

Improving Selwyn's well-being

Well-being statements and indicators



Long-Term Plan 2021–2031



Improving our well-being

One of the main purposes of local government is to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of our residents and communities.

Almost everything we do as a Council contributes to these well-beings. In our Long-Term Plan 2021–2031 we describe a series of community outcomes or goals, which represent the Council's vision for the district, and guide the Council as it develops plans and makes decisions.

Set out in the following pages are the four well-being statements that we have developed for Selwyn. We're also developing a set of indicators, or ways that we can measure progress towards each of the goals. You can see these under each of the well-being statements.

It's important to note that the Council is just one of a number of organisations that contribute to well-being in our community. Government and non-government agencies, along with many other groups, also have a part to play.

The Council is not directly responsible for all of these indicators, but we do play a role in encouraging, advocating, facilitating and supporting these across Selwyn. Agencies are each responsible for measures relating to their own customers (for example, schools, hospitals, social agencies). If each agency or group performs well, then collectively as a community we can make progress towards these goals.

These well-beings are aspirational and long-term – we won't achieve them overnight, but we should be actively working with other agencies to measuring progress towards them.

Environmental well-being and natural capital

Selwyn's natural landscape and biodiversity are protected. We improve our sustainable and productive land uses to feed New Zealand and the world.



Measuring our progress towards well-being:

Water

- Water quality of monitored lakes, rivers and swimming spots
- Health of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere
- Number of drinking water supplies that comply with water standards

Land use

- Area of protected indigenous vegetation
- Irrigated land area
- Area of high value soil
- Hectares of productive land

Sustainability

- Landfill waste – kilograms per capita
 - Council's carbon emissions per capita
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Social well-being and human capital

Selwyn's residents are successful; we support each other, enjoy spending time together and feel a sense of belonging. We love our families, are well educated and employed.



Measuring our progress towards well-being:

Employment

- Employment rate
- Job seeker numbers
- Percentage of 15–24 year-olds living in the Selwyn not in employment, education or training

Education

- Percentage of school leavers with NCEA Level 3, compared to national average
- Percentage of residents tertiary educated
- Percentage of 0-5 year-olds in Selwyn participating in early childhood education

Households

- Average (median if available) household income
 - Housing affordability
 - Average weekly rent
 - Percentage of home ownership
 - Deprivation index
 - Life expectancy
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Cultural well-being and social capital

Selwyn is a connected and inclusive community. Mana whenua thrive and tangata whenua thrive. We recreate and volunteer together. Everyone has a place to call home.



Measuring our progress towards well-being:

Sense of community

- Percentage of residents who volunteer weekly
 - Population breakdown by ethnicity
 - Percentage of residents who speak Te Reo
 - Percentage of residents who feel a sense of community
 - Percentage of residents who consider Selwyn a great place to live
 - Percentage of residents feeling safe at home
 - Crime rate – family harm; theft; serious crime
 - Percentage of residents who consider their quality of life good
 - Percentage of residents undertaking regular physical activity
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Economic well-being and physical capital

Selwyn is defined by our innovative, quality and sustainable infrastructure and transport solutions. We love our towns and invest in our economy.



Measuring our progress towards well-being:

Business

- Number of new businesses set up in Selwyn
- Gross Domestic Product per capita

Transport

- Route travel times
- Modes of travel – percentage of residents walking, cycling, using public transport, travelling by car
- Road traffic accident statistics

Infrastructure

- Compliant water and wastewater schemes
- Council net asset value per ratepayer
- Percentage of homes with internet access

Visitors

- Number of visitors who stay overnight in Selwyn
 - Amount (\$) spent by visitors in Selwyn
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