proposal is unfair when one group [Malvern Rural ]has a percentage rise double the average and double most townships.In essence this happens through demands made on the General Rate.

Rural ratepayers face those very same demands from the same organisations without the ability to pass on those costs. We respectfully request the Council do as we must and go back with a sharper pencil.

Paul and Ann Jarman

## Submission Selwyn District Council Annual Plan Paul & Ann Jarman

I prepare this submission at a time when we see on a global scale the importance of community capital. The idea that communities that work together for the greater good, has significantly more success especially facing issues like a pandemic. I note also, the importance of keeping up investment in essential infrastructure like health systems, roading and water supply. I know the council considers all these issues when preparing this document.

In the US they value “individual rights”. In New Zealand we have traditionally valued “fairness”. This does not mean that everyone is taxed at the same rate, but it does mean there is proportionality in those who pay and those who receive from taxes. With tax, there is a sweet spot where those who pay more can see the reason for the tax and agree to pay that tax. If they consider a tax unfair, they either hire experts to develop clever ways of avoiding that tax, or they ignore it. Taxes only work if most people see them as fair. Unfair taxes erode community capital.

I do not consider a rate rise fair where one group [Malvern Rural, a group already in some cases paying nearly ten times more than most ratepayers] face a percentage rate rise double the average. That is not fair. Rural ratepayers mostly do not ask for quality pools, community meeting places and town centres. Yes, we use the roads, but so do the people of those townships. That problem has a solution because community centres and pool rates can be targeted. The way things stand the main council costs are in the General Rate and so the general rate charges fall disproportionately on rural ratepayers.

We understand that the council has had a suite of new demands from central government focussed on things like water quality assurance, health and safety and costs associated with Covid 19. So do their rural ratepayers. In the last 10 years almost every farming business has had to make costly and significant changes to the way they operate. Its appropriate that we do so and we recognise that this will be an ongoing process as we work with science to ensure we mitigate as much as possible our footprint on the land. However, unlike the council we cannot pass on these significant business costs. We must absorb them.

Farmers absolutely know the bind that faces the council, we face the same issues. We also, like the council, face the costs of reinvesting in our basic infrastructure. One part of that exercise is:

- not committing to new projects when your business needs basic capital investment
- only spend money you have
- you on-charge the real cost of any project [Proposed Castle Hill project]
- you do not pay costs that should be paid by central government [Blackberry Patch ]

**Like almost every business in New Zealand, the council needs to go back and sharpen its pencil in the matter of general rate increases and ensure that the percentage rate rise is within 1-2% across the district.**

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### Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

\*There is a significant growth in house building/industry in the Selwyn District which brings with it a significant “new” contribution in volume of new cash payments available to SDC.

Why does the proposed rate rises need to be as high given the new level of income from a largely increased population/activity?

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

\* A good idea to reflect on what is required for the larger community but “fix” a time in which a decision must be made. Current facilities are woefully inadequate. The council like it or not, have a big reputation for reacting and progressing very slowly and procrastinating. Would be good to know we have deferred the decision to get it right but move at a decent pace once the community has given a good input.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

Any community in Selwyn will benefit from a proper review to ensure facilities are fit for purpose.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

Water is a complex topic. From the outside looking in councils do not manage water as a precious resource with determination and legislation and resources with view it is crucial and must be protected. Allowing water to be drawn for bottling plants for export is most likely the most highly profiled in the media. The level of income gained from those operations is appalling. It does seem to be a bargain for overseas investors. Other water bottling operations in other countries bring millions in revenue for the benefit of governments / councils / residents.

Kiwi residents view it as an abuse that is long overdue a comprehensive review.

If used in farming for irrigation as was intended for many of those water consents, it would be used to grow the food industry in all forms and is eventually returned to the ground not exported.

All of the current scientists analysis and findings indicate that future weather patterns will involve Selwyn District being drier than it currently is. To not plan very carefully for 10, 20 or 30 years ahead would be negligent and very detrimental to our region.

The legislation being used needs a seriously modern approach and not the “in perpetuity” approach currently used. Whilst it is understood the water is “free” and the water charge is for maintenance of the operations associated to it the council is seriously lacking in protecting by:

Lack of resources to properly monitor circumstances which threaten water quality. Quite often issues surrounding protecting water/maintaining water quality is thrown between SDC and Environment Canterbury.

Given that water is so vital and such a precious resource it is futile to not have a “joined up overall” official body with ultimate leadership, governance and powers to protect. EC claim to be under resourced when speaking with it’s officials.

Many illegal non consented businesses in the whole of the Selwyn District with impunity. Efforts by SDC / EC to deal with them are weak, very drawn out and both SDC / EC fail to properly and scientifically monitor the effect of non consented businesses on our water resources.

As non consented businesses they are often rural and able to draw and use water on a private basis and not on a commercial basis. Contamination when it occurs is dealt with effectively. The establishment of a waste treatment plant has also angered the community as SDC knows already. The potential for it to bring issues to the water supply have been highlighted. Residents are expecting SDC to protect the Prebbleton community but there is a level of scepticism that SDC will not step up in this focused aspect of water protection.

These are a number of reasons why SDC should not impose a rise at this time. They should review how under current national legislation can SDC manage water better for the benefit of all. A survey on the Selwyn residents would be helpful that would specifically address the wider community’s feelings on water management. If quality management and policies are established water rates rises would be far more acceptable.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

With my previous comments on how precious water is, anything that can be done to manage water quality to the highest level must be planned carefully and implemented practically

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn’s people and economy.

It is obvious Covid 19 has bought the need to plan well and have the resources to deal with foreseen and foreseen events and circumstances.

In order to have proper resources, SDC needs to ensure the district is strong with good revenues contributing to reserves and infrastructure. Protecting the Selwyn District is vital so that agriculture and business can thrive.

Current management of protecting the Selwyn environment, creating strong revenues lack real “teeth” and depth in the medium term and in particular the long term. Covid 19 is a serious issue but must not occupy and detract from the Selwyn big picture.



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**Submission**

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

As a business owner of Kirwee Tree House Learning Centre I strongly support the proposed reticulated waste water scheme in relation to issue 5 of the annual plan. The current septic systems and Ecan requirements have been restrictive and complicated for our business and other residents. A reticulated system would be beneficial not only to our business but all current and future businesses in the area and also the community as a whole. We are currently consented for 66 people on site and wish to grow this to 116 in the next three years. The Kirwee Primary School is facing similar growth in numbers and I know this will put pressure on their facilities as well. There is a lot of development and growth in Kirwee and I personally think this is absolutely essential for the community.

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### Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

I am very strongly in favour of proposed option 3 - no increase, hold the 2020/21 rates at the same level as the 2019/20 rates. The downturn in business activity and household incomes is unprecedented, and Selwyn households cannot afford additional expenses in the current economic environment. If this means deferring some projects, or down-scaling other activities, or finding cheaper ways of doing things, then please do that.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

As a Prebbleton Resident, I am in favour of this especially if it provides more means for deferring rates increases. We are coping with what we have for now, what we won't be able to cope with is further rates increases.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

Given the lack of impact on rates until money is needed for its proposed construction in 2025/26, surely it is best to make sure that the money that is eventually spent is on something fit for purpose.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

I am strongly in favour of proposed option 3 - maintain the level of fixed charge at the current level of \$244, and adopt a higher level of increase for the variable charge. This will result in a 'user pays' system which will in turn result in a much more efficient use of water.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

This project should be deferred until better economic times.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

I support option 1 as it has the least effect on households and ratepayers.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

The \$2.8 million Prebbleton sports park in Birch's road looks to be the most expensive local project that the council currently has on the go. As a local Prebbleton resident, and active member of the Prebbleton Football Club, I and my club-mates would be the first ones to benefit from this - and if deferring this project would enable the council to defer or cancel

rates increases, then I would fully support that deferral or cancellation. We can cope with the current facilities at the domain, what we can't cope with right now is increases to rates bills in such terrible economic conditions. Please do everything you can to not hike rates, I am willing to sacrifice projects that are nice to have rather than must have, even the ones that benefit me personally.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

The first priority must be to hold off on any rates increases. Look for whatever can be cut or deferred or decreased in scope to achieve this. Households are all tightening our belts, local government should do the same.

I do not believe that a local council should be funding community grants. Not-for-profit organisations can and should look after themselves. This is not a core function of local government that my rates need to go towards. Not only do I advocate zero increase in grant to community organisations, I advocate zero funding. I personally give a significant portion of my income to charities so I am not some heartless Tory saying this.

I do not believe that the council offices should be extended at this point in time. Many other Selwyn businesses and government departments are deferring large capital spends until better economic times, Selwyn Council can too.

I strongly support an extension to cycleways connecting towns in Selwyn to each other, as well as better connection to Christchurch via Springs and Shands roads. If cycleways are going to be built, then half-hearted, narrow or incomplete cycleways are worse than doing nothing at all. The projects should be examined so that a cyclist can safely conduct an entire journey between towns, and we should include a path to Burnham Camp into dedicated cycleways. Cycleways within towns are a waste of money in my opinion as it should be perfectly safe for cyclists and motorists to coexist in 50km/hr roads. Selwyn council should seek funding from Central government as a priority for this and can sell itself as being a great test case for the country (we have heaps of space and are flat, so will get a good uptake in cycling if this is done properly).

I also wish to advocate not comparing the proposed rates increase of 3-5% with a the 10 year average. I believe that rates increases over the last 10 years have been too high, and a better increase would be with household incomes and economic activity, which are both decreasing significantly at this point in time.

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Refer to the attached submission

NOTE FROM ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION STAFF TO ELECTED MEMBERS:

Roger Crozier, Ascot Park Limited has entered 8 separate submissions. It has been agreed with Mr Crozier that he has been allocated 20 minutes to speak to these separate submissions.

## FEEDBACK ON BEHALF OF ASCOT PARK LIMITED (APL) IN RELATION TO THE POTENTIAL DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

To Selwyn District Council

Name Ascot Park Limited

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Council rating number X

### INTRODUCTION

- 1 The Potential Darfield and Kirwee Wastewater Treatment System was notified for feedback on 10 June 2019. The Director of APL, Roger Crozier, attended both the business owner and public information sessions on 27 June 2019 and has reviewed the material available at the [selwyn.govt.nz/dkwastewater](http://selwyn.govt.nz/dkwastewater) website link.
- 2 Ascot Park Limited is the registered proprietor of the land identified on the plan in Attachment A (**the APL land**). The APL land is located directly opposite the Council owned land at 354 Creyke Road (**the Council owned land**) which has been identified as a potential location for a future wastewater treatment plant and disposal area.
- 3 The APL land is the site of a 58 hectare subdivision - Torlesse Estate. Resource consent is held for development of 172 sections which are scheduled to be released in 8 stages in the coming years. 11 sections are already separately titled with four in new ownership.
- 4 APL holds resource consent from the Canterbury Regional Council (CRC176726) authorising the discharge of domestic wastewater to the APL land by way of individual on-site treatment and discharge systems. Consent conditions require residential dwellings and commercial businesses to connect to a community sewerage scheme if one is available.
- 5 APL is pleased to have the opportunity to provide initial feedback on the potential Darfield and Kirwee Wastewater treatment system (**the potential scheme**).

### GENERAL COMMENTS

- 6 APL is very concerned that Council have identified the Council owned land as the potential site for a future wastewater treatment plant and disposal area. The proposed development is adversely affecting both APL in its ability to market and sell sections but also the amenity of current and future owners of the 172 sections in Torlesse Estate.
- 7 APL considers that if Council decide to proceed with the potential scheme it ought to investigate other locations for the following reasons:
  - 7.1 The Council owned land is not a suitable location due to its close proximity to Torlesse Estate, other residential/ living areas and the Darfield township;
  - 7.2 The Council owned land is desirable land as it is close to the Darfield township. APL considers it would be more appropriate for the Council to sell the Council owned land, and if it decides to proceed with the potential scheme purchase another parcel of land further from residential areas; and
  - 7.3 The Council owned land does not provide room for growth should populations in the Darfield or Kirwee townships increase beyond modelled expectations.
- 8 APL opposes the potential scheme being located on the Council owned land but is also concerned that Council has not identified a "need" for the potential scheme in general:

- 8.1 The information available on the Council website (various reports from 1996 – 2017) suggest that the existing systems of onsite septic tanks are not having a detrimental effect on the environment;
  - 8.2 Baseline water quality monitoring and soil sampling indicates no degradation as a result of the existing wastewater disposal methods;
  - 8.3 The potential scheme will be expensive and it is expected that a large portion of this cost will be passed to the ratepayer; and
  - 8.4 It is uneconomical to fund the potential scheme when the current disposal methods pose no threat to the environment.
- 9 APL's impression of the community response to the potential scheme, following the business owner and public information sessions, was that the majority in attendance opposed the potential scheme going ahead for the above reasons, and that if the potential scheme was to proceed all considered it should not be located on the Council owned land as this was too close to Darfield's residential areas.

## **SPECIFIC FEEDBACK**

### *Health concerns with current onsite treatment system*

- 10 APL is not aware of any health concerns experienced by the community in relation to current onsite treatment systems. The reports available on the Council website do not point to evidence that would suggest there is a health risk resulting from current onsite treatment methods.

### *Performance and maintenance issues*

- 11 With respect to existing onsite treatment systems, APL understands that water quality monitoring and soil sampling has not identified a decline in the state of the environment. It is expected that existing systems will continue to operate without any adverse effect.
- 12 With respect to new residential development, the disposal of wastewater is controlled by stringent permitted activity conditions contained in the Land and Water Regional Plan. Where conditions cannot be met then resource consent will need to be obtained and applications will undergo vigorous assessment to determine preferred site specific wastewater treatment and disposal systems.
- 13 For example, APL's discharge permit provides that each individual wastewater system constructed at Torlesse Estate must adhere to conditions controlling maximum volumes and nitrate concentrations, a requirement to construct an advanced (Grade A, B or C) wastewater treatment system, strict design criteria for each land application system as well as monitoring, reporting and maintenance obligations. Due to the high level of Regional Council oversight no performance or maintenance issues are expected.
- 14 In contrast, a reticulated community scheme contains many moving parts and would impose ongoing performance and maintenance obligations, the cost of which is likely to be borne by the Council - the larger the scheme the greater chance of malfunction and resultant environmental harm.

### *Future consenting and legislation restrictions that may affect APL*

- 15 APL considers that if the potential scheme is to proceed as proposed - a centralised wastewater treatment plant and irrigation to land discharge area - there is potential for adverse effects to be generated including (but not limited to):
  - 15.1 Air quality issues, including odour effects for neighbouring landowners;

- 15.2 Potential overland flow/ runoff;
  - 15.3 Spray drift – the vicinity of the Council owned land is regularly buffered by high winds;
  - 15.4 Reverse sensitivity issues;
  - 15.5 Reduced amenity for neighbouring land uses; and
  - 15.6 Reduction in property value for surrounding land.
- 16 Should Council decide to proceed with the potential scheme it will be subject to the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**) and Council will need to obtain various resource consents to authorise the development. These may include:
- 16.1 Land use consent – use of land for a centralised wastewater treatment and disposal area;
  - 16.2 Discharge Permit – discharge of treated wastewater to land where it may enter water and/ or to land via irrigation and/ or seepage from treatment ponds; and
  - 16.3 Discharge permit - discharge of contaminants to air.
- 17 If Council decide that the Council owned land is to be the location of the potential scheme, APL considers it is an “affected person” under the RMA and would oppose any resource consent application.

*Perceived intensification, commercial growth and business restrictions*

- 18 APL considers that Council projected number of new households by 2031 (as detailed in the public meeting power point slides) is inflated. APL considers a more realistic estimate would be an increase of approximately 300 households rather than the 440 identified.
- 19 Regardless of the number of new households, APL does not consider there to be an environmental risk associated with the subsequent increase in wastewater discharge for the reasons outlined at 12 -13 above.

*The stigma of large non-reticulated community*

- 20 APL does not consider there is a stigma associated with being part of a large non-reticulated community. The relevant stigma to consider is that of the potential scheme establishing within an established residential area, and the impact that this would have on amenity.

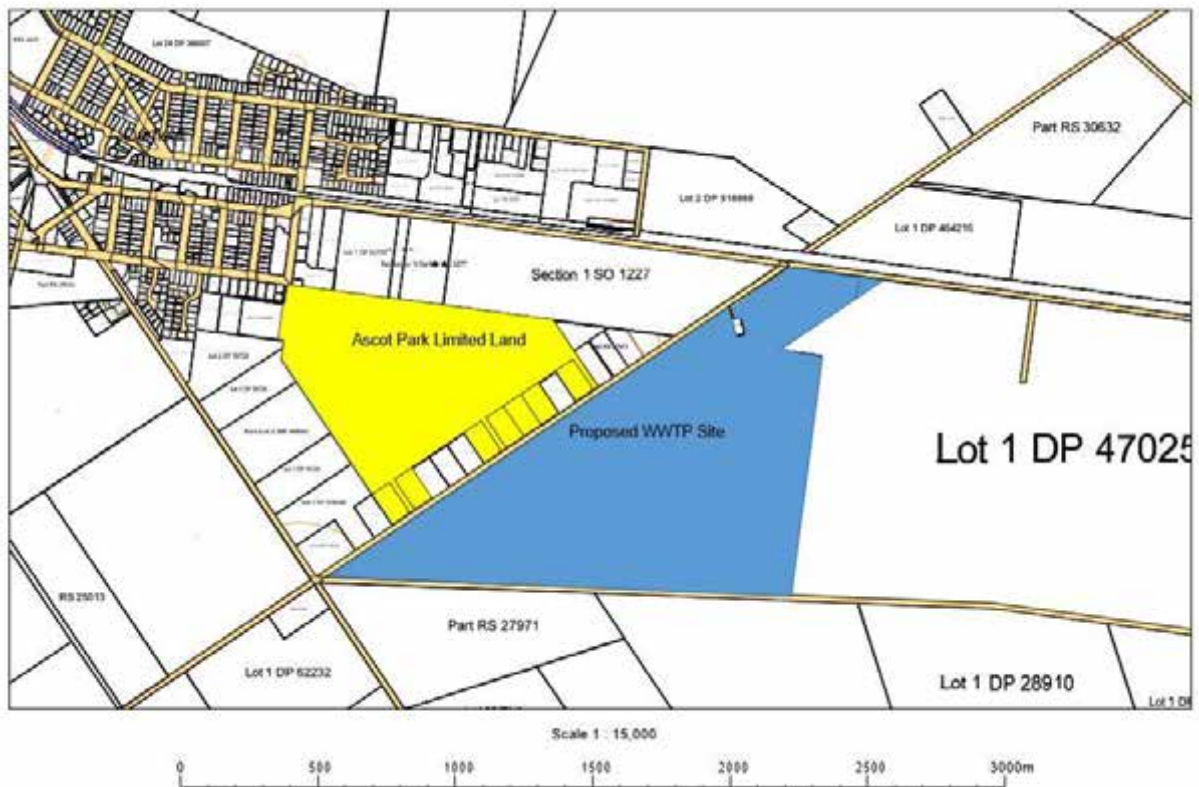
*The affordability of potential wastewater upgrades*

- 21 APL considers the cost associated with establishing a potential scheme must be carefully considered by Council before committing the community to the project. APL would not like to see future landowners in Torlesse Estate being required to part fund the potential scheme where there is no driver (environmental or otherwise) for a change to the status quo.

**RELIEF SOUGHT**

- 22 If Council decides to proceed with the potential scheme it should sell the Council owned land and purchase an alternate site which is located further from existing and consented residential development.

## ATTACHMENT A





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### Submission

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

OK

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

OK

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

OK

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

OK

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

I wish to make several comments on the planned new Upper Selwyn Huts licence to occupy the Springston South Reserve.

(a) Overall I thank the Council for approving a new licence. It is a privilege to be able to have a residence in a place of such high natural, cultural heritage, and recreational values. I am grateful also to the Council willing to let us reside in what is best called social housing; it is very affordable, even with the planned increase in licence fees to cover the cost of the new sewage system. I am grateful that the Council is willing to be the banker, so we can pay for the new sewage system weekly. This makes it affordable. If we had to pay for the sewage system up front it would be impossible for us, because we could not take out a mortgage on our hut to get a bank loan, due to not owning the land.

(b) The Settlement on Springston South Reserve has and can continue to increase the value of the reserve for the Council, and the public. For example: the walking track beside the Waikirikiri river from the Upper Huts to the Lower huts; the community garden with an extensive range of heritage fruit trees, berry shrubs and herb gardens for the public to use; and the enhancement of recreational activities, including basketball, BMX riding and golf - all initiatives of the residents and maintained by residents. These are all assets for the public who use the reserve, and will outlast the settlement. I feel proud that we can work to enhance the value of the reserve for the Council and for the public. It give me meaning and joy. I note however that this is not well understood by many at the Upper Selwyn Huts. Those of us who are happy to have this privilege to express our public spirit, are regularly bullied by those who are confused and appear to not recognize that they

do not own the land. I suggest that the Council remain resolute and true to the reality. Only this can clear the fog of ignorance and eventually stop the aggression toward those of us who have a public spirit motivation and appreciation for the privilege.

(c) An important function that the settlement at Upper Selwyn Huts has for the Council is its provision of social housing. To maximize this function I would like to suggest three slight modifications to the planned new licence:

(i) There are existing renters who very much appreciate finding an affordable residence in Selwyn District. Even though it is definitely inappropriate that hut owners be able to make money out of the privilege of having a licence to occupy the reserve, I suggest that current renters be able to stay on for as long as they wish to (potentially up to the end of the licence, and in agreement with the hut owner), but when current renters leave, that hut owners are then only able to provide accommodation to their own family members.

(ii) The planned new sewage system may have a longer life than 15 years, even though this is the current maximum period ECAN provides for a consent. ECAN could find after 15 years that the sewage system indeed remains consentable beyond the 15 years. The designers of sewage systems in fact expect this and plan for this to be the case. Therefore, to maximize the excellent social housing function that the settlement provides for the Council, I suggest that the licence explicitly state that the licence may possibly be renewed after 15 years for a further period up until the sewage system becomes unconsentable and is required to be decommissioned. This would retain the necessary sunset clause because of climate change, and the need to avoid confusion for the hut owners, while fully utilizing the life of the sewage system.

(iii) The licence fee increase needs to not only cover the cost of the sewage system, and a deposit to cover the cost of removal of huts when the licence finally expires, but also the cost of decommissioning the sewage system.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

Highlight and mainstream into all Council activities the work of the Council's Social Well-Being forum, including the concern for social housing.

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## Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

I am not informed on this subject

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

I believe Prebbleton needs it's own Community Centre, if insufficient planning and consultation has occurred, a delay to remedy that is a good idea.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

Caution and including a breadth of vision is always the best way forward

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

I think linking water charges to growth and managing water demand is managerial thinking, not visionary thinking. Water is not a scarce resource on the Canterbury Plains, but the climate and the geography of the Selwyn District mean water disappears quickly into alluvial gravels - we should be living to suit our climate and geography, not trying to replicate Waikato or Taranaki - its not water use that is our problem, it is land use. Lots of plants are suited to our climate and geography, and there are plenty of ways to farm sustainably. Charging for water without addressing these other factors is allowing wealthy people to waste water and penalising poor people for using water.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

This would be a perfect project for the Government Covid-19 rebuild strategy funding. Go for it.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

I am not familiar with this.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

I have strong views on the proposal to increase charges to Selwyn Hut Owners and attach a document outlining my objections and ideas for a solution.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

Submission Hearings should be conducted via Zoom. Council meetings should be open to the public via Zoom rather than people having to visit the Council offices.

FOLLOWUP SUBMISSION - 13 May 2020

My name is Clare Ryan and I am a hut owner at Selwyn Huts. My initial reaction to the proposal to chlorinate is ARE YOU NUTS???? I think it is a horrible idea.

I have read all the literature that arrived in the mail and I have some questions.

1. The Beca report is dated 26 October 2018, does that mean the assessment matrix included the water upgrade at the Selwyn Huts? The header tank was dismantled, the well head sealed and a new tank and pump installed.

2. What age is the artesian water at Selwyn Huts? I'm sure when I first arrived at the huts someone told me it was 20 years old.

3. Can you please tell me what the vandalism was that required the boil notice??

Personally I hate the taste of chlorinated water, I grew up on a farm with our supply coming from a creek on the hill country. In the 1980s we had the water tested and the coliform count was 200 something. We moved the intake to the head of a perennial spring and fitted filters for the house supply.

Clean safe water is the basis of a civilization. I need more specifics on the Selwyn Hut supply before I can agree that our water is so vulnerable or dodgy. And I will probably have more questions then.

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### Submission

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

This is an appeal to increase the coverage of the reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield to also include Sheffield township as that will benefit several households in the Sheffield township. As reticulated wastewater system is a safe procedure for wastewater removal and has implications for community monitoring and early warning systems for outbreaks (such as monitoring of wastewater can be useful for future coronavirus infection early warning systems, and also for monitoring drug usage in the community), it will be beneficial for all concerned. Besides, it will provide a longer term solution for waste disposal for households within the township.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

See above. We have to prepare for future outbreaks and establish an earl warning system for outbreaks. As faecal monitoring and wastewater monitoring is a proven strategy, and as we are planning to develop a new wastewater treatment facility in central Darfield anyway, this is an opportune moment to keep our communities safe.

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### Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

In the last 4 years our rates have increased by over 300%, mostly by on farm development but also general rates increases. We receive no additional benefit from council just because our RV has increased. Given the covid 19 issue i think council needs to look very hard at itself and "cut the cloth to suit". In that i mean it needs to do what is important only ie roads/water/waste etc and cut alot of the extras out including staff. I think go back to bare basics.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

Yes i agree

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

Yes

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

Is it critical?

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

Again is it critical?

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

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8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

I think the council needs to go back to basics and start with a clean slate. Do the priorities only ie roads/water/waste. Rate increases cannot keep going like they have particularly now with what is happening as a result of Covid 19. I see the personal financial carnage is yet to come, brace yourselves.

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### **Submission**

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

There should be no rates increases for the 2020/21 year. Every resident and business of Selwyn will have suffered to some level financially due to COVID-19 already. These same people and businesses are now proceeding into unprecedented and extremely volatile times, as is the Council itself.

For this reason alone, there should be no rates increases and the council should be extremely prudent with spending in the foreseeable future, until reliable financial forecasting is possible. I ask you to refer to the attached analysis of proposed local projects (pg14 of the Plan consultation document) for the 2020/21 period. The total amount proposed is \$7.7 million. Of this \$800K has been bought forward from future periods so can be immediately deferred.

Also, I propose \$3.8 million is non-critical spend and hence can also be deferred until better forecasting is possible. Hence, there is \$4.6 million of spend (nearly twice the \$2.5 million revenue proposed from rate increases) that can be stopped immediately. The critical expenditure proposed can still go ahead allowing for the continued Selwyn district population growth and hence growth in rate revenue in the future.

The mayor mentioned in the annual plan zoom meeting that central govt instructed council's should not cease rate rises as they wish to see local govt commitment to spending going forward. The mayor also mentioned that Central Govt would look less favourably on spending in districts where local govts cease rates increases.

May I remind this Council and its management, central govt must not attempt to influence local government decision making and the Mayor and Councillors are representatives of the ratepayers and not Central Government.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

A) Solid waste pg 13. Why wouldn't the SDC investigate partnering with the CCC in the provisions of reuse shop, salvage material and education. Selwyn currently has population of 65000 whom many are sparsely spread. Therefore, to use these facilities will require travel by many whether this be to Rolleston or Christchurch. I would suggest the SDC would be better to invest in partnering with the CCC to improve facilities that can service 500 000+ residents across Canterbury. Also, as mentioned on pg 15 in the solid waste section, due to the international recycling situation, is it wise to invest in "salvage" facilities currently?

B) Dog registration. Why does this need to increase. One can expect with the current and projected population growth the number of dogs in the district also increase. Surely this increase in revenue at the current \$30.00 per dog provides better

economies of scale for the service of Dog registration and control. I would like to see the revenue and cost analysis of this service as I propose there may be an argument for reducing this per dog fee.



Ellesmere Ward	<b>SDC Local Project - Prposed spend 2020/21. (pg 14 Annual Plan)</b>	Amount	Brought forward from	Amount brought forward	Non critical
	Leeston Park – installation of new cricket nets (\$37,000)	\$ 37,000.00			\$ 37,000.00
	Southbridge – Southbridge pool painting and sealing (\$5,000)	\$ 5,000.00			
	Southbridge Hall – replacement of windows (\$200,000)	\$ 200,000.00			\$ 200,000.00
	Southbridge Hall – entrance pavement safety improvements (\$35,000 brought forward from 2022/23)	\$ 35,000.00	2022/23	\$ 35,000.00	
	Lakeside Hall – car park lighting (\$8,200)	\$ 8,200.00			
	Development of new neighbourhood reserve in Southbridge (\$88,655)	\$ 88,655.00			\$ 88,655.00
	Wastewater pipeline renewals (\$1 million)	\$ 1,000,000.00			
Malvern Ward	Hororata, Blackberry Patch house – roof replacement (\$50,000 brought forward from 2027/28)	\$ 50,000.00	2027/28	\$ 50,000.00	
	Darfield Library – roof replacement (\$46,600 brought forward from 2025/26)	\$ 46,600.00	2025/26	\$ 46,600.00	
	Springfield Pit Reserve – continued development (\$20,000) to continue momentum on this community-led project	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 20,000.00
	Lake Coleridge – playground equipment renewal (\$61,000 brought forward from 2022–26)	\$ 61,000.00	2022–26	\$ 61,000.00	
	Castle Hill – additional budget for extension to Castle Hill Community centre (\$100,000)	\$ 100,000.00			
	Hororata Reserve – upgrade public toilets (\$183,690 brought forward from 2023/24 and part funded from the Government’s Tourism Infrastructure Fund)	\$ 183,690.00	2023/24	\$ 183,690.00	
	Rewi Alley car park resurfacing (\$5,000 brought forward from 2022/23)	\$ 5,000.00	2022/23	\$ 5,000.00	
	Darfield Community Centre – entrance upgrade (\$52,839)	\$ 52,839.00			
	Castle Hill Wastewater Pond upgrade				
Selwyn Central	Brookside Park – installation of new cricket nets (\$40,000)	\$ 40,000.00			\$ 40,000.00
	West Melton – Retford Common reserve development (\$100,000 to undertake development of this reserve – funded from reserve development contributions)	\$ 100,000.00			\$ 100,000.00
	Foster Park – internal roadways for emergency access to indoor courts (\$433,280 brought forward 2021/22 and 2022/23)	\$ 433,280.00	2021/22 and 2022/23	\$ 433,280.00	
	Development of new neighbourhood reserves in Rolleston (\$155,064)	\$ 155,064.00			\$ 155,064.00
	Rolleston and Lincoln water capacity upgrades (\$920,000)	\$ 920,000.00			
Springs Ward	First stage of development at new Prebbleton sports park in Birches Road (\$2.68 Million)	\$ 2,680,000.00			\$ 2,680,000.00
	Shands Road Cemetery roadway extension (\$104,448)	\$ 104,448.00			\$ 104,448.00
	Upgrade Liffey Domain public toilet in Lincoln (\$317,034)	\$ 317,034.00			\$ 317,034.00
	Renew lighting at the tennis courts at Broadfield Reserve (\$29,326)	\$ 29,326.00			\$ 29,326.00
	Renewal of gazebo at Springston Cemetery (\$8,000 brought forward from 2022/23)	\$ 8,000.00	2022/23	\$ 8,000.00	
	Water renewals (\$370,000)	\$ 370,000.00			
	Wastewater upgrades and renewals (\$646,000)	\$ 646,000.00			
<b>TOTALS</b>		\$ 7,696,136.00		\$ 822,570.00	\$ 3,771,527.00

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### Submission

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

I think now is the time to actually reflect and think what could our future look like. One thing I have reflected on is that Rolleston especially does not have the history and establishment of other towns in New Zealand. Having spent time in many other towns, their natural spaces are incredible. Post COVID we need to celebrate and explore New Zealand as we live in the most amazing place in the world.

We need to establish the District Park now, to plant trees to grow so that we have 100 year old species in 100 years not 130 years or 110. In places like Nelson, New Plymouth, Dunedin and Queenstown these areas are incredible.

I am asking councillors to allow the community to put the time and effort in now to plant and establish our story. I have asked staff who seemed resistant, so please councillors let us the community lead this. We, the people, can fund, support and grow this idea to allow our natural areas to grow, to make our Hagley Park, our Maitai Walkway (Nelson), our Pukekura Park (new Plymouth).

I am not asking for money, just foresight

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## Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

I support a standard rate increase across the district of 3.5%. The increase of up to 7.4% in some areas is unreasonable. The SDC books need to be managed in such a way that by not having a full proposed increase in this financial year does not result in a large increase in the 21/22 year. The SDC should look where savings can be made but also consider how any money that is spent stimulates the Selwyn economy. Smart spending which sees jobs created or money back into the community should be a priority.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

I support the proposal that if the Prebbleton Community Centre is not ready then they should be deferred while further planning and consultation is carried out. I support the submission from the Go Hororata regarding the Hororata Community Centre project.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

I support the proposal to review the Leeston community facility project and to defer it until a clear strategy is in place.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

I support the new toilet project on the Hororata Reserve. I support the development of the Bluff walking / mountain biking track. I support the walking track at Whitecliffs.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

I request that the Council creates a specific events fund for the next 12 months to be accessed by events that can prove they provide a social and economic benefit to the district. This investment would generate income for community groups, small business holders (stallholders) and give the district a platform to promote local businesses and tourism. This fund would need to be made available from July / august 2020 to be effective.

This is not a hand out it is a hand up. an investment in events would see significant return for the Selwyn District and greatly assist in the communities recovery from COVID 19. It would stimulate the local economy. When the events fund was absorbed into the community fund it took away the Council's ability to develop partnerships with events and ensure that any funding provided by Councils had measurable outcomes. If new funds cannot be found to form a dedicated event fund then the original \$50,000 event fund, which was absorbed into the community fund, should be separated and made

into a contestable fund for events again. This would allow clear and measurable guidelines to be put in place to ensure that there is a return to the district on this investment.

Rationale behind this request: Events have always played a significant role in our community and will be an important part of the recovery from COVID 19. We know events can help to improve social cohesion, community spirit and pride; develop a stronger identity and sense of place and improve cross-cultural awareness and understanding. Events have proven economic benefits to the community. It is a challenging time for all events in Selwyn. Most of Selwyn events are run by volunteers and to date, there has been no support from local or national government for these community events who are grappling with how to survive COVID 19. There has been support for sports, tourism and the arts but not events.

In my immediate area cancellation of events in April and May has meant \$35,000.00 of community fundraising has not been realized.

Many of Selwyn's events are held October through to April. There are a number of annual events which had to be cancelled in March and April 2020 due to COVID 19. These events will have depleted their reserves and will need support to come back next year.

The bigger events like the Selwyn Spring Show, Fireworks and the Hororata Highland Games (just to name a few) provide fundraising platforms for multiple community groups. The events mentioned are all scheduled to run in October and November 2020. Right now, it is not clear if they will be able to run under COVID 19 level 1 guidelines hopefully, in the coming weeks, the government will release more details. If COVID 19 management guidelines do allow for these events to be run, funding options (i.e. sponsorship and gaming funding) is going to be significantly reduced which could impact how or if they run.

The loss of these events from both a social and economic impact will be significant to the Selwyn District and would be a further blow to the communities who benefit from them.

I also request that the Council works with event providers in the district on a framework that will support not only the recovery of events in Selwyn from COVID 19. the Council must work alongside events and provide support where it can.

Examples of how the Council could work in collaboration with events:

Acknowledge events are an important part of the Selwyn community both socially and economically

Facilitate collaboration between events big and small, listen to and work with event committees

Look at the Council event spend over both community organized and Council organized events. Are there savings to be made by the Council and community event organisers working together, would this get greater engagement from the community on some of the free COUNCIL events?

Cross-promotion - at present the Council only promotes its own events or functions, to promote more events showcases Selwyn as a vibrant place to visit and live.

Support with waste management so events can lead the way in educating people on how to manage their waste

Support with fees and rates relief for those events that need it, especially those who have had their events cancelled.

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### **Submission**

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Submission on Annual Draft Plan - 100205

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**He iti, He pounamu**

**It may be small but it is very precious**

Ko Oreti taku awa

Ko Takitimu taku maunga,

Ko Takitimu taku waka

Ko Ngaitahu taku iwi

Ko Te Rau Aroha taku marae

No Mossburn taku kainga

Ko Jenny Campbell ahau

To Whom it May Concern.

**Submission on Annual Draft Plan: Specifically the Proposal  
to increase rates and licence fee costs to Selwyn Huts  
residents by 700%**

As a person who is passionate about community issues I would like to draw your attention to a very unjust proposal in the Selwyn District Council's Draft Annual Plan. I have been alerted to this situation by a person directly affected by this considerable injustice.

I understand the Selwyn District Council (SDC) members voted against the recommendations of their own Council subcommittee and their staff recommendations on the future of the Selwyn Huts community. This sounds like a perverse set of circumstances and I wonder what other information the Council members had which the subcommittee and staff did not know about, when they made their recommendations? Is this your usual Council practice?

It seems that the recommendations were that:-

1. the cost of the sewerage and water infrastructure upgrade go on the General Rates scheme across the whole district
2. that the licence for tenure be renewed for 30 years with the clear communication that it may not be renewed after that date due to Climate Change issues of sustainability.

I believe this was a fair and just outcome from the Subcommittee and staff's perspective.

However the SDC proposal is:-

1. that the Selwyn Huts community will pay \$3 million on its own
2. will pay for increased maintenance charges
3. will only receive a renewed licence for 15 years
4. will have to remove their homes from their sections after this time.

Over the years the Huts communities have been independent, visionary and self-sufficient, installing their own community sewerage and water scheme at a time when Selwyn townships still relied on back yard septic tanks and bores. It seems ludicrous now, to penalise this small community through severe penalty rate charges which have not been the practice for other communities across SDC region.

I understand that when other small communities around the Selwyn District finally accepted an end to septic tanks and the need for a municipal sewerage and water scheme they were not required to pay for it on their own. The charges went on the General Rates over the whole district as occurs in other Council areas including my home area of Southland District Council.

It seems that the Selwyn DC does not want this community to survive and have created a situation which also removes housing, which is at a premium currently in Aotearoa and is not likely to improve in the near future. Selwyn DC proposal is short-sighted in the extreme.

In contrast in the matter of climate change I know that the Council is considering a consent application from Bathurst Mining to operate and expand an open cast coal mine in your Selwyn District. I have submitted on that proposal and I cannot understand why an extension of mining coal in your area is even being considered as it is so polluting on so many fronts. I am pleased you have allowed public submissions on this topic and will listen to the concerns of the public. This seems to be in complete contrast to your attitude to the Selwyn Huts community with the people possibly being made homeless because of climate change.

I suggest that the infrastructure upgrade would be a suitable project for the government Covid-19 rebuild funding package.

The Government rebuild priorities are:

*Just Transition – supporting us to transition to a climate resilient sustainable low-emissions economy.*

*Future of Work – Enabling all of us to benefit from new technologies and lift productivity through innovation.*

*Maori and Pacific – lifting Maori and Pacific incomes, skills and opportunities.*

*Child Wellbeing – reducing child poverty and improving child wellbeing.*

*Physical and Mental Wellbeing – supporting improved health outcomes for all of us.*

Your infrastructure project around the sewerage scheme in the Selwyn Huts Community seems to fit these criteria perfectly. I recommend you explore this option and put in an application.

It seems the Covid-19 crisis has a win-win solution for all the people in the Selwyn District: the Sewerage Upgrade is a perfect fit with the Government's rebuild policy: it is infrastructure, it supports community wellbeing, it enhances the environment, it's all ready to go, it will employ locals.

As our Prime Minister reminds us, be kind to these ratepayers as you have obviously been to other SDC townships, creating a just transition to a better future for this community.

I would like the opportunity to address the Council on this matter at a hearing.

He waka eke noa. We are all in this waka together.

Rangimarie

Jenny Campbell

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### **Submission**

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Please see our attached submission.

## Summit Road Society submission on Selwyn District Council Draft Annual Plan

The Summit Road Society was formed in 1948 to further the vision of Harry Ell for the preservation of the Port Hills and the provision of public access.

The Society owns two reserves in the Selwyn District, Omaha Bush and the adjacent Gibraltar Rock. Both reserves are subject to QEII National Trust open space covenants. These reserves are managed by Society volunteers who have an ongoing programme of track maintenance and the control of plant and animal pests, with a view to improving biodiversity and enhancing the experience of visitors.

The Summit Road Society has had a long relationship with the Selwyn District Council and we value the financial support the Council has provided over the years.

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the draft plan. We appreciate that in light of Covid-19, there are many challenges in the months ahead.

Within the annual plan consultation document, parks and the natural environment are only briefly mentioned. We do note that over the coming year, the Council will be exploring what community wellbeing means for Selwyn, including social, economic, environmental and cultural dimensions. We also note that within the full annual plan, it says "Open space in the townships, along streams, together with the larger parks in rural areas, provides opportunities for people to exercise, relax and enjoy the natural surroundings. Open space is obtained, developed and maintained by the Council to protect natural elements, forming landscapes which preserve the District's character and have cultural and environmental values important to residents and visitors". We support this approach and want to particularly highlight the importance of natural spaces in the recovery from Covid-19.

We saw this in the recovery from the earthquakes, spending time outdoors in nature provides peace and solace in an uncertain world.

The Selwyn end of the Port Hills is rich in biodiversity and provides some of the most accessible native bush to residents of Tai Tapu, Rolleston and Lincoln. Being outside in nature and participating in efforts to restore it is recognised as beneficial to both the individual and the community. Zealandia's Centre for People and Nature in Wellington recently conducted a survey of 1200 Wellington residents. They found that levels of depression, anxiety and stress are lower in people who spent more time in natural spaces.



Omaha Bush is a magical place, full of old remnant podocarps, ferns and native fuchsia. Anne Falls, a horsetail waterfall deep in the bush, provides a great half day walk.

The Southern Port Hills is a key area in two multi-party strategies aimed at realising the goals of the Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Ecological Vision 2050:

1. Te Kāhahu Kahukura – a voluntary initiative involving councils, iwi, community organisations and private landowners to restore and connect 1000ha of native bush on the southern end of the Port Hills. The Vision for Te Kāhahu Kahukura is: *By 2050 the Southern Port Hills has a thriving and resilient indigenous forest supporting an abundance of native birds and invertebrates; it is a taonga for the Ōtautahi / Greater Christchurch community to value, protect and engage with.*
2. Pest Free Banks Peninsula – an ambitious programme to eradicate pests and predators from the Peninsula and Port Hills by 2050. One of the strategic aims is to reduce predators to low levels in the Te Kāhahu Kahukura (Southern Port Hills) project area by 2024. We support the Pest Free Banks Peninsula's request for funding to support this objective. We know that this strategic aim will require significant funding, resources, collaboration and community engagement to realise. As a grassroots organisation, we also know that the winds of change are here.

The Society leads a community project Predator Free Port Hills, which includes households and landowners in Tai Tapu and Motukarara. We have now distributed thousands of traps to households across the Port Hills and Lyttelton Harbour. In addition to the biodiversity benefits, we are seeing the benefits for communities. Our programme relies on local connections, neighbours talking to neighbours. The public are excited and enthused about the notion of taking personal action to bring back our native birds, lizards and invertebrates. In the Zealandia study mentioned above, the researchers found even greater benefits amongst people who take part in predator trapping. This group had lower levels of depression and stress, and greater feelings of social cohesion. These dual outcomes – of fostering biodiversity and building community connection and cohesion – will be critical as we recover from Covid-19.

Feral pigs and deer remain a concern in the southern Port Hills and present a threat to existing bush and restoration efforts. Last year the Council approved funding from the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund towards control efforts in Omaha Bush. We are very grateful for this support.

We also believe that recreational access from Tai Tapu to the Summit Road will help support and improve community and environmental wellbeing. At the moment, Selwyn residents must drive to either Dyers Pass Road or Gebbies Pass Road to access the Summit Road. We have started discussions with the Council on options to access Omaha Bush and are keen to progress these conversations. In our 2018 submission on the Long Term Plan, we suggested walking and cycling access could be achieved through the existing Burkes Bush Paper Road. As this is already a legal road, a public access route could be created with low cost signposting and blazing with poles. We ask the Council to commit to exploring options for recreational access to the Port Hills this year, with a view to progressing preferred options in the 2021 financial year.

Finally, we urge the Council to increase the funding provided to the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund. Council expenditure in environmental initiatives supports jobs, physical and mental health, community cohesion and connection, the enhancement of the natural environment, and local action in response to the crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.

If hearings are held, we would like the opportunity to speak to our submission.

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## Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

I totally oppose any increase in rates for 20/21 under the present situation. Council should be looking at a reduction in the rates for this coming year.

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### **Submission**

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

Please keep rates as low as possible i.e. 0-3%, preferably freeze them, as we don't know what the future holds financially for many families and residents in Selwyn.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

Consultation with the community, when well done, will lead to a facility that better meets the needs of the growing Prebbleton community, especially with the building of a significant number of rest homes/retirement homes. The community needs time to think through the impact of this elderly cohort coming into their community and to include facilities that enable these new residents to integrate into the community.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

Again community consultation is essential in order for the community to identify still-relevant existing and new potential needs that could be met or incorporated into a new community service facility.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

Each community should bear the cost of providing water services within their own community. Water conservation and wise use should be promoted by SDC. In addition SDC could, as is done in the Wellington Region, provide at reasonable cost, tanks for rainwater harvesting by households, thereby increasing awareness of the value of water and enhancing community resilience in events such as earthquakes.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

I realise that septic tanks can work very effectively but I believe that in 2020 the growing community of Darfield needs to do the right thing by the environment and upgrade wastewater treatment to 21st standards. Other Selwyn communities, like Lincoln, have done so at considerable and repeated cost but we've sought to do what is best for the environment.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

Money will be very tight in the coming years due to the impact of covid 19 and communities will need every dollar legally required from developers to maintain their community infrastructure and facilities. Development contributions need to be paid by the developers and used within each ward not transferred to other wards.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

I am concerned at the level of debt that the Council is taking on in order to progress the Long Term plan. Please consider if this Long Term Plan is now sustainable given the long term impact that Covid 19 will have on the whole district.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

I think Council needs to pause and reassess where it is heading. Covid- 19 means a new normal. We don't know how this will alter our district- will the proposed residential growth eventuate? Will the industrial park, business/commercial hubs/centres in each community/township survive? Will people be as willing and /or able financially to travel from one community to another to access facilities? I would ask that Council return to supplying communities with essential services- safe drinking water, safe roads and footpaths, well maintained existing community facilities, reliable waste disposal and waste water services. We all would like to have the nice-to-have best pools, halls, sports facilities, street furniture etc but we all need safe essential services.

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## Submission

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## Annual Plan 2020/21 Consultation Document Submission

1) I am advocating for a zero rate increase. The council would relook at its capital and operational budgets, staff numbers, how the organisation is run, fees and charges and levels of service. Exploring more user-pay elements, people should consider paying more to swim or borrow from a library.

2) Request that the Upper Selwyn Huts be included in the "District Rating System". The Upper Huts had been self-governed by an appointed Board for 100 years. The board was disbanded by the Selwyn District Council 9 years ago. During the time the board operated it had installed and operated two sewer schemes.

a) Installing a reticulation sewer scheme in the 1920,s with a septic tank installed with an overflow system discharging into the river.

b) A new sewage treatment and land disposal scheme was constructed in 1988. Both schemes were funded by the Hut Owners. The existing wastewater consent expires in 2020. An upgrade proposal is pending and due to the age and condition of the fed lines within the Huts, it is recommended that the reticulation network be replaced. The Hut Owners have been doing their bit to improve the environment. Positive benefits in joining the District Rating System include improved river and lake environment, improved potable, storm and waste water reticulation.

Why should the 97 huts at the Upper Selwyn Huts be excluded from being covered by the District Rating System?

3) I would like to focus on the pending Licence Fees for 2020. This is outrages, with an increase of nearly 69%. Especially on Community well-being

Social. Just think of the impact of this increase on the permanent residents.

Economical. Being told that a bond of up to \$5000 is being place to self-guard the SDC of a financial cost of clearing the 97 properties in 2035. The council should be considering some compensation. By residing at the Upper Selwyn the council and the government do not have to provide assisted housing packages for up to 100 permanent residents.

Environmental. Sustainability of the environment, by living and gaining employment within the district, saves on large travel expenses, with many using pedal power to commute.

4) While the community was controlling the budget for the Upper Selwyn Huts, we had an operating budget, and a reserve fund for unbudgeted items.

*Note: At handover to SDC on 28 June 2011 we had Current assets of \$13463, Long term assets \$267118 out of which the budget covered Caretaker wages \$11000, Insurance, Maint & Materials, Mower & Tractor*



*expenses, Power, Rubbish,*

*Annual costs of Secretarial, water & sewage = Total of \$47,565.07*

*Assets: Mower ride-on \$23624, Intl Tractor \$16750, Blower \$1082, Slasher mower \$2418  
up to a total book value of \$76,409*

All the above have been done away with the exception of water & sewage costs.

5) It should also be recognised that the reserve, tennis courts, playground and two public toilets are there for **all** to use, these are not for the exclusive use of Hut Owners, yet we are paying for the replacement and upkeep of these public amenities.

Reviewing the Annual Plan and the SDC meeting minutes of 25 March 2020, there is no mention of the 67.8% increase of Licence Fees in either of these two council documents.

So why have or do we need to make submissions to the Annual Plan 2020 when they are only visible to the 97 Hut Owners of the Upper Selwyn Hut community.

Regards Graham Evans

Hut 47 Upper Selwyn Huts

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## Submission

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1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

Within the current financial climate and the uncertainty that will exist for many businesses in the coming months, then option 3 is the most logical, as there will be many projects incomplete in the current year. A delay in the Rolleston Town Centre will allow many of the vacant spaces in the existing structures to be filled.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

No view as the community to benefit should decide and pay for the development.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

Option one is the logical choice.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

As these are 'user pays' then their views are the ones to be considered. No general rates should go into this activity.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

As the beneficiaries and payers are the Darfield Community, they should be the ones to decide. Payment based on volume used makes this system fair to the average user and the elderly.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

Option one is supported.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

Oppose the increase in district water rate charge from \$22 to \$24 per hectare and the lot charge from \$318 to \$337. See attached submission.

## **Submission regarding Water Race Charges**

This submission has a two fold reason,

- Firstly opposing an increase in charges for a service that in the area we live we cannot use, and
- Secondly against the charging of water race rate on a portion of race that is only retained for ecological purposes, and not for the purpose that it was established for.

As a background the water race from the junction of Leeston Dunsandel Road and Southbridge Dunsandel Road till its termination point in a soak hole in the property of the late Doug Bain is not used on any property for stock water. The race runs down the Southbridge Dunsandel Road for a distance before turning through the dairy farm owned by the Groundwater's where it is fenced so cows cannot access. One leg of this race that run south through the Groundwater property and into that farmed by the Crozier's was closed about 3 years ago.

The balance of the race travels across the Groundwater farm and crosses the Leeston Dunsandel Road where there has been identified a "mud fish" site. It travels south along the roadside before going behind the fence on a property owned by the Riches, then exits onto the roadside and travels along the road frontage of our property and that owned by Danny and Tania Twiss and part of the frontage of the late Doug Bain before going into and through the middle of his property to its termination point inside his Sandersons Road boundary. The Groundwater's, ourselves, the previous owners of the Twiss property and Doug Bain all signed a request to close the portion of water race, as none of us were able to, nor did we draw any water from the race. Under the councils policy as the race fronts our properties we were liable for payment of both the property charge of \$318 plus the per hectare charge of \$22 per hectare.

On our 11.28 hectare property that charge amount to \$521.05 of our \$2449.65 rates account which is 21.27%. This is for a service we cannot use and is of no use to our property. Similarly the proportion of rates for an unusable service applies to the Twiss and Bain properties which are of a similar size.

During a submission to the Water Race Subcommittee in November 2018, I was advised that the only reason the water race was being retained was because of the mud fish, but no allocation of funds had been made for ecological purposes to cover the remission of water rates where the water was not used by a property. I was advised during that meeting that DOC and Ecan supported the view that if a race was retained for other than stock water purposes, ie the mud fish, then funding should be provided from another source.

Added to the inability to use the water, is the insecurity of the supply if it was useable. Over the past 6 months the water race has been dry at least 3 days in 7, which would render it useless for stock water. A question was posed to the water race people about the council providing stock water if the race was the sole source, and was advised that they did not, and it was the property owner's responsibility to provide their stock water.

I pose the question, why if you charge for stock water as these charges are, similarly for domestic household water where you charge for the service, do you not require households to provide their own back up system.

As I believe the councils public/private good policy is that the user pays, in the instances of the properties I have identified who have no use or benefit from the said water race that the rates charges on those properties should be remitted in full, and that value charged to the councils ecological fund for that purpose. To increase charges for a service that we cannot and do not use, is contrary to the principles of the Local Government Act and the Rating Powers Act.



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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission: Re remission of Water Rate Charges Valuation No 2409010603

The property owned by the Harmer Family Trust is situated at 934 Leeston Dunsandel Road. We are one of 5 properties serviced by a local water race that feeds from the junction of Leeston Dunsandel and Southbridge Dunsandel Roads.

This local water race divides in the property owned by the Groundwater's, and continued down across the Irwell Rakaia Road and into a property owned by the Croziers, formerly the Boons. That leg of the water race was terminated towards the end of last year with a boulder hole having been installed.

At or about the same time, a request to close our leg of the water race was circulated and I understand the closure was supported by properties owned by the Bains, (where the race terminates in a boulder hole) Dunsheas, ourselves and the Groundwater's.

As the flow of water in the race ceased in late October 2017, we all believed the race to have been closed. As none of the properties mentioned used the race for stock water, and, as all have had internal reticulated stock water for many years, the fact of no flow was not reported.

When the advice of rate charges was received recently from the council for the 2018-19 year it was noted that there was two charges associated with the water race, an area wide charge of \$300 per property, and an area charge of \$17.00 per hectare.

On our property that means we have a water race charge of \$491.75 for something that we do not use and if we had, would have had no service since October 2017. This charge is 22.1% of our rate account, and equivalent to \$43.59 per hectare.

Contact has been made with the owners of all properties that are on the race from the junction of the two roads mentioned above:

- the Groundwater's are a dairy farm and have no use of the water as there cows are fenced from gaining access to the water race (Council policy?),
- the Bains and Dunsheas like ourselves have no use for and do not want the race.
- the Riches on the North side of our property are the only property who supports the race, and they like the race as a water feature on the front lawn and to water their roadside trees.

This use is not the primary purpose of the race, and imposes an unfair rate penalty on the other properties affected by its retention.

As no water has flowed in this portion of the race since October 2017, including one of the driest periods ever recorded without rainfall in November/December 2017, the argument for its retention is weakened. Any ecological benefit of the race will have disappeared because of the extended period without water (now some 10 months)

The requirement to clean the race is also an added burden on the property owners, especially the Groundwater's who have possibly 75% of the said race adjacent to or through their property, for which they have no benefit or use, as the dairy cows cannot access the race as they are fenced out of it. This is a local race terminating in the Bain property, and will have no effect on the provision of stock water to the identified properties.

Application is made to the Council for a refund of the portion of water rates on 24009010603 for the period of no flow from October 2017 until June 2018 (last rating year), and for a full remission of rates on the same valuation number for the 2018-19 and subsequent rating years.

Selwyn District Council had a policy in regards to the public and private good of rating charges, and water races always had a high private good component, meaning the rates were targeted to the users and benefactors of the service.

This local race charges a disproportional high rate to the small properties that are adjacent to it, who draw no water or benefit from its existence.

Its closure would not affect the provision of stock water to properties over its length, as no property is reliant on this water for the primary purpose that the races exist for, ie stock water race.

I have included a series of photographs taken in the race in early July following an extremely wet winter and high ground water flows, which shows minimal amounts of surface water within the race, and no actual flows.

I look forward to your considerations and advice of a rate remission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'KH' or similar initials.

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In August 2018 I wrote to the council with regard to this water race and was invited to attend the November 2018 Water Race Subcommittee meeting in Rolleston. I attended the meeting chaired by Nigel Barnett, and made a presentation to the subcommittee. (Copy of my letter attached)

At that meeting it was established that the water race was only being retained because Mud Fish had been found in it at the culvert where the race crosses Leeston Dunsandel Road, and is not used for stock water purposes by any of the properties it either flows through or along the frontage of.

During discussions at the meeting the Chair asked if the races continued to exist, rather than closing it, would a remission in the rates billed be acceptable. I agreed that it was immaterial to us as the race flowed on the road side, and the rate portion of our bill which is over 20%, would be welcome relief. Discussions occurred around the table as to whether these rates were more appropriately billed to some general category as the races retention was for ecological purposes and not stock water.

Subsequently I received an amended rates notice with the remission of the portions for water races on instalment 1 & 2 remitted. When the rates accounts for instalments 3 & 4 arrived the rates officer was contacted and the similar portions remitted. I understand the same occurred for the Dunshea and Bain properties.

When instalment 1 for the 2019-20 year arrived I noted the sum for water races still existed on the demand, this year totalling \$521.35. Contact was made with the Rates Officer, who, after contact with the water race people indicated that no remission would be made.

The question I have for you is in two parts:

1. Why has no reply been received to my correspondence to the council in 2018, and
2. If the policy in regard to the remission of these rates has changed, why have we not been advised as it is contrary to the committee's indication at the meeting?

I look forward to your explanation and advice of a continued rate remission.

Yours sincerely

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**We wish to be heard in support of this submission.**

**Summary of Submission**

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) requests Selwyn District Council (SDC) implement the following:

- Budget provision of \$10,000 in the 2020/2021 Annual Plan and subsequent years to directly support the work of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula initiative within the Selwyn District, with particular reference to the Te Kāhahu Kahukura project.
- Continue to support the work of SDC staff and community groups in Selwyn and Banks Peninsula as we work towards the vision of predator free Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills and Kaitorete).
- A commitment to all SDC pest control policy decisions and operational work being in alignment with the Pest Free Banks Peninsula Programme's over-arching strategy and work programme.
- A commitment to SDC biodiversity policy decisions and operational work being in alignment with the 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills).

The Trust requests SDC note that it will be seeking in the next 3-yearly review of the Long Term Plan an increase in the total amount of funding available through the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund, and a commitment to annual funding to enable BPCT to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of the 2050 Ecological Vision for that part of the Banks Peninsula within the Selwyn District, by working directly with private landowners and community groups on the projects they most value and support.



## **Why are we asking for increased funding in this time of national crisis?**

BPCT recognises that we are making this submission in a time of national crisis which has significant and far-reaching implications for the health and wellbeing (in the widest sense), not only for Selwyn, but for the entire nation. There are significant needs across the community which BPCT anticipates are likely to increase, and at the same time we understand the rating base is likely to come under increased pressure.

So, why are we making this submission now?

We do so, for three primary reasons:

1. Greater Christchurch, including Selwyn, needs a Vision and we need hope. We believe that the Ecological Vision 2050, particularly the Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Te Kāhahu Kahukura projects on the Port Hills and within the Selwyn District, can play a major part of the District's Vision going forward and some of that hope. We consider these projects could be amongst the 'flagship legacy projects' for the people of greater Christchurch to focus on and build resilience and a greater sense of community, as well as providing job creation opportunities.
2. There is a large body of evidence that contact with a wide range of natural environments can provide multiple benefits for health and wellbeing. The benefits from nature include improvements to physical health (through increased physical activity); and improvements to psychological and social wellbeing, in a number of ways, including: reductions in stress and anxiety, increased positive mood, self-esteem and resilience, improvements in social functioning and in social inclusion. Environments rich in wildlife are also associated with improved wellbeing, through emotional, social and psychological benefits. When Canterbury emerges from Covid-19 Level 3, these benefits will continue to be needed. While this applies across the entire Selwyn District, we already have a considerable headstart across that part of the Banks Peninsula within the Selwyn District to build on. These projects include considering opportunities for additional recreational opportunities which can be accessed directly from the District.
3. Canterbury will emerge from this present Covid-19 crisis, but issues of climate change, sedimentation and biodiversity loss will continue. For all the reasons a healthy environment was a good idea a few months ago, those reasons remain valid (if not more so) going forward in the medium to longer term.

## **Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust**

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust was formed in 2001. It is a non-profit charitable organisation that works with landowners, agencies, Rūnanga, sponsors, and the wider community to promote the conservation and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity and sustainable land management on Banks Peninsula, which includes the Port Hills and Kaitorete.

The Trust was formed as a community-driven organisation to facilitate the protection of biodiversity on private land using voluntary methods. This was following a mediated settlement of land-owner appeals to the Environment Court regarding the then Banks Peninsula District Council's decisions to impose rules about biodiversity protection on private land. In 2003 the Minister of Conservation granted BPCT covenanting authority status under Section 77(1) of

the Reserves Act 1997, making the Trust the first, and we understand still the only, non-government organisation with powers to place covenants on to land titles since the QEII National Trust began 40 years ago.

Recognised nationally by the Ministry for Environment and Department of Conservation with the 2017 Green Ribbon Award for Community Leadership, and with a national award for Community-led Biosecurity from the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Trust is known as a highly successful, community-driven conservation organisation and a leader in biodiversity protection.

The wide-spread community support for our conservation efforts is the result of: (a) working with landowners in a non-challenging and empowering way through voluntary protection methods; and (b) operating in a collaborative way that engages the community and provides the linkages between community aspirations for biodiversity protection and enhancement, partnership and funding support from the corporate sector, and the local authorities and agencies with a mandate for conservation work.

The Trust has a reputation for taking a strategic approach to biodiversity management and protection and is recognised as being efficient and effective with the resources available. The biodiversity outcomes able to be achieved by the Trust, working in partnership with SDC, other agencies, organisations and landowners, are only limited by the available funds.

## **2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills)**

In 2017 BPCT led the development of, and launched, the Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū (including the Port Hills) Ecological Vision 2050 – see [http://www.bpct.org.nz/images/Resources/2050-Ecological-Vision-PBCT\\_Oct17.pdf](http://www.bpct.org.nz/images/Resources/2050-Ecological-Vision-PBCT_Oct17.pdf). A range of organisations and agencies, and the Banks Peninsula community, support the eight Ecological Goals set out in this Vision. The eight Goals are aspirational but achievable, and are being used to guide conservation management work to result in a substantial improvement in the state of indigenous biodiversity on Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū by 2050. The Goals build on and seek to implement the Selwyn-Waihora Zone Implementation Programme 2011, the Te Waihora Joint Management Plan 2005, the Canterbury Conservation Management Strategy 2016, Christchurch City Council's Biodiversity Strategy 2008 – 2035, Environment Canterbury's Regional Biodiversity Strategy (2008), the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan 2013, and the Banks Peninsula Zone Implementation Plan (2013).

All 8 Goals are interrelated and together contribute a significant improvement in the protection and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity on Banks Peninsula that align with the biodiversity priorities outlined in the Long-term Plan. We wish to bring the following aspects of BPCT's work towards achieving the Ecological Vision to SDC's attention.

### **1. Habitat Protection and Enhancement Goals**

#### **a) Goal One – Protection of Old Growth Forest Remnants**

Old growth forests were already present when Europeans first reached Banks Peninsula and are characterised by having large trees, multi-layered canopies with gaps and coarse woody debris on the forest floor. Remnants of these forests (ca. 800 ha) have direct links to the original forests of the Peninsula and are important repositories for the full range of biodiversity: plants, birds, reptiles, invertebrates and soil biota. They are valuable sources for recolonization

of regenerating forests across the Peninsula. Some form of protection is necessary to ensure that these remnants are permanently safeguarded, although there are a variety of ways this might be achieved (management agreements, covenant, purchase, reserve etc.). Exclusion of grazing is also essential to sustain what is still present, to avoid ongoing damage to soils and to allow for recovery, including regeneration of canopy trees.

#### **b) Goal Two – Protection of Rare Ecosystems**

While forest was the predominant vegetation type on the Peninsula before the arrival of humans, several other originally rare ecosystem types were also present on the Peninsula including terrestrial (cliffs, scarps, tors, dunes, coastal alluvium), freshwater (lakes, streams, wetlands) and estuarine systems. While some of these ecosystem types still remain, others have declined markedly. In some cases, especially cliffs, scarps and tors, dunes and coastal alluvium, the original areas are still largely present but are seriously threatened by invasive plants and their control needs to be considered as a priority under this goal.

#### **c) Goal Four – Establishment and protection of four core areas of indigenous forest (1000ha)**

Large core forest areas, including their associated rocky outcrops, wetlands etc, are important to enable the full range of biodiversity to flourish on the Peninsula. These areas need to be large enough to allow viable populations of key fauna (especially birds) and flora to survive and be resilient against external perturbations such as extreme dry summers or severe winters. The core areas should comprise contiguous blocks of forest and will include a mix of old growth remnants, regenerating forest and, when necessary, restoration plantings. Ideally, they will include altitudinal and topographic diversity to buffer against climate change and to allow mobile species such as birds to exploit seasonally available food resources, and they should be relatively compact in shape. The 1000 ha target is an aspirational goal but is likely to be indicative of the size required for viable populations of more mobile bird species and to provide sufficient habitat for rarer plants (e.g. mountain cedar) and to allow the eventual reintroduction of missing species within large territories. Protection should comprise several elements including (1) appropriate protection such as covenanting, (2) exclusion of domestic livestock, (3) control, and where possible exclusion, of introduced herbivores (deer, goats, possums etc) and carnivores (mustelids, rodents etc) to levels that allow indigenous species to flourish, and (4) control of weeds to levels that do not threaten biodiversity values.

The first of these four core areas is within the Wildside project on the south-eastern part of the Peninsula. See <http://www.bpct.org.nz/our-projects?id=30>

BPCT is currently leading a multi-agency/organisation/landowner initiative for the second of these core areas on the southern part of the Port Hills, known as Te Kākahu Kahukura. This area lies partly within the Selwyn District. Contributors to Te Kākahu Kahukura include Selwyn District Council, the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, Summit Road Society, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, Department of Conservation, Quail Island Restoration Trust, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Rāpaki) Rūnanga, Te Ara Kakariki, Living Springs, and private landowners.

The Vision for Te Kākahu Kahukura is:

*By 2050 the Southern Port Hills has a thriving and resilient indigenous forest supporting an abundance of native birds and invertebrates; it is a taonga for the Ōtautahi / Greater Christchurch community to value, protect and engage with.*

This project will see over 1,000ha of varying land tenures legally protected and collaboratively managed to restore habitat through restoration planting, the management of weed threats, and the removal of animal pests. Intensive pest control in the Te Kāhahu Kahukura area is a strategic priority in the first five years of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula programme.

Importantly, Te Kāhahu Kahukura planning includes consideration of additional recreational opportunities on the Southern Port Hills which can be accessed from the Selwyn District.

### ***Habitat Protection Progress***

The Trust's habitat protection programme is contributing towards achieving these three goals. This programme has a long history of working with landowners to protect and enhance biodiversity through a range of voluntary protection mechanisms. The most powerful of these is a perpetual conservation covenant that requires current and future landowners to manage the covenant for conservation purposes. BPCT is the only non-statutory organisation in New Zealand able to covenant private land in perpetuity.

A well-managed covenant results in high value biodiversity being not only protected but enhanced. Indigenous habitat quality quickly improves on the exclusion of stock, weed and animal pests are reduced with good management, and soil and water quality are improved. A conservation covenant is a priceless gift by current landowners to future generations. We currently have 76 covenants in place protecting over 1502 ha, with a further 17 in progress.

Landowner demand for the Trust's support is higher than the capacity we have to respond to this demand, and our rate of progress towards achieving these habitat protection and enhancement goals is only limited by the funds available to carry out this work.

## **2. Pest Free Banks Peninsula (Goal Eight)**

Goal 8 of the Ecological Vision is that Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū is effectively free of pest animals. BPCT is a signatory of the Memorandum of Understanding between 14 community, Rūnanga and government organisations, including the Selwyn District Council. BPCT operates as the secretariat for the initiative.

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### Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

I feel that it's unfair for two reasons: 1. What the country is going through with the virus 2. Nobody wants an increase - but if you are going to play fair and give the same increase across all areas of the district e.g 3.5% everywhere 3. Treat all people the same 4. We have pensioners on just over an acre living in zones classed as rural and the increase of 7.3% is unaffordable. There's only so much help they can receive to pay rates and they don't even have simple amenities such as a street light and footpath. So it going to cause more poverty. 5. Our ward (Malvern) is disadvantaged by lack of services.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

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4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

What worries me is where are you going to get the extra water for the rural areas that are already in the red zone. So therefore I disagree with paying extra water rates when we will be unable to access the water - therefore we are not helping ourselves and just accommodating for urban growth - its not fair on us.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

There are new houses that have had to pay the cost for new septic tanks and now you are asking them to connect to a scheme. This is not the time to be making these changes.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

Don't start talking about a rate increase in the middle of it you have lots of people in the area who are struggling already and affected emotionally and financially and domestic violence we need to have more compassion for our rate payers we

can't keep expecting ratepayers to foot the bill for these things. In a lot of cases in our area we are not seeing any value for the money that we are spending. You can't keep robbing from those who can't afford it. We are the bank.

## **Submitter: Pest Free Banks Peninsula Dr. David Miller**

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## **Selwyn District Council**

### **Consultation on the Annual Plan 2020 – 2021**

**May 2020**

Submission by: Pest Free Banks Peninsula

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**We wish to be heard in support of this submission.**

#### **Summary of Submission**

The Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP) partnership acknowledges Selwyn District Council's (SDC) status as a foundation member of the PFBP partnership and requests the Council implements the following:

- Budget provision of \$10,000 in the 2020/2021 Annual Plan and subsequent years to directly support the work of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula initiative within the Selwyn District, with particular reference to the Te Kāhau Kahukura project.
- Continue to support the work of SDC staff and community groups in Selwyn and Banks Peninsula as we work towards the vision of predator free Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills and Kaitorete).
- A commitment to all SDC pest control policy decisions and operational work being in alignment with the Pest Free Banks Peninsula Programme's over-arching strategy and work programme.
- A commitment to SDC biodiversity policy decisions and operational work being in alignment with the 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills).

Pest Free Banks Peninsula requests SDC note that it will be seeking in the next 3-yearly review of the Long Term Plan an increase in the total amount of funding available through the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund, and a commitment to annual funding to support the Pest Free Banks Peninsula programme and Te Kāhau Kahukura project for that part of the Banks Peninsula within the Selwyn District.

#### **2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills) - A vehicle for collaboration and over-arching biodiversity strategy**

The Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū (including the Port Hills) Ecological Vision 2050 – see [http://www.bpct.org.nz/images/Resources/2050-Ecological-Vision-PBCT\\_Oct17.pdf](http://www.bpct.org.nz/images/Resources/2050-Ecological-Vision-PBCT_Oct17.pdf), launched in 2017. It has been endorsed by a range of organisations and agencies, and the Banks Peninsula community. It sets out eight Ecological Goals that are aspirational but achievable, and which are being used to



guide conservation management work to achieve a substantial improvement in the state of indigenous biodiversity on Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū by 2050. The Goals build on and seek to implement the Selwyn-Waihora Zone Implementation Programme 2011, the Te Waihora Joint Management Plan 2005, the Canterbury Conservation Management Strategy 2016, Christchurch City Council's Biodiversity Strategy 2008 – 2035, Environment Canterbury's Regional Biodiversity Strategy (2008), the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan 2013, and the Banks Peninsula Zone Implementation Plan (2013).

All eight Ecological Goals are interrelated and together seek to contribute a significant improvement in the protection and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity on Banks Peninsula in alignment with the biodiversity priorities outlined in the Council's Long-term Plan.

Achieving a Pest Free Banks Peninsula is the eighth goal listed in the Ecological Vision 2050.

### **A Pest Free Vision for Banks Peninsula**

Throughout New Zealand, there is a rapidly growing interest for the vision of being predator free. On Banks Peninsula and in the wider region of Greater Christchurch and Selwyn District we continue to see growing interest and participation in the urban communities and from rural landowners.

We propose the following as a predator free vision for Banks Peninsula, which benefits Greater Christchurch including the Selwyn District:

*We live in a natural environment where our native plants, birds, animals and insects flourish, free from the threats of introduced animal pests. Native trees are thriving and filled with birdsong. Our native lizards and invertebrates are prolific in the native scrublands and rocky outcrops of the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula. Seabirds nest safely in the coastal areas. Species that were previously locally extinct are now being re-introduced and growing in numbers.*

*The abundance of native wildlife provides a sense of identity to the City and Banks Peninsula. It is valued by the community and integrated with urban and rural life, tourism, farming, and recreational activity. Achieving this has brought our community together. It is known as a special place to live and attracts local and international visitors.*

With community support and emerging changes in technology, we believe this vision is ambitious but achievable. It supports working collaboratively with the community and partner agencies, including Ngāi Tahu. Above all it enhances the wider well-being of our place.

### **Te Kāhahu Kahukura**

This multi-agency/organisation/landowner initiative is focused on the southern part of the Port Hills, and lies partly within the Selwyn District. The project is contributing to the realisation of the fourth Ecological Goal listed in the Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Ecological Vision 2050. Contributors to Te Kāhahu Kahukura include Selwyn District Council, the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, Summit Road Society, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, Department of Conservation, Quail Island Restoration Trust, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Rāpaki) Rūnanga, Te Ara Kakariki, Living Springs, and private landowners.

The Vision for Te Kāhahu Kahukura is:

*By 2050 the Southern Port Hills has a thriving and resilient indigenous forest supporting an abundance of native birds and invertebrates; it is a taonga for the Ōtautahi / Greater Christchurch community to value, protect and engage with.*

This project will see over 1,000ha of varying land tenures legally protected and collaboratively managed to restore habitat through restoration planting, the management of weed threats, and the removal of animal pests. Intensive pest control in the Te Kāhahu Kahukura area is a strategic priority in the first five years of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula programme.

Importantly, Te Kāhahu Kahukura planning includes consideration of additional recreational opportunities on the Southern Port Hills which can be accessed from the Selwyn District.

### **How the Council can help**

The Council can help in several ways. First, we want to ensure that the pest free vision continues to be community led with agency support. The requested budget provision from Council of \$10,000 will be applied to support the pest control work planned for the Te Kāhahu Kahukura area. This will include supporting private landowners and volunteers (in both urban and rural communities) of the Southern Port Hills. There are many willing volunteers, but they need knowledge and organisation to make their efforts rewarding and effective. The requested funding will help enable this to happen.

Secondly, Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Te Kāhahu Kahukura will be successful thanks to the effective collaborations and collective visions that have been built between agencies, iwi, not for profit organisations, community groups, and private landowners. The Council's commitment to being part of these collaborations is important. This commitment can be demonstrated by Council (a) continuing to support the work of SDC staff and community groups in Selwyn and Banks Peninsula involved with implementing habitat restoration and pest control in the Te Kāhahu Kahukura area; and (b) ensuring that SDC pest control policy decisions and operational work is in alignment with the Pest Free Banks Peninsula Programme's over-arching strategy and work programme.

Thirdly, we ask Council that SDC biodiversity policy decisions and operational work relevant to the Selwyn District on Banks Peninsula is in alignment with the 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula. An aligned approach to biodiversity policy, regulation, and operations from all agency partners will contribute to transformational biodiversity gains for the Peninsula.

### **Why are we asking for increased funding in this time of national crisis?**

PFBP recognises that we are making this submission in a time of national crisis which has significant and far-reaching implications for the health and wellbeing (in the widest sense), not only for Selwyn, but for the entire nation. There are significant needs across the community which we anticipate are likely to increase, and at the same time we understand the rating base is likely to come under increased pressure.

So, why are we making this submission now?

We do so, for three primary reasons:

1. Greater Christchurch, including Selwyn, needs a Vision and we need to restore hope for a resilient future. We believe that the 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula, particularly the Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Te Kāhahu Kahukura projects on the Port Hills and within the Selwyn District, can be a major part of the District's Vision going forward and enable some of that hope. We consider these projects could be amongst the 'flagship legacy projects' for the people of greater Christchurch to focus on and build resilience and a greater sense of community, as well as providing job creation opportunities.
2. There is a large body of evidence that contact with a wide range of natural environments can provide multiple benefits for health and wellbeing. The benefits from nature include improvements to physical health (through increased physical activity); and improvements to psychological and social wellbeing in a number of ways, including: reductions in stress and anxiety, increased positive mood, self-esteem and resilience, improvements in social

functioning and in social inclusion. Environments rich in wildlife are also associated with improved wellbeing, through emotional, social and psychological benefits. When Canterbury emerges from Covid-19 Level 2, these benefits will continue to be needed. While this applies across the entire Selwyn District, we already have a considerable head-start across that part of the Banks Peninsula within the Selwyn District to build on. These projects include considering opportunities for additional recreational opportunities which can be accessed directly from the District.

3. Canterbury will emerge from this present Covid-19 crisis, but issues of climate change, sedimentation and biodiversity loss will continue. For all the reasons a healthy environment was a good idea a few months ago, those reasons remain valid - if not more so - going forward in the medium to longer term.

### **About Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū**

Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū is a collaborative programme to protect and enhance biodiversity on the Peninsula through the widespread eradication of animal pests. In November 2018, it was formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by 14 foundation signatories, including the Council. Other signatories include the Department of Conservation, the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust, the Summit Road Society, Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, Environment Canterbury, the Cacophony Project, Living Springs, Ōnuku Rūnanga, Christchurch City Council, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Rāpaki) Rūnanga, Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata, Te Taumutu Rūnanga, Wairewa Rūnanga and the Quail Island Restoration Trust.

This submission has been prepared by the Pest Free Banks Peninsula Project Management Group, established as part of the governance and management arrangements outlined in the Pest Free Banks Peninsula MOU. Council representatives abstained from decision making on this matter.

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### Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

Our primary concern is the unjustified yearly increase in Council rating. In particular, the unfairness for the rural landowners who are rated per hectare rather than per household.

For our property alone, there has been an 800% increase in our rate charges over the last 20 years. In 2000 we paid just over \$7000 for 2019 / 2020 the sum is \$59,982.

Regardless of the increase due to inflation, an in era where user pays we feel this is unfair.

We are most annoyed about the annual stock water race charges, which over the last four years have increased by \$1000 annually to a whopping \$16,000 for this 2019/2020 period.

We have been corresponding with Selwyn District Council since 2016 regarding the excessive amount that we are expected to pay for stock water races that we no longer use for stock water purposes. Our meetings, phone calls, and correspondence are always met with pleasantries and promises of a fair outcome. However, to date there has been no progress, just continued annual increases in the charges and a noticeable decrease in the maintenance of this main county water race that runs through two titles of our property at Te Pirita.

We urge Councillors to consider the unfairness and inequality of these charges and the increases inflicted on us for little or no benefit to our property and our livelihood.

We urge them to act appropriately going forward.

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### Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

I support Option 2 - reduce the 3.5% average increase by identifying savings - especially by an audit of staff to identify areas that are not key council business

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

I have no views

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

It has to be done

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

I support option 2

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

I am happy for this to proceed at the cost of the area of benefit.

I note in the range of funding options the commentary "from existing property owners, contributions from future land developers, and rates paid by the wider Selwyn district".

I note that the 2017 estimate of such a scheme per household unit was \$20,000 and \$36,000. This is not an exceptional amount per lot on an annual basis on a twenty year loan over the area of benefit.

I do not understand why the installation of sewerage for Darfield does not include the entire residential area as has been the norm for other residential areas of Selwyn that have had sewer installed retrospectively including the original township of Rolleston. The whole of Darfield MUST be included in the proposal to benefit from the availability of sewerage. More bums on seats must benefit the finances of the proposed scheme SURELY!

I have no problem with the district wide rate for the operation of the Darfield sewerage as per the rest of the district, but I strongly object to the district financing the capital costs and I am sure that the rest of the District will feel the same.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

I have no views

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

Sell SICON. Honestly a dividend of \$800,000 on an asset of \$22,000,000 is not on. I would expect a 10% return on such high risk - it is only propped up by Council contracts mostly not properly tendered and at the ratepayers expense! Get real!

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## Submission

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

I understand the need for rate increases. However, I believe that there are ways for savings to be made, through cutting or reducing small-scale low-impact programmes and operations, and looking into new, more efficient ways of operating and implementing policies.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

I believe that it is very important to allow adequate time for community consultation regarding this community centre development, in order to ensure that the resources put into it do not go to waste.

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

It is crucial to ensure that the building is safe for public use and that it possesses facilities desired by the community, as they will be the ones using it, and the resources spent on it should not go to waste.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

I believe that a charge between 4 and 8 percent can be introduced through streamlining and revising the proposal as necessary. Barring this, implementing changes to the water system in areas where demand and security needs are highest would, I believe, work well.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

I support the proposal for a reticulated wastewater system. I believe that it is critical to engage the community in further consultation and enter into discussions with professional organisations, contractors, planners, and experts in order to ensure the best value whilst also not cutting corners.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

I support the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

No, I do not have any comments relating to other proposals/projects.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

I believe that COVID-19 has heavily impacted some Selwyn residents, and this should be taken into account if/when rates are raised and during future proposals.



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### **Submission**

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

No opinion, but due to the COVID 19 pandemic, suggest that the levels should be carefully considered to maintain existing works.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

I support the project in principle.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

No objections.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

The ratepayers of Kirwee are rated for Community Centres and Halls, while the Kirwee Hall, being privately owned has been excluded by the Selwyn District Council. In the last term, we applied for consideration for funding for some significant funding for the installation of a fire detection and monitored alarm system, as well upgrading the kitchen. In recent weeks, a water pipe has fractured in the ceiling over the kitchen, flooding the kitchen and a small area of carpet in the hallway outside the kitchen. Gib board on the wall and saturated, with water in the wall structure, requiring stripping of joinery and hardware. It is likely that rebuilding the kitchen will exceed \$60,000.00, while the Hall Committee can only commit approximately \$30,000.00. As a committee, we trust that the Selwyn District Council will look upon the Kirwee Community favourably, as you have done for the Prebbleton Community Hall in the past.

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### **Submission**

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## **Malvern Community Board Submission 2020/21 Annual Plan**

The Board wishes to give its support to the following matters identified in Council's Draft Annual Plan 2020 / 2021 Consultation Document.

### **Question 1: Let us know your views on the options for rates increase in 2020/21**

The Board supports Council in its endeavours to find savings under Option 2.

### **Question 2: Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.**

The Board supports deferring the project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

### **Question 3: Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project**

The Board supports the proposal from Council.

### **Question 4: Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for quality improvement and water demand management**

The Board supports Option 1 to increase water supply charges to provide for quality improvements and demand management. The Board acknowledged that water is not a purely renewable source and residents should be discouraged from using water wastefully.

### **Question 5: Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.**

The Board fully supports Council on the proposal noting it was important to maintain the momentum and adding that it would be prudent to plan further for the wider area and new subdivisions to be connected at a future date.

### **Question 6: Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy**

The Board supports Council in Option 1 i.e. making three changes in relation to the Development Contributions Policy.

**Question 7: Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?**

Malvern Ward Projects – full support from the Board, noting that the Kirwee Recreation Reserve Committee wish to:

- delay the installation of new carpet in the clubroom and repainting of the interior to 22/23 to allow the Sports Pavilion roof replacement project to be brought forward
- increase the funding needed for the purchase of a tractor.

Bring forward the Kirwee Reserve development project to irrigate the reserve to 2020/21 to allow irrigation infrastructure installation at the same time as earthworks are being done and prior to work being done on the playground, field lighting and field redevelopment.

Arthurs Pass Stormwater overflow basin construction	\$105k
Castle Hill Community Centre extension	\$121k
Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve	\$16k
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre entrance upgrade and cricket nets & surface	\$82k
Darfield Township New Passive Reserve development	\$90k
Darfield Township play equipment renewal	\$17k
Darfield Swimming Pool asphalt sealed areas	\$12k
Hororata Reserve tennis courts	\$35k
Kirwee Recreation Reserve carpet, tractor and gang mower, relocate cricket net	\$50k
Sheffield/Waddington Cemetery Fencing	\$9k
Sheffield Community Centre	\$21k
Springfield Pit Reserve development	\$12k
Springfield Water Supply upgrade	\$629k
Tawera Community Centre lighting	\$12k

Water Races - Increase the household rate for Selwyn Properties

The Board requests Council to give consideration to the future management and funding in relation to the retention of water races, during the Long Term Plan discussions.

Libraries Opening Hours

The Board supports shorter hours in relation to Libraries to enable cost savings.

### Community Centre Hire Rates

The Board wishes to acknowledge its support for staff undertaking a review of Community Centre hirer rates across the district, and looks forward in fully engaging in the consultation of that review. However the Board would like reconsideration of the hire rates for small community halls to assist small local users.

### Review of Rentals for Sporting Clubs on SDC Reserves

The Board acknowledges this will form part of the review on Community Centre Hire Rates and looks forward to engage in the consultation of the review.

### Cycleway from Arthur's Pass to the sea

The Board wishes to add this to the Annual Plan acknowledging it will most likely form part of the Long Term Plan discussions. The Board asked that they work with Council to strategically identify where cycle ways could go in, with the end goal of linking up the entire way.

### Other:

The Board supports:

- Communities who wish to ask Council to consider recycling schemes in Rakaia Gorge, in particular the communities of Windwhistle and Coleridge.
- Development of walking track from Glentunnel Bridge to Coalgate / Selwyn Bridge
- Progress on reviewing and moving forward with rezoning of Coalgate and dealing with paper roads.
- Hororata flooding to be more descriptive as to what is proposed to relieve flooding in the Hawkins / Bealey Road area
- The work by Council in the Hororata Township storm water issues but encourages the Council to continue the work programme that has been identified.
- Walkway / Cycleway Glentunnel to Whitecliffs from village to village, not continuing through Whitecliffs Township at this stage. Noting that considerable progress has been made by community and it is suggested Council bring the project forward
- Request that the SDC consider a specific event fund for the next 12 months which can be accessed by events that can prove they provide a social and economic benefit to the district. This investment would generate income for community groups, small business holders (stalls) and give the district a platform to promote local businesses and tourism. There would be a significant return on this investment. Then more of the existing Community Fund could then be directed toward supporting other community initiatives. This fund would need to be made available in July/August 2020 to be effective
- Upgrading further sections of Leaches Road.
- Kirwee Recreation Reserve projects including:
  - Purchase of tractor and replace gang mowers.

- Relocation of cricket nets to allow reserve redevelopment project to proceed.
- Irrigation project to be brought forward to allow for installation at same time as earthworks being done.
- Noted the effect of LED lighting in some reserves has caused contamination of the night sky. This is in particular noticeable in Castle Hill Village where it seems to be the design of the light poles posing the issue.

The Board also supports the Local Projects for the Malvern Ward as listed on page 14 of the Consultation document:

- Hororata Blackberry Patch house – roof replacement
- Darfield Library – roof replacement
- Springfield Pit Reserve – continued development
- Lake Coleridge – playground equipment renewal
- Castle Hill – community centre extension
- Hororata Reserve – public toilet upgrade
- Rewi Alley Reserve – carpark resurfacing
- Darfield Community Centre – entrance upgrade
- Castle Hill – wastewater pond upgrade

**Question 8: Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.**

The Board supports Council's continued monitoring of the health and welfare of Selwyn's communities. They acknowledged that the impact of COVID-19 on individual members in the community may not be clear for several months yet. The Board noted it would be prudent to ask businesses and organisations in Selwyn what actions they would prefer and noted the Mayor's work in the recovery response.

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### **Submission**

The Tai Tapu Community Association Inc. requests the Selwyn District Council give urgent consideration to the issues below to be included in the Annual Plan 2020/2021 Budget.

#### **1. Cycleway between Tai Tapu and Lincoln**

The preferred route is for a fully linked up cycleway between the townships. The LTP allocation of \$100K for a cycleway extension beyond RoseMerryn subdivision, across Ellesmere Road to Perrymans Road is not believed to be the most effective solution. It has been disappointing that the Council have not engaged in any consultation with the Tai Tapu Community Assn. Inc. despite several submissions having been lodged over the years.

A cycleway would: • Provide safe, inexpensive and sustainable biking access to Lincoln, particularly the educational resources (Lincoln High School and Lincoln University). There is no bus service from Tai Tapu to Lincoln. • Provide access to and from the Little River Rail Trail which offers recreational cycling opportunities for individuals and families. • Give people of all ages the opportunity to share adventures together in a safe and leisurely manner and enjoy the fresh air and exercise, without having to travel too far from their home base. • With the downturn in tourism and retail sectors, recreational cyclists would bring welcome patronage to the existing businesses located in Tai Tapu and allow people from other locations to enjoy what our village has to offer.

Selwyn District Council's 2018 Walking and Cycling Strategy Action Plan encourages the benefits of walking and cycling. In the Action Plan: Item 2 (2.6) - the three broad categories for planning and funding contained in the Strategy are:

1. Transport and Commuter use. 2. Recreational Use. 3. Tourism use.

A cycleway between Tai Tapu and Lincoln meets these guidelines and the Tai Tapu Community Association Inc. again requests funding be allocated in the Annual Plan and that consultation by the Selwyn District Council on this proposal be initiated.

#### **2. Proposed Tai Tapu Walkway**

The focus of the TTCA for several years has been the inception of a walkway to encourage both residents and visitors to enjoy a 4km walk alongside the Huritini – Halswell River, past the historic buildings of St. Pauls Church, the Tai Tapu Library and Tai Tapu Hotel. A concept plan has been drawn up by the Council (liaising with Cr. Grant Miller) and the Committee at the February 2020 Meeting agreed the tabled concept be accepted.

The Tai Tapu Community Association requests the Council allocate funding for a maintenance programme to clean up the river and riverbanks along the proposed route, to enable work to begin as soon as possible on the first stage of the pathway.

### 3. Bike Pump Track

Bike Pump Tracks are an accessible, fun means of recreation for the younger members of our community. Bike skills can be improved in a safe and enjoyable way in a centrally situated location. At present there have been some young entrepreneurs from the village who have been using a corner of the Rhodes Park Domain to meet their requirements. Therefore, the TTCA would like to liaise with the Council further on this project to install a Bike Pump Track for our increasing number of younger residents.

Gerald Carter/Amanda Jenkins Co-Chairpersons Tai Tapu Community Assn. Inc 22 May 2020



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### **Submission**

I would like to make a submission to the Selwyn District Annual Plan 2020/21 Consultation Document.

Proposed Increase in Selwyn Huts Licence Fees from 2020 Selwyn Huts was established in 1893 in a peaceful and picturesque setting. There are number of licences who call Selwyn Huts home and a number these people who would not be able to afford a home elsewhere in the region. They have spent considerable time and energy maintaining and improving their homes in anticipation of being able to live in their homes in the future. The current annual licence fee is \$588 and this year the proposed annual hut fee will be \$977. This fee rises to \$1,766 in 2022 an increase of 300% the current fee. This broadly pays for the same services that we currently receive. Licensees no longer receive itemised accounts that we once did to explain these increased costs and I believe that we are entitled to transparent accounts than help us understand why Council is proposing such large increases.

Once a new wastewater system is functional it is proposed that the fee rise to \$4,745 per annum from 2023 over a 15-year period to cover this cost. At the end of fifteen years it is proposed that the dwellings will be removed. I question the value of significant capital expenditure when a temporary or more cost-effective solution may in fact be possible. There is a risk that the cost may even be higher if construction or interest costs rise.

I am concerned that Council has assumed that sea level rise will impact on the reserve as the council suggests it will. It may be that the dwellings can remain beyond 2038. If the current proposal eventuates the Hut owners would be asked to move at soon as they have paid for the wastewater system. A predetermined end date for licences disadvantages licensees makes assumptions that may not eventuate including that the wastewater consent will not be renewed in 2038.

The bond charge for the future removal of the huts is unreasonable. The provision requiring owners to remove their huts in if the licence when licensees vacate their lots has been included in all licences over the last twenty years. There is no precedence for this bond being collected in the past and Council has not provided any evidence to suggest that Hut owners will not remove their huts if necessary. This proposed bond charge is an additional burden at the time when Council is proposing significant increases in the actual fees for the services they provide.

I would like Council to: remove the burden of the \$5,000 bond, explore ways to reduce the fees being charged, provide itemised annual accounts and review the waste treatment options to offer the community options that are more affordable to licensees.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Selwyn District Council staff for the work they do on behalf of the Selwyn Huts community.

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### **Submission**

1. Let us know your views on the options for rates increases in 2020/21.

Rates are crucial for funding projects that contribute to the development of Selwyn and assist Council in delivering a range of services which the community use in their daily lives; often without even realising it. We do feel that it is important to be mindful of the social and economic impact of COVID-19 in Selwyn (e.g. residents losing their jobs, increased anxiety, lack of financial security) when considering the above proposals

Option 1 was proposed before COVID-19 struck and was suggested under different circumstances; compared to what our communities are experiencing today. The proposed rate increase does continue to support all Council projects that were planned prior to COVID-19 which is important for the district's development. However, we do believe that consideration is required for residents in our district who have lost their jobs or for those that now lack financial security. Increased rates could lead to increased financial pressure for many families in our community. It is important to consider the number of households in Selwyn which only have one income now or worst case, no income at all. We are in support of a rate increase when the time is right to do so which may require further community consultation. Our recommendation is to put the increase on hold if there are a significant number of households that can't afford the increase. If we are able to increase without tipping the scales of financial hardship within our communities then we support doing so. What are the previous years excess of rate money? What services are being provided ?

Option 2 is likely to affect investment in community services and programmes. We would be concerned about the impact of this and what this means for our communities.

Option 3 to hold rates the same level as the previous year will no doubt support Selwyn households financially in the wake of COVID-19. Nobody could have predicted this pandemic nor the consequences on our economy and day to day lives. However, we do feel that if Council were to freeze the rates we might be taking several steps backwards and our communities could lose out on years of traction in terms of development. Selwyn has so desperately been waiting for several key projects and new community facilities, so Council would need to make it clear to our community what the long term effects are if rate increases are delayed.

2. Let us know your views on the proposal to defer the Prebbleton Community Centre project while further planning and consultation is carried out.

Option 1 outlines deferring the Prebbleton Community Centre project for more detailed consideration. The purpose of this is to allow for more time to engage with the community and to understand the long term needs of the area. We feel that this is the best option as further planning will be crucial to making sure the best outcome will arise out of this facility and will allow for future usage and thriving in the community. There are risks in rushing this process which is evident in

examples around Selwyn and other parts of New Zealand, where spaces are not fit for purpose simply because the time wasn't given to understand if people using these spaces would really get the most out of them.

We do believe that the youth in Prebbleton need a space to hang out with friends and take part in community activities. The lockdown has shown us it is important to bring people together, in a safe way, and having a space that youth in Prebbleton can use and feel safe in would be great!

3. Let us know your views on the proposal to review and take a wider approach to the Leeston community facility project.

The Leeston Community facility project is overdue and we believe the community would really benefit from a revamp of their community facilities. It would be great to have a space in Leeston that the whole community can utilise and enjoy.

We are in support of Option 1 and the need to understand the wider community needs first, before proceeding with the project. We would like to see consultations take place that include members of the Leeston community and that the views of young people are taken into account. Especially in the wake of COVID-19, the community itself is best equipped to know what their wants and needs are especially for the long term.

4. Let us know your views on the proposal to increase water charges to provide for growth and water demand management.

In considering our response to this proposal, we questioned how much water is currently being used and how much is anticipated to be used. We thought that measurements could be helpful to know and to ensure we are not abusing the resource available to our communities. We believe that increasing the charges will help with maintenance and will assist in safeguarding our water so are in support of Option 1. Water allocation and improving the rate of usage would be beneficial to the district. The growth in population means we must have adequate infrastructure and Selwyn is in a unique position to cater for that if we increase charges. Increasing community awareness on the value of water could also lessen the impact on supply.

5. Let us know your views on the proposal to proceed with further consultation, planning and design for a reticulated wastewater scheme for central Darfield.

We are in support of finding out what the community's views are on this project and their preferred method of payment for such a scheme.

6. Let us know your views on the proposed amendments to the Development Contributions Policy.

We do not have a particular view on the proposed amendment to the Development Contributions Policy.

7. Do you have any comments on any of the other proposals or projects outlined in this Consultation Document?

**TE ARA ATEA - ROLLESTON TOWN CENTRE** Rolleston has never had a real 'heart' so having this town center will bring the community together and will allow for new retail, hospitality and creative spaces to flourish. When young people want to go shopping they tend to go into Christchurch but having Rolleston town center available for them will be fantastic. The Selwyn Youth Council loved being included in the retail partner consultation and continue to support young people having their say on the town centre. Because majority of spaces within Selwyn that youth can use are skateparks and tennis courts, having voice participation and audits will be essential to the shaping of these spaces or at least some aspect of such. Not all youth have money to participate in retail places so catering for this will be important to not leaving out certain groups.

**FOSTER PARK – INDOOR COURTS** It will be great to have an indoor court in Rolleston and bring more of a variety to what people can do to be active in the community. It will also really utilize Foster Parks space and we are confident young people will love having indoor courts in the district.

**SELWYN HEALTH HUB** We are excited to see the Selwyn Health Hub open for all members of the community to access. We believe a large number of young people in Selwyn have historically travelled to access health services in Christchurch,

so it will be great to have the health hub available in Rolleston. We think it will be a real asset for the district and will contribute to the wellbeing of the whole community.

8. Let us know your views on how the Council might adjust its priorities, or do things differently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Selwyn's people and economy.

We would love to see the Council consider the wellbeing of Selwyn young people in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic and that young people are continued to be included in consultations for different projects or activities. We recommend having at least one Selwyn youth council member attend meetings that talk on this, we need to be part of the conversation and this requires councillors to be willing to inform us of when these are happening in order to have meaningful voice input in relation to Selwyn district councils response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the people in our community.