

LONG-TERM PLAN 2021–2031

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SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL 2021–2031 Draft Long-Term Plan

SUBMISSIONS #100531 - #100550



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I reluctantly support increased funding for maintaining our transportation network at a standard that prevents further degradation.

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Consideration also needs to be given to how people access buildings ♦ make it for people not cars right from the start. Other than an appropriate number of mobility and loading parks, cars should be out the back and not prioritised for convenience.

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As above.

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As above.

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In these areas I encourage you to show leadership and be bold in your decision making. It is what we want and need.

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The water race network also hugely increases the resilience of the inhabitants of Selwyn District. After the September earthquake there was sometimes no other source of water for stock and considering the relatively small consequences of that earthquake compared to the anticipated AF8, we should not be rushing to run down and shut down what may be one of the few sources of water for people and stock for weeks or months should the electricity network be disrupted.

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Final comment:

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Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Acknowledged

Topic: BIG DECISION 2 - How we pay for drinking water supply (2021-2031) - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 3 - Developing a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee (2021-2026) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments The submitters support for the Darfield Wastewater Proposal is acknowledged.

Topic: BIG DECISION 4 - Maintaining our roads (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Councils strategy and transport objectives are to provide a range of travel choices to meet future traffic, sustainability and climate demands in a equitable way. The emphasis on the proposed transport programme is on road safety projects. There is a higher commitment to public transport as supported through the PT Futures Business Case process and \$7.3 million has been allocated in the proposed LTP (subject to NZTA funding). The Greater Christchurch partnership also has an Mode Shift Plan and Travel Demand Strategy. These initiatives plus the current investigation into MRT, development of the GC 2050 Spatial Plan are set to help in the reduction the use of single occupancy vehicles.

Topic: BIG DECISION 5 - Planning for future roading and transportation projects (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Through the Safe Network Programme (SNP) and national Road to Zero initiatives, Council and the NZTA is funding a major increase in road safety upgrades both on local roads and state highways in the District over the next ten years. The subsidised SNP is currently valued at \$32 million for Council local

roads which do not include other upgrades funded directly by Council that have a safety benefit as well. As the emphasis on the proposed programme is on road safety, projects like some cycleway have been deferred beyond the first 10 years compared to previous LTPs. This includes the Rolleston to West Melton Cycleway which is now proposed for 2034/35, as the priority was to the Burnham to Rolleston Cycleway.

Topic: BIG DECISION 6 - Future of the new Prebbleton Community Centre (2025/2026) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 7 - Future of the Leeston Library and Community Centre (2022/2023) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 8 - Future of the Hororata Community Centre (2023/2024) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: TOPIC: Climate Change - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Council acknowledges and thank the resident for the feedback. Council is committed to and working on Climate Change impacts to its functions, communities and the businesses in order to ensure a sustainable future for the district.

Topic: TOPIC: View on the proposed Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: TOPIC: Water / Wastewater - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments As part of this LTP Council proposes to increase the public good share of the water race cost recovery rating structure.

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If others are making a similar submission would you consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing? *You can change your mind once the hearing has been advertised.* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please note that by making a further submission your personal details, including your name and address, will be made publicly available in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991.

While all information in your submission will be included in papers which are available to the media and the public, your submission will be used only for the purpose of the District Plan Review Process.

Our application is for the Selwyn District Council to put in lights over one of our two greens. The Bowling Club is part of the Lincoln Domain that is used by the Lincoln Community. The cost of the lights is estimated to be \$60,000.

The Lincoln Bowling Club is the main Bowling Club in the Ellesmere/Rolleston district with a membership of 120 full members plus a number of social and limited playing members.

Our club is very involved in the community. Post-Christmas each year we have a community bowls competition made up of fully community players. We have at a minimum of 124 members of the community playing in this competition once a week for a period of six weeks. It is most successful.

The bowling club also provides social bowls for a large number of business houses, Lincoln University and community.

A number of these social events and club fixtures are played in the evening. At the present time the club has to limit the number of weeks that community bowls is played due to light issues in the evening/night.

Topic: TOPIC: Sporting facilities - Property

Staff Recommended Action	If this submission was accepted in full or in part, then the following would be impacted:
Staff Comments	Lincoln Bowling Club Lights: The club facilities are within an exclusive use area occupied under a lease agreement by the club. Council has, historically, not provided bowling club lighting and the clubs have met the cost of installation and operation. Council has previously given some funding support to this facility (\$50,000) as a contribution to the new artificial green. if Council was to agree to this submission the cost is estimated at \$60,000 and would need to be funded from the reserves targeted rate and may be eligible for a minor contribution form reserve development contributions if a growth component can be identified.

[100533] -Federated Farmers of New Zealand Elisha Young-Ebert

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Refer attachment

30 April 2021

SUBMISSION TO SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL ON ITS LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028

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Federated Farmers would like to be heard in support of this submission.

SUBMISSION TO SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL ON ITS DRAFT TEN YEAR PLAN 2021-2031

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The North Canterbury province of Federated Farmers of New Zealand (NCFF) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Selwyn District Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031.
- 1.2 NCFF has a strong membership base in the Selwyn district, and we focus on representing the needs of our members well. This includes ensuring:
 - I. the rates settings are justified and affordable;
 - II. the Council applies Uniform Annual General Charges (UAGC) and targeted rates as much as it can; and
 - III. their rates funds projects and schemes that have a real impact on the ability of rural ratepayers to positively contribute and operate in the Selwyn community.
- 1.3 NCFF notes that the Council proposed to increase its rates by an average 4-5% per year the 10-year period of the Long-Term Plan, with the general rate to increase by an average 6% per year. NCFF is concerned about the affordability of rates increases of that magnitude and we urge the Council to do all it can to ensure its spending is appropriately phased, controlled, and directed to maximise its benefits, and to take pressure off rates increases.
- 1.4 We acknowledge the population of the Selwyn district has grown rapidly over recent years and will continue to grow. We agree the Council should plan suitable infrastructure and services to accommodate this growth. Council debt may double over the 10 years of the plan (from \$105.9b to \$233.6b), which is not excessive compared to many councils, especially growth councils.
- 1.5 However, it is equally important to ensure associated capital investments are focused on core activities rather than 'nice-to-haves', and that these provide strong value for money. It is also important that investment is financed appropriately. We advocate for the prudent use of debt to fund capital investment.
- 1.6 NCFF has reviewed the consultation document and the full draft Long-Term Plan. Our submission includes a summary of recommendations and some discussion on other issues we wish to raise about the proposals.
- 1.7 This submission was developed in consultation with the members and policy staff of Federated Farmers of New Zealand. It is important that this submission is not viewed as a single submission, but as a collective one, representing opinions and views of our members.
- 1.8 **North Canterbury Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in support of its submission.**

2. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council seeks feedback on three broad topics and, within these, eight key focus:
 - 1) Water infrastructure -
 - Continue to run the current drinking water regime

- Increasing/changing the way drinking water supply is charged to ratepayers
- Upgrading the wastewater treatment in Darfield and Kirwee to a reticulated system

2) Roothing infrastructure -

- Maintaining and add to the current roading network in the district, as well as
- Roothing projects and upgrades

3) Community facilities -

- a new community centre in Prebbleton
- a new community hub in Leeston comprising a library, service centre and community centre, and
- a new community centre Hororata.

2.2 NCFF submits our views on key projects raised in the consultation document, and we also comment on other parts of the draft Long-Term Plan; specifically:

- retaining the rural identity of the Selwyn district
- the appropriate policies and measures to protect significant indigenous biodiversity, and supporting indigenous biodiversity generally, across the district
- the role of the Council in addressing Climate Change, and
- the proposed rates increases.

2.3 Our recommendations on the proposals are that Council:

1. advocates for modern and reliable telecommunication networks across the district, especially for its rural ratepayers
2. moves the description of its role to provide a district plan under the Key Outcome – A district with a rural identity – to the more suitable Key Outcome: A clean environment. Instead, it should consider how it will retain the rural identity of the district in the context of its rural community, which extends further than the natural environment
3. consults and engages properly with the affected landowners, first, whenever it proposes to chlorinate water, particularly in the rural zone
4. develops a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee through central government funding and targeted rates from existing properties that would draw direct benefit from this new treatment connection
5. reconsiders if the steep increase to the volumetric water rate to *all users* is a suitable way to encourage responsible water use
6. considers applying targeted rates for the key roading and transportation projects, so there is clear accountability to ratepayers on where their rates will fund roads in the district; and reconsider if it does need more funding for road maintenance at this stage
7. proceeds with its preferred proposed funding for the Prebbleton and Leeston community centre projects; but considers funding the Rolleston town square through development contributions and borrowing, rather than relying on a general rate, and focus on delivering a more affordable town square
8. notes our address to all councils on their role to address Climate Change, and that it continues to take a measure, evidence-based approach to addressing this global issue

9. amends the wording of Objective section, as suggested, of the measure to identify 15 SNAs in the district every year
10. reviews its proposed spending in for Environmental and Regulatory Service, to ensure it provides strong value for money. Spending should be appropriately phased, controlled, and directed to maximise its benefits
11. properly engages and consults with the community on its proposed plans to extend the land drainage scheme to cover the whole district, including the establishment of a district-wide land drainage committee and reformed rate for the scheme
12. amends its draft Long-Term Plan to include comparison tables for the fees and charges so that all interested parties can easily review the differences between the current costs and the proposed ones, and
13. works to reduce the proposed rates increases by reviewing its spending to ensure it is appropriately phased, controlled, and directed to maximise its benefits. It should also bear in mind how the proposed changes to its Land Drainage Network may impact the average increase cap (of 6 per cent) it has set for itself.

2.4 We comment, generally, that the draft Long-Term Plan was not user friendly. Given the size of the document, it would be more helpful if the pages are numbered, and there is an index, for ease of reference.

3. General comment on Community Outcomes

3.1 NCFF has reviewed the draft Long-Term Plan and notes the Council identified several Key Community Outcomes; and we are particularly interested in two:

- I. a district with a rural identity – with a living environment where the rural identity of Selwyn is maintained; and
- II. a prosperous community – with a strong economy which fits within and complements the environmental, social and cultural environment of the district.

3.2 We are pleased to see the Council will advocate for improvement to telecommunications across the district; that it recognises modern connectivity is essential to building a strong economy.

3.3 Access to a reliable broadband connection is vital to the rural community. Farmers must be able to comply with the multitude of monitoring stricter requirements for land and water usage, which is made much harder without broadband internet. They also need modern telecommunications to connect with their suppliers and business partners, many of which expect or require on-line interaction, and the internet also provides a key platform for social connectivity.

3.4 We encourage the Council to advocate strongly for improvements to rural connectivity.

3.5 NCFF is also pleased to see the Council affirms that Selwyn is district with a rural identity. This corresponds with the proposed District Plan, where the Council also described the district as 'predominantly rural'.

3.6 However, we find the Council's proposal to ensure the rural identity of Selwyn by providing a district plan that recognises, protects and enhances the natural environment, is incorrect.

- 3.7 The rural identity of the district is not about the natural environment. Its identity *is* its community and the predominantly pastoral activities that operate all year round and throughout full lockdown during the nation-wide Covid-19 response.
- 3.8 We are not saying the Council should not develop a district plan that appropriately manages the natural environment; we say where this policy sits in the draft Long-Term plan is misplaced.
- 3.9 We suggest this clause should be moved to the Key Outcome: A clean environment, where all other policy notes under this heading complement the aim to have a workable and responsible district plan.
- 3.10 NCFF did point out to the Council, in its submission on the proposed district plan, that it did not believe the Council has a clear vision for what its rural identity is and should be. Indeed, at page 12 of the consultation document, the Council records that residents who attended community workshop on the Long-Term Plan said it was important Selwyn retained its distinct rural character. We ask that the Council considers this what this means; perhaps go back out to its community to find out exactly how Selwyn can retain its rural identity.

Recommendation 1:

That Council does advocate for modern and reliable telecommunication networks across the district, especially for its rural ratepayers.

Recommendation 2:

That Council moves the description of its role to provide a district plan under the Key Outcome – A district with a rural identity – to the more suitable Key Outcome: A clean environment. It should consider how it will retain the rural identity of the district in the context of its rural community, which extends further than the natural environment.

4. Proposals for Water Services

- 4.1 The Council seeks comments on three substantive proposals in its draft Long-Term Plan to:
- I. chlorinate remaining non-chlorinated water supplies only where risk assessment or regulation requires the Council to do so
 - II. increase the volumetric water rate and annual fixed rate, and
 - III. develop a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee.
- 4.2 While we broadly support the Council's proposal to only chlorinate on a needs-basis, we have received feedback from our members that their animals will not drink chlorinated stockwater. This impacts their ability to water their stock and, consequently, their ability to run a productive business.
- 4.3 Accordingly, we recommend that wherever Council proposes to chlorinate water in the rural zone, it consults and engages properly with the affected landowners first.
- 4.3 NCFF also supports the Council's proposal to develop a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee through central government funding and targeted rates from existing properties that would draw direct benefit from this new treatment connection. We would not support any general rate contribution to funding water or wastewater costs.

- 4.4 NCFF notes the Council's proposes to increase the volumetric water rate by 44%, and the fixed base rate by 20%, over the next two years.
- 4.5 While we can understand the increase to the base rate, we think the increase to the volumetric water rate is very steep. The Council has explained the increase is to motivate ratepayers to take more control over their water rates bill, but this is hardly a sound reason for a 44 per cent increase to everyone, including low-users. Water rates should relate to cost recovery, not to act as a 'price' to influence behaviour.
- 4.6 We urge the Council to reconsider if this volumetric rate increase is warranted. We do not believe this increase is a suitable way to encourage property owners to be more responsible with their water use.

Recommendation 3:

That Council consults and engages properly with the affected landowners first, whenever it proposes to chlorinate water in the rural zone.

Recommendation 4:

That Council develops a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee through central government funding and targeted rates from existing properties that would draw direct benefit from this new treatment connection.

Recommendation 5:

That Council reconsiders if the steep increase to the volumetric water rate to all users is suitable way to encourage responsible water use.

5 Proposals for Transportation Services

- 5.1 The Council has two broad proposals for its transportation network: to have enough funding to maintain the roads in the district, because funding from NZTA alone may not be enough; and to complete a suite of roading/transportation projects over the next 10 years.
- 5.2 Both proposals call for an increase to the general rate. NCFF submits that roading is the activity farmers most value from local government. We, therefore, support more investment in roading, provided that there is investment in rural roads that benefits farmers paying significant amounts in roading rates. The consultation document says the roading/ transportation projects would increase the general rate for a \$10 million property by \$1,385 over the next 10 years. Many rural properties would fall within this category. It is unclear to us if the proposed increase of \$360 for the same property for road maintenance would be an annual increase.
- 5.3 NCFF observes that the Transportation funding impact statement in draft Long-Term Plan illustrates the Council relies heavily on the general rate for its roading and transportation network. This is in stark contrast to a comparable growth council that uses targeted rates.
- 5.4 We believe the proposals should be funded by targeted rates, particularly the proposal to fund specific key roading and transportation projects. This ensures there is clear accountability to ratepayers on where their rates will fund roads in the district.
- 5.5 We find the proposal to increase the general rate because the conditions of the road *may* not meet ratepayer needs with the funding the Council received from NZTA implies this is a 'nice to have' rather than a 'need to have'.

- 5.6 We generally encourage the Council to consider applying targeted rates for the key roading and transportation projects, and reconsider if it does need to increase rates for road maintenance.

Recommendation 6:

That Council considers applying targeted rates for the key roading and transportation projects, so there is clear accountability to ratepayers on where their rates will fund roads in the district, and reconsider if it does need more funding for road maintenance at this stage.

6 Community Facilities

- 6.1 NCFF notes the three community centre projects the Council wishes to progress in the next few years:
- I. a new community centre in Prebbleton
 - II. a new community hub in Leeston comprising a library, service centre and community centre; and
 - III. a new community centre Hororata.
- 6.2 The Council outlines in the consultation document it will borrow for these community projects and repay the loan through the Community and Centres and Libraries Targeted Rates.
- 6.3 We support the Council's willingness to invest in these townships, and we agree to the preferred option. Where services are for a specific community, the funding should predominantly come from targeted rates and through user-pays.
- 6.4 We do note, however, the Council did not elect take the same approach with the Rolleston Town Square project, listed in its draft Long-Term Plan. The draft LTP gives some details about the square: it will be of 'high quality...paved promenades to connect buildings; shade structures; water features; public seating; performance space/equipment and an overhead light system¹. It is scheduled for construction between 2021 and 2023.
- 6.5 The projected cost to develop the Rolleston town square is \$6.4 million, and the Council proposes to fund this through development contributions (about 40%) and the general rate (60%). We observe this is the only community project that uses the general rate.
- 6.6 NCFF does not support this proposal to predominantly fund a town square, which is central to the fastest growing area in Selwyn, through a general rate. We believe the Council should borrow to finance the cost.
- 6.7 While it is aspirational to make create a premium square, it is a 'nice to have', and not essential. The Council may wish to create space that can evolve but it is likely water features and light and performance equipment can date quickly. It will also involve an ongoing cost to maintain these features; and it is unclear to us if these costs have been accounted for to ratepayers.

Recommendation 7:

That Council proceeds with its preferred proposed funding for the Prebbleton and Leeston community centre projects; but considers funding the Rolleston town square

¹ The pages on the draft LTP were not numbered. We think it is at about page 12.

through development contributions and borrowing, rather than relying on a generate rate, and focus on delivering a more modest town square.

7 Climate Change

- 7.1 NCFF generally acknowledges climate change is global issue and everyone has a part to play in addressing its effects. Indeed, farmers know first-hand the stress and risks extreme weather conditions can have on their livelihoods.
- 7.2 As we write this submission, Federated Farmers of New Zealand is working closely with farmers and other stakeholders, particularly Central Government, to ensure we have practical and viable measures in place to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- 7.3 Attached, for your reference, is a letter Federated Farmers sent in October 2020 to all councils (including Selwyn District Council) on what we see as the appropriate role for councils in addressing climate change.
- 7.4 NCFF supports the Council's measured approach to addressing climate change, which includes:
- participating in the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group and the Mayoral Forum Climate Change Steering Group
 - conducting an initial assessment of flooding hazard in low-lying plans and coastal areas
 - completing an assessment of climate change impacts on water assets in 2017 and 2020
 - developing a cross-sector plan with regional partners to adapt to climate change and prioritising risks to manage, and
 - adopting a climate change policy in 2020.
- 7.5 We generally support the Council's measured, evidence-based approach to addressing climate change and we duly note the progress the Council has made so far to ensure the district adapts well to climate change.

Recommendation 8:

That Council notes our address to all councils on their role to address Climate Change, and that it continues to take a measure, evidence-based approach to addressing this global issue.

8 Indigenous Biodiversity

- 8.1 The Council states in its consultation document it will include a new measure for significant natural areas of indigenous biodiversity (SNAs) as part of its delivery of environment services.
- 8.2 The draft Long-Term Plan states the Council will protect "areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna to ensure no net loss of indigenous biodiversity, and other indigenous biodiversity values are maintained and enhanced". The new measure will be to identify and protect 15 SNAs in the district per year.
- 8.3 In another performance measure the Council states it will 'encourage and support the restoration and enhancement of areas of indigenous biodiversity' by introducing two measures

to facilitate or carry out 2km of riparian margin planting in the district per year, and 5 hectares of indigenous vegetation planting per year.

8.4 NCFF supports the Council's proposal to encourage and enable the restoration and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity through its own planting initiatives. We can also agree to the measure to identify and protect 15 SNAs in the district per year.

8.5 However, we disagree the Objective for the Performance Measure – identify and protect 15 SNAs in the district per year – properly reflects what should be achieved. It should read:

To protect areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna to ensure no net loss of significant indigenous biodiversity, and other indigenous biodiversity values are maintained and, where appropriate, enhanced.

8.6 We suggest these changes better reflects the Council's responsibility to protect significant indigenous biodiversity and to, overall, maintain other indigenous biodiversity.

8.7 We note in the Environmental and regulatory services funding impact statement that about 47 per cent of this year's funding comes from General Rates, while Fees and Charges make up about 39 per cent. The Council proposes to increase the total funding of \$14.3 million in this financial year to \$20.5 million in 2021/22. Of this approximately \$6.2 million increase, almost \$5 million will go to paying staff and suppliers.

8.8 NCFF can see the proportion of the proposed increase for 2021/22 does shift: 45 per cent from General Rates and 41 per cent from Fees and Charges, but we consider this is a large increase and we question the reasons for it.

8.9 We ask the Council to review its proposed spending in this area to ensure it provides strong value for money. Spending should be appropriately phased, controlled, and directed to maximise its benefits.

8.10 We are also interested to know how much of this budget will go towards the protection of SNAs and to supporting indigenous biodiversity generally. This is unclear in the Long-Term plan.

Recommendation 9:

That Council amends the wording of Objective section, as suggested, of the measure to identify 15 SNAs in the district every year.

Recommendation 10:

That Council reviews its proposed spending on Environmental and Regulatory Services, to ensure it provides strong value for money. Spending should be appropriately phased, controlled, and directed to maximise its benefits.

9 Other projects and changes

9.1 NCFF duly notes the Council highlighted other projects they are progressing or contemplating within the next 10 years; these include the district plan review, developing and improving roads and transport options for the district, and upgrading stormwater and wastewater services.

9.2 We support the Council drawing funds for road and transport projects from targeted rates and from a variety of other sources. We encourage the Council to continue this practice rather than using general rates.

- 9.3 We are particularly interested in the Council's proposal to reform the way it manages its land drainage network by establishing a district-wide land drainage committee, who will develop a new rating structure, and creating a district-wide rating scheme, similar to the scheme for water races.
- 9.4 The Council explains this scheme is needed because there is 'a growing focus on the environmental performance of Selwyn's...network, which is likely to require increased monitoring and reporting...it will be more challenging to gain and new resources.' The Council also advises that consultation on the new scheme may take place in the next year.
- 9.5 NCFF reserves its view on this proposal until it reaches public consultation stage. We comment, in contrast, that Christchurch City Council is also proposing through its LTP a district-wide land drainage rate, but without any prior consultation or engagement. CCC's rationale differs from Selwyn District Council's: it says it is only fair everyone contributes despite the fact many of their ratepayers have no access to the network. Furthermore, the proposed targeted rate is based on capital value of properties, which means rural properties, that have never paid this rate before, will find thousands added to their rates bill. This is unfair and unaffordable, and we have told the City Council we oppose this proposal.
- 9.6 We are also especially interested in the changes to fees and charges, for consent application and for rural water charges.
- 9.7 We found the draft Long-Term Plan set out what the proposed charges would be for Environmental Services, but it did not include what the current charges, as a comparison. NCFF referred to the Council's webpage to check what the current charges are, but the webpage only had a link to the proposed changes to charges.
- 9.8 This makes it impossible for all interested parties to see how low or high the increase would be, and we think the Council should modify this section to allow parties to see the difference.
- 9.9 We recommend that table setting out the proposed changes to rural water charges should also include what the current charges are. An increase to \$4,702 for every additional unit, without any comparison to the status quo, can seem alarming.

Recommendation 11:

That Council properly engages and consults with the community on its proposed plans to extend the land drainage scheme to cover the whole district, including the establishment of a district-wide land drainage committee and reformed rate for the scheme.

Recommendation 12:

That Council amends its draft Long-Term Plan to include comparison tables for the fees and charges so that all interested parties can easily review the differences between the current costs and the proposed ones.

10 Rates – General Comments

- 10.1 NCFF notes that the consultation document proposes an average increase of between 4.5 and 4.7 per cent for standard residential properties, and between 5.2 and 5.7 per cent for rural

properties. The Council states in the consultation document that even though rates must increase above the rate of inflation to pay for improved services, the rates will remain 'reasonable'. It also undertakes that the average rate increase will not exceed 6 percent in any one year.

10.2 We note this draft LTP proposes an increase in all rural rating samples:

- For a rural property in Darfield – the rates will rise from 2.8 to 5.5% for 2021/22; peak at 6.2% in 2026/27, then level out at 5.9% by 2030
- For a rural property in Lincoln – the rates rise from 2.2 to 4.8% for 2021/22; peak at 5.7% in 2023/24, then level out to 5.3% by 2030, and
- For a rural property in Malvern – the rates rise from 3.2% to 5.5% for 2021/22; peak at 5.8% in 2026/27, then level out to 5.4% by 2030.

10.3 We generally support the Council's intention to keep its rates increases at an affordable level. It demonstrates the Council understands how businesses across the country, especially farmers, face continued uncertainty on how the economic effects of Covid-19 will impact their business. However, the proposed rates increases do far outstrip the rate of inflation, and the cumulative impact on rates will be significant after a decade of these increases. We urge the Council to keep a tight lid on expenditure and ensure it is appropriately phased, controlled, and directed to maximise its benefits and to control the risk of rates.

10.4 District council rates are not the only pressure farmers will face in the coming year. Regional Council rates are increasing even more; for example, Environment Canterbury's proposes to increase its rates by 24.5% in 2021/22 alone. Our members must also meet new regulations for freshwater management, for climate change and for indigenous biodiversity. We are aware our members will bear substantial costs to meet these regulations. They will appreciate this Council's commitment to keep rates as low as possible for the foreseeable future.

10.5 NCCFF wonders if the Council's proposal to create a district-wide rate for its land drainage network will impact the proposed average increases or will it take the average beyond the 6 per cent limit it has set for itself? This will have to be consideration for future annual plans.

Recommendation 13:

That Council works to reduce the proposed rates increases by reviewing its spending to ensure it is appropriately phased, controlled, and directed to maximise its benefits. It should also bear in mind how the proposed changes to its Land Drainage Network may impact the average increase cap (of 6 per cent) it has set for itself.

11. ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS

11.1 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a voluntary, member-based organisation with a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers and wider rural enterprises.

11.2 Our members aspire to:

- operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

North Canterbury Federated Farmers thanks the Selwyn District Council for the opportunity to submit on its Long-Term Plan.

We look forward to speaking in support of our submission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Henderson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cameron Henderson
President – North Canterbury Province
Federated Farmers of New Zealand

31 October 2020

To Mayors, Chairs, Councillors and Chief Executives
All Regional, City and District Councils

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

On behalf of Federated Farmers of New Zealand, I am writing to all councils about the appropriate role for local government in addressing climate change and its effects.

Until recently local government's role was understood to be narrow, focussing on climate change adaptation, recognising that central government had primary responsibility to set policy for addressing climate change and its effects. The Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) has been relied upon as the key mechanism to encourage emissions reduction and the Resource Management Act (RMA) prevented councils from considering greenhouse gas mitigation when granting consent, developing regional plans, or setting regional rules. Adaptation rather than mitigation was where councils were seen to have an appropriate role.

Over recent times councils have come under increasing public and political pressure to do more to address the impacts and consequences of climate change. The Government also recently amended the RMA to remove restrictions on councils from considering greenhouse gas mitigation in RMA processes.

Federated Farmers understands these pressures and the genuine desire by many in local government to do more. Councils could do more to reduce their own emissions footprints, such as by moving to clean energy for their buildings and using electric vehicles for their fleets. Councils could influence carbon dioxide emissions more generally through their core role of planning and funding of their transport infrastructure and services.

Councils will also have an important role in ensuring that their regions adapt to the varied and many expected localised impacts of climate change. Such adaptation may include protecting infrastructure from rising sea levels and securing drinking water supplies in the face of more frequent and severe extreme weather events. New Zealand's favourable climatic conditions have enabled the agriculture sector to be one of the most productive in the world. However, climate change means these conditions cannot be relied upon into the future, some regions are expected to become hotter and drier, other regions are expected to become colder and wetter, and extreme weather events are expected to become more frequent and damaging across all regions. Rather than relying on increasingly unpredictable rainfall, some regions may be able to store more fresh water and pump it to regions with less. The need to explore increased water storage infrastructure highlights the appropriateness of local councils developing plans to adapt to the expected impacts of climate change, while also seeking to mitigate the emissions they are directly responsible for.

Beyond these roles Federated Farmers is not convinced that councils can or should seek to do more.

Firstly, despite concerns about the effectiveness of the ETS, recent changes to the scheme are and will be driving a higher emissions price and over time it will drive the intended behaviour change if the scheme continues to be improved upon. Long-term certainty in the functionality of the ETS is critical for its success and the ETS should be allowed to remain the primary mechanism for encouraging emissions reduction, especially for long-lived gases like carbon dioxide.

Secondly, in relation to agricultural emissions (which are currently not subject to surrender obligations under the ETS), the Government, Iwi/Māori, and the agricultural sector are, under the *He Waka Eke Noa* Primary Sector Climate Action Partnership, working to co-design policy and programmes to measure, manage and incentivise the reduction of agricultural greenhouse gas emissions.

This partnership is working on ways to equip farmers and growers with the knowledge and tools they need to reduce emissions, while continuing to sustainably produce quality food and fibre products for domestic and international markets. It includes collaboration on the detailed development of an appropriate farm gate emissions pricing mechanism by 2025. The Climate Change Commission has been asked to assess progress under *He Waka Eke Noa* and provide this no later than July 2022.

More information on *He Waka Eke Noa* can be found here: <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/climate-change/he-waka-eke-noa-primary-sector-climate-change-action-partnership>

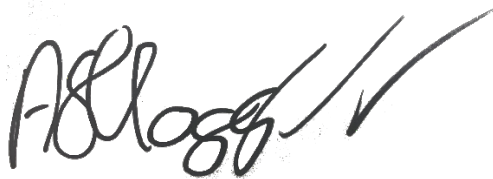
Federated Farmers is concerned that councils may be considering undertaking, or being encouraged to undertake, actions to manage agricultural emissions, especially methane and nitrous oxide. By doing so councils may end up acting prior to the completion of work under *He Waka Eke Noa* which would be at best duplicative and at worst could undermine this work.

Thirdly, taking an overly expansive role on climate change going beyond councils' core roles would, in Federated Farmers view, not be the best use of ratepayers money at a time when councils will be facing many financial challenges in recovering from the effects of COVID-19 and when many ratepayers are struggling to make ends meet.

Federated Farmers therefore urges councils to stick to focusing on ensuring their regions can best adapt to the expected impacts of climate change and to only seek to mitigate emissions which they are directly responsible for. They should not seek to manage emissions that they have little ability to effectively influence and are already subject to considerable work at a central government level and, with respect to agricultural emissions, being managed in partnership with Iwi/Māori, and the agricultural sector under a historic partnership approach.

Federated Farmers provinces may be making their own submissions on councils' specific consultations on climate change and I acknowledge their submissions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Hoggard', followed by a large checkmark.

Andrew Hoggard
National President
Spokesperson on Local Government and Climate Change

Topic: BIG DECISION 1 - Keeping our drinking water safe (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Your support for Council to continue its current approach to maintain safe drinking water is acknowledged. This option means additional funding and upgrades, with the specific purpose of avoiding chlorination, won't be included in the 2021-31 LTP.

Council UV treats the majority of its water supplies.

Please refer Councils website for more information on chlorination:
https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/288740/Water-Supply-Chlorination-A-Risk-Based-Approach-25-10-18-signed.pdf

Topic: BIG DECISION 2 - How we pay for drinking water supply (2021-2031) - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 3 - Developing a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee (2021-2026) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments The submitters support for the Darfield Wastewater Proposal is acknowledged.

Topic: BIG DECISION 4 - Maintaining our roads (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments In response to Recommendation 6, the previous targeted rate for road maintenance was discontinued for the 2018 LTP after concerns were raised by the public. The Preferred Option seeks to reinstate a similar level of annual funding but funded from General Rate. This additional road maintenance and renewal funding is considered necessary to preserve the standard of the roading network under strain from additional use from growth so acceptable levels of service can be provided by Council. This is beyond what the NZTA is willing to fund - which has a bias towards funding high productivity and/or volume main roads. The extra funding Council is proposing to provide will help in supporting the wider rural roading network, which while is considered low volume, is still important to Council and no doubt Federated Farmers members who rely on this network.

Topic: BIG DECISION 5 - Planning for future³³ roading and transportation projects (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 6 - Future of the new Prebbleton Community Centre (2025/2026) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 7 - Future of the Leeston Library and Community Centre (2022/2023) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: TOPIC: Biodiversity / Environment - Env & Reg Services

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

With regard to Recommendation 9 of the submission the Council has introduced the numerical element which aligns well with the need to demonstrate ‘strong value for money’ for our community in this regard.

Council recognises the need to protect and manage indigenous biodiversity in the District through its SNA programme and as such has two staff working on this, and associated funding streams.

With regard to Recommendation 10 funding has been incorporated into LTP budgets, particularly through the SNEF fund and SNA assessment projects. SNEF is currently oversubscribed with the existing arrangements in place. With the increase in subscriptions to SNEF and the impending National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity, which will likely increase Councils responsibly and resource commitment in this area increased funding has merit for consideration and may be required in the future.

Topic: TOPIC: Climate Change - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments	Council acknowledges ³⁴ and thank NCCF for their support to Climate Change work at Council and their recommendation in this matter. Farming operations and farming communities are important stake holder in District wide response to Climate Change actions. Council will look forward to engaging with them as we move forward on our Climate change response work.
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Topic: TOPIC: Infrastructure (general) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	Acknowledged

Topic: TOPIC: Land Drainage - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	<p>The proposal for Council to engage and consult with the community on its proposed plans to extend the land drainage rating to cover the whole district is acknowledged and intended.</p> <p>The establishment of a district-wide land drainage committee is the first priority.</p>

Topic: TOPIC: Rates - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	The Council understands the financial pressures that ratepayers face and endeavours to keep rates increase to a minimum. The Council's investments focus on enhancing the four wellbeing's of Environmental, Social, Cultural and Economic.

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Submission long Term Plan

Synopsis of project.

Jennifer Barrer

'Tunnelers'. 94 West Coast Rd

I will research. at Arthurs Pass . the West Coast. Rolleston and Christchurch, the letters, anecdotes, historical records and creative affairs of Tunnelers, a small cottage (1907) at Arthurs Pass. Unique as a survivor of the making of the Otira tunnel it's over a hundred years old. I visualise a creative book including pictures, writings, poems and stories of tunnel workers, climbers and writers who lived there. A real story of New Zealand survival! 114

Otira tunnel workers; their stories, artefacts, social history.

Climbers, first tracks, first ascents, mountain tragedies, and hardships

The botanists' journeys

Painters, potters, writers

The viaduct workers and Tunnelers today as a hub of ordinary New Zealand history, and a seeding place for creativity

In 2000 I was invited to co-write , with Neil Roberts, a book on the landscape painter, Grace Butler (1886 -1962), who lived in Arthur's Pass, at Jack's Hut (the Roadman's Hut). I am Grace Butler's grand-daughter. I would write a visual book of her art

It was suggested to me by the former DOC Ranger at Arthurs Pass, when I was helping with the restoration of Jack's Hut there, that I should write on Tunnelers Cottage.

This will be a fresh way of looking at 'New Zealand survival', through my writing.

I will require assistance with restoration as discussed John. 29/4/21
The long term plan is very significant at this time in history. I would like to be part of it

Jennifer Barrer
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Topic: TOPIC: Funding requests - Community Services & Facilities

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	Submission to Council for funding to write a history of Tunnelers Cottage (1907). No current budget provision for this project nor any obvious funding bucket.

Topic: TOPIC: Heritage Sites - Env & Reg Services

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	The Council also has a Historic Heritage Fund that can be applied to for funding on an annual basis to help protect and maintain heritage items.

[100535] -QEII National Trust / Nga Kairauha Papa Miles Giller⁶⁴

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30 April 2021

QEII Trust Ngā Kairauhi Papa submission on Selwyn District Council draft LTP 2021-31

We welcome the opportunity to comment on Selwyn District Council's draft Long-Term Plan for 2021-2031. Our comments relate to provisions for biodiversity in the draft LTP, and the opportunity for QEII and the Council to continue working together for conservation outcomes on private land.

1. QEII in Selwyn District – partnering with landowners to protect indigenous biodiversity on private land

In partnership with private landowners, QEII plays an important role in biodiversity conservation in the Selwyn District. We work alongside private landowners to place covenants on their land to protect areas with open space values, in perpetuity. Our Regional Representatives for the area Miles Giller (North Canterbury) and Alice Shanks (Central Canterbury) facilitate our work on the ground through trusted relationships with landowners.

In the Selwyn District there currently are 35 registered covenants, protecting approximately 593 hectares of lowland primary and modified secondary forest, tussock and shrublands, wetlands, and more. There are more covenants in varying stages of the approval process, and other areas of indigenous biodiversity in need of protection.

The work we do in partnership with landowners is incredibly important in the Selwyn District. Loss of indigenous biodiversity has been sustained over generations, and little remains of the rich and diverse ecosystems once found in the area. On the Plains in particular, human modification has resulted in remnants that are small, fragmented, and often acutely threatened. Many of these remnants are found on private land and most are still subject to ongoing threats such as degradation by pests and weeds, fragmentation, inadvertent vegetation clearance, intensification, and other land-use change.

Protection of these remnants is critical for the District's natural and cultural heritage. We need to work with landowners to protect the special areas on their land before there is any further loss. History shows that these areas will not survive without a holistic approach to protection, through:

- legal and physical protection (with QEII or another legal covenant)
- identification as SNAs
- fostering of landowner interest and pride
- community education
- active management of pest plants and animals.

We acknowledge and commend the work that the Council is already doing to identify potential SNAs and work proactively with landowners to engage and support them on their conservation journey. We hope that QEII and the council can continue our collaboration and to align work and investment towards accelerating the protection of these remnants on private land.

2. Prioritising protection of existing biodiversity

Where there are finite resources available for biodiversity, protecting what we have left should be prioritised above establishment of new areas of biodiversity. This aligns with the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy (2008), signed by Selwyn District Council. The guiding priority principle of the

strategy is to ‘focus first on protecting and maintaining what remains, and then on restoring what has been lost’.

It is significantly cheaper to fence and carry out weed and pest control for remnants of naturally occurring vegetation, than it is to undertake planting or wetland reconstruction projects. Protection of existing remnants also results in flora and fauna with significantly higher complexity, representativeness, and sustainability than artificially created or highly manipulated replanting efforts.

We are pleased to see this recognised across some of the council’s biodiversity work. The Selwyn Natural Environment Fund for example recognises the need to focus on protection of remnant biodiversity in the District and prioritise areas that have been identified as significant/high value, before investing in restoration projects.

We encourage the council to apply this concept to other biodiversity investment in the next ten-years. Focusing on protecting the biodiversity that remains in the district, before investing in revegetation and other conservation projects will ensure cost-effective and impactful work.

We do recognise that there is a role for revegetation projects and that many communities and landowners are excited about these projects for riparian zones, freshwater quality, and community engagement. Where revegetation and restoration projects are being undertaken, it is essential that best practice methods are followed. This includes eco-sourcing of plants, a plan for follow-up management (e.g. weed control, plant releasing etc), and careful planning.

Council staff can play a role in shaping these projects and it is important that they advocate for these measures. QEII is currently developing guidelines for landowners to undertake best-practice revegetation projects and we will be happy to share this with council staff when it is finalised.

3. Provisions for biodiversity in the draft LTP

We generally support the direction for biodiversity outlined in the draft LTP and have several comments to make related to support for conservation on private land.

The next ten years will be critical for biodiversity in the district. The expectations from our communities around the kind of environment they want to live in are growing, and this is accompanied by a changing policy landscape. SDC will also face increased responsibilities for biodiversity on private land when an NPS-IB is introduced, likely later this year. We are pleased to see SDC working proactively towards fulfilling these obligations. It is our observation that early engagement and support for landowners helps to smooth the transition towards a regulatory framework. We encourage council to increase resourcing to the biodiversity team to undertake this growing area of work.

a. Environmental and Regulatory Services – measures for biodiversity

The draft LTP outlines three key performance measures for indigenous biodiversity related objectives. QEII can be a partner to the Council in delivering some of this work on private land.

Performance measure 1 – ‘Protection’ of 15 Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) each year’

One proposed measure outlines a target for ‘protection’ of 15 SNAs each year, in collaboration with landowners and other agencies. The draft LTP doesn’t specify what ‘protection’ means and we submit that at a minimum, it needs to include fencing for stock exclusion or grazing management, and pest plant and animal control.

Identification and physical protection of areas identified as SNAs are just first steps. These areas need to be monitored and ideally, actively managed for pest plants and animals. Pest plants and animals are a major threat to native vegetation and habitats and are often problems at a landscape scale with management being beyond the means of individual landowners. To maintain and enhance these sites, landowners will need support to control these threats.

We would like to see the council expand this measure to recognise that active management of these sites is needed for successful outcomes. The costs of supporting landowners with this work will be ongoing across multiple years and accumulate as more SNAs are protected each year. This needs to be reflected in the biodiversity teams' budget for fencing and pest plant and animal control.

To secure council and landowner investment in these activities, and ensure that biodiversity outcomes are long-term, landowners could be encouraged to look at covenanting with QEII. This could also ease the monitoring responsibility on council – all QEII covenants are monitored biennially. Some councils have successfully incentivised private land conservation by contributing to fencing costs or pest plant and animal control when landowners commit to protection through QEII covenants.

As this measure progresses, the budget for the biodiversity team will need to be increased to monitor these areas and support landowners with ongoing management of pest plants and animals. We also suggest that an increase to the SNEF fund could support more landowners with ongoing management – as more areas are identified and protected as SNAs, the demand for this fund will likely increase.

Performance measures 2 and 3 – 'Carry out or facilitate 2km of riparian planting and 5ha of indigenous revegetation per year'.

The second measure for indigenous biodiversity is focused on restoration and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity. As above, QEII supports prioritisation of remnant indigenous biodiversity before establishment of new areas of indigenous biodiversity.

We do recognise however that in parts of the district where significant or total loss of indigenous biodiversity has occurred, communities are motivated to undertake projects to restore or recreate ecosystems. We reiterate our points from above that if the protection of biodiversity is a goal, these projects must be undertaken according to best practice. We also suggest that use of eco-sourced plants should be a condition of council-funded revegetation projects.

b. Control of biodiversity weeds in Outstanding Natural Landscapes

Territorial authorities have a responsibility under the RMA to protect outstanding natural features and landscapes. Some weeds (e.g., wilding conifers, lupins, broom, hawthorn etc) are having increasing biodiversity and landscape impacts in areas such as between Arthurs Pass and Porters Pass.

Containing and reducing dispersal of these species should be a priority sooner rather than later, as it will become increasingly difficult to contain weed species over time as spread continues and climate change potentially accelerates their survival.

This work needs to be a priority and we would like to see Council adopt a strategy to deal with these weeds and resources allocated for weed control in Outstanding Natural Landscapes in the district.

Topic: TOPIC: Biodiversity / Environment⁶⁸ - Env & Reg Services

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

Council recognises the significant contribution that QEII makes towards the protection and management of indigenous biodiversity in the Selwyn District. As such, Council staff will continue to collaborate with the Trust to help enable positive biodiversity outcomes.

Council also recognises the key priority of monitoring, protecting and managing existing indigenous biodiversity and we are actively engaging with landowners across the District in this regard.

Funding has been incorporated into LTP budgets, particularly through the SNEF fund and SNA assessment projects. SNEF is currently oversubscribed with the existing arrangements in place. With the increase in subscriptions to SNEF and the impending National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity, which will likely increase Councils responsibly and resource commitment in this area increased funding has merit for consideration and may be required in the future.

Council acknowledges issues of biosecurity and the threat that exotic weeds play to indigenous biodiversity. We are working closely with agencies and our community to develop more effective and joined up responses to biosecurity issues and threats.

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Submission on Selwyn District Council Long-Term Plan 2021-2031

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SOC formed in 2005 from the merger of Sustainable Cities Trust and Christchurch-Ōtautahi Agenda 21 Forum. SOC works toward the bold vision of the people of Ōtautahi-Christchurch and its environs “practising, living and demonstrating sustainability in all that they do.”

We do wish to speak to our submission.

It is encouraging to see the use of the words sustainable, sustainability and sustainably being used so frequently in the SDC LTP including in the Mayor's introduction " we have sustainably managed the way our district has developed".

It is also excellent to see the prominence given the four well-beings.

The indicators of success for the environmental one has quality of water, we suggest adding quantity of water to this indicator. The rivers of our region require water flows to be able to maintain the biodiversity they should be supporting. Many people around the country have grieved when seeing on television the images of the Selwyn river in recent years in a dire condition due to low flows.

We love the vision of "innovative quality sustainable infrastructure and transport solutions".

SOC have also been engaged with the Greater Christchurch partnership consultations and agree that "people were most concerned about not enough being done to address the impacts of climate change": and that people want a " sustainable, geen, safe and affordable" Greater Christchurch.

Hence it is deeply disappointing to us that there is so little mention of biodiversity and active efforts to protect, enhance and restore indigenous biodiversity within the consultation document. We fully support the protection of the water races in the Selwyn district (land drainage section). These water races are refugia for indigenous species including the critically endangered Canterbury mudfish. We also are pleased to see the 2 KPIs in the long form document relating to biodiversity protection and enhancement.

SOC supports your focus on water services. To ensure a safe drinking water supply, and to ensure healthy freshwater ecosystems in the region, land- use and potential land -use change must be considered.

We agree the existing road network and road safety should be prioritised but urge the SDC to actively support the development of alternatives to roading e.g. rail.

Rolleston and Lincoln upgrades should keep climate change at the heart of the work by designing for active and public transport options and we are pleased to see this referenced in the LTP.

SOC strongly supports you putting "climate change at the heart of [your] work". We look forward to seeing the report on SDC climate emissions due later this year.

A very high proportion of emissions in New Zealand (in Christchurch 54%) come from transport. We expect this to be a challenge for Selwyn DC and SOC supports the development of a rail network for the Greater Christchurch area which is being discussed.

We strongly support the \$43million (although we would like to see a more fine grained analysis of that amount) to be spent on walking and cycling between SDC centres. However, we are deeply disappointed this is not to start until 2031. This is far too late and we urge a reconsideration of that timeline.

We note that you have relied on an early consultation process to formulate key aspects of the LTP. This is a laudable process engaging with the community before setting priorities. However, as 2020 has shown things can change dramatically and quickly including in the way people view the world and what they express as priorities.

Therefore any LTP must allow for adaptation to a rapidly changing world. Tying so much of your funding into built infrastructure like buildings, roads may be a risk going forward, particularly when the impact of climate change is becoming more and more front and centre for people.

Topic: TOPIC: Biodiversity / Environment⁷² Env & Reg Services

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

Council recognises the need to protect and manage indigenous biodiversity in the District and as such has two dedicated staff in this regard, and associated funding streams.

Over the last few years Council has recognised the significance of our water races as biodiversity corridors and associated management actions are being planned and carried out to help protect that biodiversity.

Council is currently investigating ways to reduce and sequester carbon emissions and to support our community in this regard.

Topic: TOPIC: Climate Change - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

Council acknowledges and thanks SOC for their support to Climate Change work at Council . The feedback has been noted for future works on CC at Council.

Topic: TOPIC: Traffic / Roading - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

Around \$13.5 million is proposed in the LTP for walking and cycling projects, some of which will start straight away in 2021/22. The Council has its 2018 Walking and Cycling Strategy and Action Plan which shows how walking and cycling will be provided through out the district. There is a higher commitment to public transport as supported through the PT Futures Business Case process, plus the Greater Christchurch investigation into MRT, which includes possible rail options.

Topic: TOPIC: Water / Wastewater - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

The submitters love the vision of “innovative quality sustainable infrastructure and transport solutions is acknowledged along with support protect the water races in the Selwyn district (land drainage section).

The submitters support for Councils focus on water services. To ensure a safe drinking water supply, and to ensure healthy freshwater ecosystems in the region is acknowledged.

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Tēnā koe,

SDC LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION

This response has been prepared by Te Taumutu Rūnanga (Taumutu) as the principal Rūnanga of Ngāi Tahu that exercises rangatiratanga over the Selwyn District.

We trust the information contained below within the submission is sufficient. However, should you wish to discuss any aspect further, please do not hesitate to contact Megen McKay at the office of Taumutu (megen.mckay@ngaitahu.iwi.nz or 027 331 5131) in the first instance.

Nāku noa, nā



Elizabeth Brown
Chair, Te Taumutu Rūnanga Incorporated Society.

Submission on Selwyn District Long-term Plan 2021-2031

Executive Summary

Te Taumutu Rūnanga has reviewed the Selwyn District SDC (SDC) Long-term Plan and submits that:

1. SDC create a work programme to progress a long-term, resilient and enduring relationship between Te Taumutu Rūnanga and SDC, that includes employing staff who are proficient in Te Ao Māori and will work towards better outcomes for both the SDC, in terms of their Treaty obligations to mana whenua, and to Te Taumutu Rūnanga.
2. SDC plan for a Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWaR) Agreements to be established with Te Taumutu Rūnanga.
3. Discussions with Te Taumutu Rūnanga should ensue about SDC's contribution to Te Pa o Moki (Marae) running costs and/or its redevelopment as a well-used community facility by community members.
4. Te Taumutu Rūnanga supports the proposal to construct community centers in Prebbleton, Leeston and Hororata and continues to be engaged to provide cultural advice and input into community physical design.
5. SDC upholds te mana or te wai regarding ground and surface water supplies and make regulatory and voluntary provisions for it, to avoid having to chlorinate te wai now and in the future.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga Background

Te Taumutu Rūnanga is one of 18 Papatipu Rūnanga established by the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is the tribal representative body of Ngāi Tahu Whānui and a recognized iwi authority. Its takiwā includes from Te Parinui o Whiti north in Marlborough west to Kahurangi Point and south to Rakiura/Stewarts Island and offshore islands.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga is the administrative council of the hapū o Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki.

The takiwā (territory) of Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki the hapū who are represented by Te Taumutu Rūnanga, is centred around Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere) and extends across the central part of Kā Pākihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha (the Canterbury Plains) to Kā Tiritiri o Te Moana (The Southern Alps) to the west, the Waimakariri River in the north and to the Hakatere (Ashburton River) in the south. It shares interests with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, and Wairewa Rūnanga to the north, south and east respectively, as well as other rūnanga based on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū (Banks Peninsula) who have traditional associations with Te Waihora.

The people of Te Taumutu Rūnanga descend from the tīpuna or ancestor, Te Ruahikihiki and his son Moki (II) who settled at Taumutu in the seventeenth century. Te Ruahikihiki moved from Akaroa Harbour to Taumutu on the southern shores of Te Waihora. Te Ruahikihiki settled at the pā Orariki, which is where the present day Hone Wetere church and hapū urupā are located. Moki (II) established his pā site nearby at Taumutu, on the site where the present Te Pa o Moki is located, near the south-western edge of Te Waihora.

Statutory Framework

Part 1 of the Act clarifies that local authorities do not have Treaty of Waitangi obligations under the LGA (those responsibilities lie with the Crown), but Part 6 of the Act includes provisions for local government to consult with Māori and involve them in decision-making processes.

The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) requires local authorities to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities, and to do so in a way that is sustainable now and for the future.

Section 4 requires respect for the Crown's responsibility under the Treaty of Waitangi and improvement of opportunities for Māori to contribute to local government decision-making.

Under the LGA, a local authority must provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority, consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision making processes of the local authority, and provide relevant information to Māori for the purposes of enabling Māori to contribute to decision making (s.81). A local authority can address this by ensuring processes are in place for consulting with Māori.

Submission Points

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TE TAUMUTU RŪNANGA

Progressive Relationship

Te Taumutu Rūnanga supports local level management and decision making. In recent years we have enjoyed a progressive relationship with Selwyn District SDC, however, there is much opportunity for the development of a steady, stable, positive relationship. We encourage SDC to conduct research into SDC-manawhenua relationships to learn from those that have been successful in developing a productive and proactive relationship with manawhenua.

We draw attention to our relationship with Environment Canterbury (ECan). In 2012 ECan and Ngāi Tahu created the Tuia Programme. The Taumutu relationship with ECan has markedly improved in all areas since the onset of the Tuia programme. It has also helped all levels within ECan (Governors and staff) to better understand our Māori world view – Te Ao Māori.

Effective relationships only work if they occur across all levels of decision making and management. The ECan Tuia relationship is engaged at both the governance (Te Rōpū Tuia) and operations (Te Paiherenga) levels.

In 2012, Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga and Environment Canterbury signed a relationship agreement for the programme known as Tuia. 'Tuia' means working together arm in arm. The agreement marked a new era of collaboration between the organisations and a new approach to the management of natural resources in the region, one which acknowledges and brings together the tikanga responsibilities of Ngāi Tahu and the statutory responsibilities of Environment Canterbury.

The signing of an agreement between Ngāi Tahu and commissioners formalised the relationship and acknowledged the responsibilities of each party and jointly affirmed 'the importance of an enduring and collaborative relationship'. While a co-governance structure for Te Waihora now binds the regional SDC in Canterbury with the iwi authority, the Tuia partnership runs far deeper. Tuia is about relationships, commitments and mutual respect, shared understandings and shared values. The expected outcome as a result is also shared: a sustainable environment for current and future generations.

As part of ECan's commitment to the Tuia relationship, they employed a team of staff dedicated to help facilitate and improve the relationship between the Regional Council and Ngāi Tahu and its Papatipu Rūnanga by educating, across all levels of ECan, the Māori world view - Te Ao Māori.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga does not have the capacity to assist the SDC to develop a basic understanding of Te Ao Māori. We acknowledge the SDC has recently hired a contractor to teach basic Te Reo however, gaining a basic understanding of Te Reo is not the same as gaining an understanding of Te Ao Māori. It is a start to learning but will not provide SDC staff with an understanding of Ruahikihikitanga with the confidence needed to act on genuine attempts to acknowledge Taumutu tino rangatiratanga. We encourage SDC to support their staff to gain this confidence.

Having a dedicated Tuia-like team is important to ensure the engagement with Te Taumutu Rūnanga is effective and efficient across all SDC functions and this will lead to improved outcomes for both SDC and the Rūnanga. We have seen a significant increase and genuine desire to engage. Te Taumutu Rūnanga lacks the capacity to respond to all engagement requests. With a basic understanding and knowledge of Te Ao Māori, SDC staff would be able to confidently make basic decisions on embedding culture in the community and engage when the request is more targeted.

A Tuia team who could actively work with SDC governance, management and staff to understand what is of relevance and what matters to Te Taumutu Rūnanga and what that might look like in terms of 'business as usual', will always have proactive outcomes. They could support SDC staff to engage at the right level, on the right things and at the right time. Much of the time the Tuia team's work could focus on supporting and building the capability of SDC staff with the ultimate goal being, that the Tuia team could do themselves out of a job one day because SDC staff have become proficient in Te Ao Māori.

They could act as Rūnanga 'navigators' and the 'go to' people in the first instance, in recognition that the relationship needs to be truly integrated into the culture of the SDC and the way SDC works.

Also included in the Tuia team's work could be the establishment and management of SDC-Rūnanga forum like ECan Te Rōpū Tuia and Te Paiherenga forums. Both would help build meaningful relationships with SDC at governance and senior management level and at the operational level as well as supporting Te Taumutu Rūnanga with their restoration projects. Regular face to face forums help ensure a genuine and responsive relationship.

Notably, the ECan Tuia relationship is underpinned by a work programme, where the 10 Papatipu Rūnanga in the ECan area, can work on their own restoration projects with support from ECan. Importantly the success of the Tuia relationship is not just because we can work on projects together, because that could happen anyway, the critical aspect is the Tuia team consists of staff who are knowledgeable of, are sensitive to and believe in our values. They also know what resources rūnanga have to work with and how they operate. In short, they have an intimate knowledge of us – this is due in part to the fact that some of them are our own people.

Because of this tried and true relationship approach, we would like a similar relationship with SDC. One that is set out in a formal document and despite our limited resources, perhaps underpinned by a joint work programme because working together on projects arm in arm, engenders trust and confidence in a relationship, rather than having one that is intermittent and ad hoc like we're currently experiencing, which can at times be frustrating for both sides. Even though there are situations where an informal casual approach is best, this fails in long term organizational relationship development. We seek a long-term, resilient and enduring relationship with Selwyn District SDC.

1. We submit that SDC commences discussions with Te Taumutu, focused on establishing a Tuia-like relationship with the aim of creating a work programme to progress a long-term, resilient and enduring relationship between both organisations, and one that includes employing staff who are proficient in Te Ao Māori and who will work towards better outcomes for both the SDC, in terms of their Treaty obligations to mana whenua and to Te Taumutu Rūnanga.

Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWaR) Agreement

Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWaR) Agreements were introduced in the Resource Management Act amendments in 2017 to be a Partnership Protocol tool to provide tangata whenua with more opportunity for meaningful participation in RMA processes and decisions. Te Taumutu Rūnanga are keen to develop such an Agreement with SDC. We encourage appropriate resourcing be set aside in the upcoming SDC budget to enable appropriate progress of such.

This Protocol will also inform any obligations of the SDC to consult with Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Ngāi Tahu the Iwi Authority, under the Local Government Act 2002, or any other legislation within the jurisdiction of SDC, and broadly across the full suite of SDC duties and functions.

Although we are committed to a Protocol under MWaR, they are limited to resource management engagement and accordingly cannot substitute Relationship Agreement/Tuia-like programme that we seek. The MWaR are mandatory and impose relationship obligations. A truly meaningful relationship moves from what 'has to be done' to what 'wants to be done' by both parties. We want to develop our relationship beyond bare minimum and instead focus our scarce time and resources on relationships that want to work with us rather than being obliged to.

2. We submit that SDC plan for a Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWaR) Agreement to be established with Te Taumutu Rūnanga.

TE PA O MOKI AND SELWYN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTERS

Te Pa o Moki Marae

The Council has indicated as their preferred option to construct new Community Centres for Prebbleton, Leeston and Hororata which the Rūnanga supports.

As the only marae in the district and as a highly valued community facility (particularly for schools within the district), Te Taumutu Rūnanga would value discussions with SDC about contributions toward either the planned redevelopment of facilities or ongoing annual running costs that the Rūnanga currently subsidises for all community groups that visit.

The following are annual marae costs:

All figures are excluding GST	
Accommodation & Catering Costs	\$ 12,500
Chattels and machinery including replacements	\$ 5,000
Electricity & Gas	\$ 7,200
Marae equipment - Portable speaker, stand, microphone, microphone stand, lectern	\$ 2,500
Insurance - Marae buildings & chattels and business	\$ 13,500
Maintenance & minor repairs	\$ 10,000

Major works plan/upgrades per year	\$ 35,000
Repairs & large projects	\$ 7,500
Security equipment & monitoring	\$ 1,000
Total Marae Expenditure	\$ 94,200

Total income from marae visits is approximately \$38,000 per year, meaning we run the marae at a loss. Currently the marae is used more for the wider Selwyn Community than it is for our own members, many of whom reside in Selwyn as ratepayers and are therefore Selwyn community members too.

By far most of our bookings are for schools in our takiwā (Selwyn District). We employ staff to support school visits in two ways: (1) on-site during their visit to ensure an authentic, engaged visit and (2) pre-visit support. We employ 1FTE staff member to support schools and whānau education aspirations. Our staff member (ex-teacher) has developed curriculum appropriate sessions for the marae visit and works with teachers to ensure they can lead the lessons during the visits.

We can safely and comfortably accept up to 50 day visitors per day and charge \$174 excluding GST. If at capacity (which is usually the case with school visits), this equates to a total charge of \$3.48 per person for the full day use of the marae.

Schools in the takiwā have indicated that this is the maximum they can afford to pay. They want and are beholden to provide their students with opportunities to learn about manawhenua in their community, and the most appropriate place for them to do this is at the Marae. For these reasons, we have no choice but to accept these bookings despite every visit costing us money.

Given the explanation above and with respect, we request the SDC to contribute towards these costs. Community members, particularly children through school visits, regularly use the marae facilities. We provide this support to our community at substantial financial cost.

- 3. We submit that discussions with Te Taumutu Rūnanga should ensue about SDC's contribution to Te Pa o Moki running costs and/or its redevelopment as a well-used community facility by community members.**

SDC facilities and Community Centres

Te Taumutu have in previous submissions supported the development of community centres in Prebbleton, Leeston and Hororata.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga welcomes the opportunity to work with the SDC to reflect the partnership between the SDC and Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki through community physical design. For example, bilingual signage, design features and artwork in all the newly built community buildings and halls, on SDC owned or administered lands, including lands that SDC are providing funds for. Although we may not have the capacity to respond to all requests, we seek engagement.

- 4. We submit that Te Taumutu Rūnanga supports the proposal to construct new community centres for Prebbleton, Leeston and Hororata and continues to be engaged to provide cultural advice and input into community physical design.**

TE MANA O TE WAI

Safe Drinking Water - Chlorination

Te Taumutu Rūnanga expects that providing for and upholding te mana o te wai (RMA NPSFM 2014, 2017) for both ground and surface water supplies would ensure that drinking water supplies would not be compromised to the extent that requires chlorination. Action needs to be taken via the District Plan review to manage land use activities to ensure healthy drinking water supplies are protected or restored and the need to treat water is minimized and over time not required. Te hauora o te tangata must have primacy over land use activities.

- 5. We submit that SDC upholds te mana o te wai regarding ground and surface water supplies and make regulatory and voluntary provisions for it, to avoid having to chlorinate te wai now and in the future.**

Drinking water

SDC recently re-instated testing marae drinking water supply regularly which we very much appreciate, and we seek for this arrangement to continue.

- 6. We submit that the Te Pa o Moki water testing arrangement with SDC continues.**

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Topic: BIG DECISION 1 - Keeping our drinking water safe (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	te mana o te wai is acknowledged. SDC will continue to provide water testing services to the marae.

Topic: BIG DECISION 6 - Future of the new Prebbleton Community Centre (2025/2026) - Property

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	<p>Support for the Leeston, Prebbleton and Hororata Community Centre projects is noted.</p> <p>The request for support for the annual cost of operating the Marae would require additional budget and funding considerations by the council.</p>

Topic: BIG DECISION 7 - Future of the Leeston Library and Community Centre (2022/2023) - Property

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	<p>Support for the Leeston, Prebbleton and Hororata Community Centre projects is noted.</p> <p>The request for support for the annual cost of operating the Marae would require additional budget and funding considerations by the council.</p>

Topic: BIG DECISION 8 - Future of the Hororata Community Centre (2023/2024) - Property

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	<p>Support for the Leeston, Prebbleton and Hororata Community Centre projects is noted.</p> <p>The request for support for the annual cost of operating the Marae would require additional budget and funding considerations by the council.</p>

Topic: TOPIC: Governance matters - CEO

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
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Staff Comments

Council looks forward⁸²to further engagement with Te Taumutu Rūnanga in the engagement an adoption of a Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWaR) Agreement which we believe will be beneficial for the residents of our communities.

We look forward to continuing our strong relationship with Te Taumutu Rūnanga..

Topic: TOPIC: Water / Wastewater - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action

That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

Acknowledged :-)

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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Avoid chlorination

I find the drinking water in Kirwee tastes different to town supply. Water is so important to our health and wellbeing. Not enough is being done to ensure supplies are maintained appropriately. I use a filter at home now. When I am in Christchurch drinking my parents tap water, it tastes completely different.

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

No preference

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Support Proposal

I am in support of connecting Kirwee to Pines wastewater treatment plant in Rolleston. However if feel the poor planning by council has resulted in my property putting a new septic tank that will be redundant shortly. For the houses and owners in this situation, I think the council should support financially for owners to connect the required piping from the house to the public piping by the road. If this had been known at the time of the house being built, 2018 the provisions for piping would have been installed. The cost that would now occur with removing the septic tank and is as follow: Site work \$2,000, Crane to lift the system out \$600, To fill in the land \$3k, to connect up piping from the house to the public line \$5 to 10,000. I feel the council to support to absorb these costs as had it been known earlier and hence the reason for 10year plans, then this could have been mitigated when my house was built and hence reducing the costs.

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Fund at NZTA Level

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

No preference

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Upgrade in 22/23

Funds are better spent on improving our water quality or supporting the owners affected having to remove their septic tank or disestablish them.

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Renovate hall and provide new spaces

Funds are better spent on improving our water quality or supporting the owners affected having to remove their septic tank or disestablish them.

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

No preference

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

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Topic: BIG DECISION 1 - Keeping our drinking water safe (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action If this submission was accepted in full or in part, then the following would be impacted:

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Topic: BIG DECISION 3 - Developing a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee (2021-2026) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments The submitters support for the Darfield Wastewater Proposal is acknowledged.

 The cost with connecting to the new scheme sits with the property owner.

Topic: BIG DECISION 4 - Maintaining our roads (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 7 - Future of the Leeston Library and Community Centre (2022/2023) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 8 - Future of the Hororata Community Centre (2023/2024) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

[100539] -Hororata Primary School Marty Gameson⁸⁶

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Submission

Submission supplied as PDF or Word document, printed and attached as the following page.

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Support Proposal

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

Increase volume and rate

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

No preference

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

No preference

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

No preference

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Support proposal

Since 2017, Go Hororata has been working on the new Hororata Community Centre project with the Selwyn Council. Through an independent feasibility study and community consultation Go Hororata has proven that a new purpose-built community centre on the Hororata Reserve is needed. The Hororata Reserve is a unique public asset in the Selwyn District. It is the Selwyn's biggest reserve which hosts a wide range of recreation activities and events that don't take place anywhere else in the district. A new community centre on the Hororata Reserve is an obvious addition to such a well-used community space. This facility will enhance existing activities and create new opportunities which benefit all of Selwyn. Go Hororata is a group made up of representatives from 9 different community groups and 3 community representatives. This is a motivated collective that is committed to working together to plan for the development of infrastructure to meet the future needs of the community. Every group involved have signed a statement of intent, this is proof that Go Hororata is a collective of groups representing a majority of the community, not a group of individuals

representing their own interests. (See attached statement of⁸⁷ intent). In principle, Go Hororata agree with the preferred option 1 in the Selwyn Districts Long Term Plan consultation document. This is a revised proposal from the original project which was included in the previous LTP in 2017. The original budget was \$4.7 million, this was based on the feasibility study ensuring the building would meet the needs of the community. The fact the Hororata Community Centre project remains in the Long Term Plan is positive for our community however we question the Council on the new \$3 million budget. Does a \$3 million building meet the needs of our community outlined in the independent feasibility study? ♦ What was taken out of the out of the building to reduce the budget by \$1.7 million? ♦ Is \$3 million the total project cost (i.e. car parks, landscaping) or it is it just the build budget? ♦ Will a \$3 million building on the Hororata Reserve bring the opportunities to all of Selwyn, will it be multi-purpose? ♦ No other community has been asked to invest two thirds of the costs of a community facility. Is this reasonable? ♦ If the Hororata Community Trust can contribute \$2 million to the \$4.7 million build, \$800,000 - \$1 million come from the Reserve Development fund and sale of the endowment land next to the hall then the ratepayer contribution is \$1.7 - \$2 million, what affect would this have on the district wide rate? Over the past four years we have been working with our community and the Selwyn District Council developing a plan for the new Hororata Community Centre on the Hororata Reserve. With support from the Hororata Community Trust, there has been \$32,000.00 of community money invested towards its development. It is frustrating and disappointing after such a good working relationship being formed over the past four years that the Council just reduced the budget of the build not based on evidence or research but convenience and with no discussion with Go Hororata. We know with support from the Hororata Community Trust that our united community can achieve the fundraising for this project, but we need the Council to back our community and work with us. There is no other community in Selwyn who has invest so much up front or is prepared to fundraise as much as Hororata in to a facility which will benefit all of Selwyn. Our community needs this community facility. We have proven time and time again we are a community who works together and succeeds. The Hororata Highland Games, Hororata Glow Festival and all the other community activities that take place on the Hororata Reserve are proof of this. Our community's successes have been proven to benefit the wider Selwyn district. The existing Hororata Hall is a heritage listed building in the Selwyn District plan. It has been a well-used and much-loved facility in our community since the 1890's, however it does not meet the needs of our community moving into the future. The Hororata Historical Society is looking into options to repurpose the existing hall, potentially to house the Hororata Museum. Go Hororata support this concept. Go Hororata asks the Council to reconsider the Hororata Community Centre project to ensure that the budget meets the need. This project is worth investing in for the future of the Selwyn District. Go Hororata as that the Council takes into consideration our actions, our track record and our efforts to date, we maybe a small community but we make big things happen. This facility will serve an immediate community need, it will create a hub but it also will bring many opportunities to the wider Selwyn district. The Hororata Reserve is a unique asset, let's put a great facility in it that will enhance it and bring more use. This facility is not about sport, it is about bringing cultural opportunities to Selwyn.

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

No preference

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

Over the years we have observed the SDC reserve/council yards adjacent to Hororata Primary School used for many different purposes, none of which have been sustained. Sadly, the general maintenance of the property has declined and it now lies idle.

The Hororata Primary School Board of Trustees proposes that the site become an endowment reserve to be utilised by the school in productive, meaningful and sustainable manner.

The land will provide educational opportunities for akonga | students in Hororata; provide future financial income for kura | schools in the district and will serve to rejuvenate this otherwise derelict piece of land into an important community asset



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Monday 1 March 2020

Douglas Marshall

GROUP MANAGER PROPERTY

Selwyn District Council

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Dear Douglas

Re: School use of vacant Selwyn District Council Land

Thank you for your correspondence dated Monday 1 March 2021, regarding the current and future use of the vacant Selwyn District Council (SDC) property adjacent to the Hororata Primary School at 2540 Bealey Road, Hororata.

The parcel of land has three points of interest to the school as detailed below:

- The cleared site at the Bealey Road end of the reserve (**BUS BAY**).
This is currently being utilised as a school bus bay enabling the school to safely embark and disembark students.
- The parcel of land that runs between the areas designated as the Bus School Bay and the Endowment Plantation (**GREEN BELT**).
This area has had multiple uses over the past 50 years and has not been developed or utilised to its true potential.
- The Pinus radiata plantation at the Hawkins Road end of the reserve (**ENDOWMENT PLANTATION**).
This parcel of land has been used by the school since the 1970's as an endowment plantation to raise future funds for the school. To the best of our knowledge the current crop is the second harvest the school has taken from this site during this time.

It is fair to say, that the school has been impatient in its process to occupy the land designated now as the Bus Bay at the southern end of the property and to harvest the trees at the northern end of the reserve. Although our actions, were motivated by good will and the desire to reconcile ongoing concerns we have over the parking at the front of the school and the safety of our students; and to uphold what we believed to be our responsibility to maintain and harvest the trees in the endowment block, we do acknowledge and apologise for the haste at which we got things done; our lack of consultation with Selwyn District Council representatives and the fact that we did not demonstrate the common courtesy expected of a responsible neighbour.

Moving forward, we have prepared Land Use Agreements for the use of the land occupied by the bus bay and the land occupied by the endowment plantation. We have also prepared a proposal for the use of the land, referred to in this document as the 'Green Belt'

The following information relates to the work undertaken to date and proposed future works on the SDC property at 2540 Bealey Road, Hororata:

HORORATA BUS BAY

- The site has been excavated to form a bus turnaround. This work involved forming a circular bus turnaround; resurfacing and compacting the area with road metal; cutting in footpath access for passengers to safely embark and disembark school buses and the mowing and maintenance of the vegetation in the bus bay enclosure.

- Along the school | SDC boundary a 6x6m steel and canvas bus shelter has been erected to provide shelter for passengers loading and off-loading school buses (school expense).
- Children and public access to this property is restricted. Children are marshalled off the school buses each morning by School Bus Monitors (0805 – 0835hrs) and are loaded onto the school in the afternoon by the School Bus Coordinator (1445 -1500hrs).
- A Land Use Agreement has been prepared, including the obligations of both the Landlord and the Tenant in regard to the use of this property. (attachment)

HORORATA GREEN BELT

- To date this site has not been developed and is not currently tenanted. The property itself demands a lot of maintenance to ensure that it is fit for purpose e.g., the management of noxious weeds; improvements to boundary fencing and the removal of debris that has been dumped on the site over the years.
- The school has undertaken no work on the site to date.
- The school is interested in working with the council to establish a green belt on the property which would see the property tidied up; maintained to an acceptable standard and planted out in a mix of native and high value trees that could produce short and long-term returns, which could resource the maintenance of the block.

HORORATA ENDOWMENT PLANTATION

- As detailed previously this parcel of land has been used by Hororata Primary School since the early 1970's as an endowment plantation to raise funds for the school. To the best of our knowledge the site has been harvested twice since the 1970's (incl. the 2021 harvest), raising valuable funds for our small rural school.

- Confusion has reigned for many years over who is responsible for the maintenance of the plantation. This came to a head in 2013 when Hororata was affected by high winds, resulting in substantial damage to the Hororata, Coalgate and Homebush endowment blocks.

As a result of the damage to the plantations, the Coalgate and Homebush blocks were harvested, whilst indecision over what should be done with the Hororata block resulted in the block being set aside. Contributing to this decision was the fact that the storm had resulted in a glut of timber supply proving unprofitable to harvest the trees at that time.

Timber prices have since rebounded and as a result the Board of Trustees commissioned the harvest of the trees in by DK Contracting in 2021. After expenses the Board expects to make small amount of profit from the harvest of these trees i.e., \$3,070 (Excl. GST). Although this is a low return on our investment we are happy to manage the process and reap some reward for the work of our predecessors have undertaken.

- On completion of the harvest, the ground will be cleared in preparation for future planting. The Board would like the opportunity to utilise this set-aside to grow a new crop of trees to provide future revenue for the school.
- The Board acknowledge that the endowment agreement and the responsibilities of the parties involved in this property were not very clear, resulting in the confusion that has arisen over the 2021 harvest. To remedy this the Board, propose a Land Use Agreement, similar to that prepared for the School Bus Bay be formulated for this parcel of land.

Finally, over the years we have observed the reserve adjacent to the school used for many different purposes, none of which have been sustained. Sadly, the general maintenance of the property has declined and it now lies idle. The school proposes that the site become an endowment reserve to be utilised by the school in productive, meaningful and sustainable manner.

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Marty Gameson

Principal | Hororata Primary School

Lead Principal | Malvern Kahui Ako | Te Hū o Kākāpōtahi Kāhui Ako



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Land Use Agreement

Land Use Agreement between the **HORORATA PRIMARY SCHOOL** Board of Trustees (the "Tenant") and the **SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL** (the "Landlord")

The "Landlord" agrees to lease a portion of the vacant property located at 2540 Bealey Road, Hororata (location) to the "Tenant".

Property Description:

The leased portion of the Landlord's property (the "Property") is 2300 square metres in total. It is bordered by the Hororata Fire Brigade on the south side; Hororata Primary School on the west side; the Blackberry Patch on the east side and vacant council land on the north side.

Property Use:

The 'Property' is to be used by the 'Tenant' for the purpose of loading, offloading and off-road parking of school buses (the 'Purpose').

Duration:

The lease agreement shall commence on Friday 1 May 2020 (date) and continue through Saturday 31 April 2050 (date). This lease agreement will be reviewed at the termination date stated above with the option of automatic renewal of a further three years, unless otherwise communicated by the Landlord.

Options to change or cancel the Land Use Agreement, will be communicated in writing by either party, 90 days prior to the proposed change date.

Landlord Rights and Responsibilities:

The Landlord agrees to maintain full responsibility for all property taxes. The Landlord has the right to enter property at any time for inspection.

The Landlord agrees to waive all rental/lease or land usage charges for the duration of the Land Use Agreement.

Tenant Rights and Responsibilities:

The Tenant agrees to maintain the property and cover all costs associated with the maintenance of the land.

The Tenant has the right to make improvements to the property to make it fit for "Purpose" (including fencing, paths, tracks/road access, passenger shelter and maintenance of surrounds) at the Tenant's expense.

If at any point this lease agreement is not renewed, the Tenant has the right to (but is not required to) remove any structures or improvements that have been made to the property. At the termination of this agreement the site will be returned to the owner in neat and orderly condition.

Liability Waivers:

The Tenant will sign a liability waiver holding the Landlord harmless from all liabilities and claims for any personal injury, including death, to any person and/or damage to the property of any person arising from the use of the land.

Selwyn District Council (The 'Landlord')

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

Hororata Primary School (The 'Tenant')

SIGNED for and on behalf of the above named Board of Trustees by

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Date _____



Topic: BIG DECISION 1 - Keeping our drinking water safe (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Your support for Council to continue its current approach to maintain safe drinking water is acknowledged. This option means additional funding and upgrades, with the specific purpose of avoiding chlorination, won't be included in the 2021-31 LTP.

Topic: BIG DECISION 2 - How we pay for drinking water supply (2021-2031) - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 8 - Future of the Hororata Community Centre (2023/2024) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments A number of submitters believe that the council has not adequately engaged/consulted on the reasons for the reduced budget being proposed for the new community centre. Council believe it has appropriately informed the community and Go Hororata. A summary of points was provided to Go Hororata on or about 19 April in a letter signed by the Mayor. The key council actions in the last 12 months as follows:

- During 2020, council planning for the Hororata Community was based on the \$4.7 million proposal included in the 2018-2028 LTP.
- Council made the decision to include the Hororata Hall as a heritage asset within the District Plan. This perhaps is not a major issue for the proposed new community centre build, but the council was no longer able to guarantee that it would be able to sell the hall or the endowment land to an individual or organisation that might pay the budgeted funds from the sale of these assets for funding the new community centre. That decision removed \$400,000 from the council funding commitment.
- Council and the Selwyn community have had to respond to a variety of Covid 19 related challenges. From a strictly financial perspective, the council has had to look at its future financial commitments for all activities and make appropriate decisions. With regard to the Hororata Community Centre, the council made the decision to remove the proposed new centre from the draft 2021-2031 providing some limited financial provision to maintain the existing hall. This decision was advised to Go Hororata.
- After representations from Go Hororata to council representatives in mid December, the council amended its position on the Hororata Community Centre and agreed to consult on the options listed in the draft LTP. The options though are at lower costs being either the:

- o Option 1 costed at \$3 million being a 350m² building with associated carparking, fitout, landscaping and wastewater contribution
- o Option 2

costed at \$3.3 million.⁹³ This options involves the existing hall being renovated a new annex constructed. This costed option was one of the 4 costing options provided to Go Hororata Representatives at a meeting on 14 December 2020. That meeting was held in the offices of Duncan Cotterill. I have attached those 4 costings but please note that option 2 is the only costed option of the 4 that has progressed. o Option 3 which is a minimal spend option on the existing hall.

Topic: TOPIC: Reserve comments - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

Use of site for endowment planting: The proposal to utilize the Council former yard next to Hororata School for forestry purposes would present issues from a planning and health and safety perspective. The land is in a Living zone and establishment of forestry would be problematic in terms of the boundary setbacks required to meet District Plan and the NES for Plantation Forestry. Being a former yard it is also a listed HAIL (contaminated) site and any ground disturbance would trigger remediation requirements and potentially uncover hazardous materials. Staff are investigating other potential uses for this site.

Staff may be able to identify other potential sites that could be used by the school for endowment forestry purposes. It is however noted that these arrangements, which are long term, can lead to issues. We have had former endowment sites abandoned after harvest and Council has had to meet the cost of land rehabilitation. If this type of proposal was to proceed the agreement needs to be clear about responsibilities and expectations.

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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Avoid chlorination

why bother, SDC dose not listen to it's rate payers anyway.

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Keep status quo

I went to a meeting in Darfield regarding the proposed scheme, not one residential rate payer wanted a wastewater scheme. when will SDC start to listen to rate payers.

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Fund at NZTA Level

Our roads are in poor condition, another example of poor quality work from SDC

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Try fixing our roads

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Support construction

If the majority of prebbleton rate payers want it, then let Prebbleton pay for it. Question should only directed at Prebbleton rate payers.

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

dose not effect Darfield rate payers, so question should only directed at Leeston rate payers.

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Keep status quo

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

No preference

SDC wastes a lot of rate payer money and it seems that no one⁹⁵ is answerable to rate payers

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

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Topic: BIG DECISION 1 - Keeping our drinking water safe (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

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Topic: BIG DECISION 3 - Developing a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee (2021-2026) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments The submitters opposition to the proposal to develop a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee is acknowledged.

 Please refer Sub ID 100026 for Staff comments.

Topic: BIG DECISION 4 - Maintaining our roads (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 5 - Planning for future roading and transportation projects (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 6 - Future of the new Prebbleton Community Centre (2025/2026) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

No comments made. ⁹⁷

Topic: BIG DECISION 7 - Future of the Leeston Library and Community Centre (2022/2023) - Property

Staff Recommended Action

That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 8 - Future of the Hororata Community Centre (2023/2024) - Property

Staff Recommended Action

That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

No comments made.

Topic: TOPIC: View on the proposed Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action

That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

No comments made.

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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Support Proposal

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

Support Proposal

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Keep status quo

The scientific evidence generated from studies examining the environmental/public health impacts of the existing septic tanks indicates that they have little effect on nitrate levels in water. On the upside, the proposed new wastewater system will encourage the establishment of more businesses in Darfield and greater competition. At the moment, the proposed new wastewater system and associated massive rate hikes will disproportionately affect residents in the less affluent areas of Darfield, and if the proposed new wastewater system is to proceed, the areas to be serviced by the new scheme should be extended to include, for example, Kowhai Drive and the streets within the Landsborough subdivision, and the timeframe for the provision of connections to the new wastewater network to existing properties in Darfield and Kirwee should be extended and begin in the next decade. Connecting to Rolleston's Pines wastewater treatment plant is the best option for treatment.

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Support construction

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

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Topic: BIG DECISION 6 - Future of the new Prebbleton Community Centre (2025/2026) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

No preference

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

No preference

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

No preference

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

No preference

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

No preference

As a school we are concerned about the safety of our students as they travel to and from school. We wish to see improvements to the roaring infrastructure at the junction between Dunns Crossing and Burnham School Roads. Traffic lights have been proposed for 2029. These should be brought forward.

Speed limits should be reduced around all schools in Rolleston.

All schools should have cycle routes to and from their neighbourhoods.

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

No preference

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

West Rolleston Primary is investing approx \$150k on a¹⁰¹ community bike track on Dunns Crossing Road in our undeveloped paddock. This project in 2021 will add huge amounts to our community well-being and encourage active transport.

We seek the council to increase footpath if alongside the site on Dunns Crossing Road and further seek council to provide cycle paths to allow for wider community participation.

Finally we hope that the council can increase funding for schools cycle training.

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Topic: BIG DECISION 5 - Planning for future roading and transportation projects (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Traffic Signals are currently planned at the Dunns Crossing/Burnham School Road intersection for 2032/33. However this may need to be reviewed based on the traffic impacts of the Plan Change 73 and also the NZTA Rolleston SH1 Access Business Case and local network assessments relating to Dunns Crossing Rd, and access to SH1. The proposed new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021 will give Council more ability to look at lower speeds limits for urban areas and all schools on a consistent basis. Councils School Road Safety Coordinator works with schools to produce travel plans which look at walking and cycling connectivity

Topic: TOPIC: Cycleways / Footpaths - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Councils School Road Safety Coordinator is working in conjunction with the school on the proposed community bike track project. This will inform how Council could need to modify any adjoining public footpaths. Councils has applied to the NZTA for funding for School and Cycling Training funding for the District.

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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Avoid chlorination

Why is the council not taking ECAN to task over poor water quality coming from over stocking of land around area's like Kirwee & Darfield. This was found to be the biggest concern in the 2014 report of water quality not septic tanks.

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

Increase volume and rate

Why has the council not encouraged rate payers to put in rain collection tanks for water storage from their roofs for usage on lawns and gardens. It is mandatory in some AUST states, we waste a large proportion of water on lawns/gardens, having a scheme where you can buy tanks through the council (which would be able to organize a cheaper deal on supply with there large buying power) just makes sense long term for both keeping water supply Vol down but also a good green tick for Council

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Keep status quo

I am disappointed that the Council would be considering a option that in many households would be financial disaster. The full cost would likely be many more millions with the bulk of the cost put on current rate payers in this catchment area. This would seem to be the contrary of getting people onto to a system. The only option would be as previous optioned by Council would be to build a small reticulating plant on Creyke Rd property in Darfield, Make it applicable to new Developments only for Darfield. As part of this recommendation from the Council there is no notation of selling the land on Creyke Rd that was purchased by rates payers for that sole task of Sewage reticulation, if not required for said purpose then it must be offloaded to reduce costs to effected rate payers. There has been a lot said in the public arena of concerns about ever increasing usage of good farming land going to waste being used for high density housing. The council's lay out of what they see as "Growth Area" goes against what the actual supply of land would be, with a lot of the area's marked news to local farmers that have no intentions of changing their land use. There has been no work done on Earthquake mitigation with regard to a pipeline suggested running parallel with a now known fault line, this alone should be a RED FLAG. The council needs to limit any further developments to the same model as the West Melton Gainsbough subdivison, where the developer as part of the consent had to provide the pipe line to Rolleston. Putting a charge on especially new builds with new tanks should be out of the question. Residents of Kirwee that I have spoken with are very disappointed that the council has allowed subdivisions to go ahead with septic tanks then turn around and now say you have to pay again even you don't want it. The council is has let down hundreds of new to town people with not stopping future developments with out a plan.

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Stop focusing on KM's worked on, start focusing on quaility, some newly laid roads lasting only weeks before repairs start. get it right the first time.

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Vary the programme

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Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

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Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

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Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

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Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

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Staff Comments The submitters preference for Council to upgrade some supplies so that they can avoid chlorination is acknowledged. This option means additional funding and upgrades, with the specific purpose of avoiding chlorination, would need to be added within the 2021-31 LTP as additional projects. The additional cost of this option is estimated to be \$30M capex and an additional \$0.2M operational expense. The increase in the water rate would be around \$100 per year per property. It is proposed that an exemption from chlorination from Taumata Arowai would be required prior to spending additional money on our water supplies.

Topic: BIG DECISION 2 - How we pay for drinking water supply (2021-2031) - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action No recommended action made.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 3 - Developing a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee (2021-2026) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments The submitters opposition to the proposal to develop a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee is acknowledged.

Please refer Sub ID 100026 for Staff comments.

Topic: BIG DECISION 4 - Maintaining our roads (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 5 - Planning for future roading and transportation projects (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Support Proposal

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

Support Proposal

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Support Proposal

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Support Proposal

Rolleston should adopt a lower speed limit in urban areas. 30kmph consistency around schools and the township

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Vary the programme

Infrastructure on Dunn♦s crossing Road and Burnham School Road alongside West Rolleston should be brought forward as this is a safety issue.

There should be bike paths connecting the whole of Rolleston township and to surrounding areas.

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Support proposal

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

It would be great to see increased facilities for youth in Selwyn. Council should prioritise youth as they are our future for the region. This should include facilities, opportunities and safe travel.

Topic: BIG DECISION 1 - Keeping our drinking water safe (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	Your support for Council to continue its current approach to maintain safe drinking water is acknowledged. This option means additional funding and upgrades, with the specific purpose of avoiding chlorination, won't be included in the 2021-31 LTP.

Topic: BIG DECISION 2 - How we pay for drinking water supply (2021-2031) - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 3 - Developing a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee (2021-2026) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	The submitters support for the Darfield Wastewater Proposal is acknowledged.

Topic: BIG DECISION 4 - Maintaining our roads (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	The proposed new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021 will give Council more ability to look at lower speeds limits including urban areas and for all schools on a consistent basis.

Topic: BIG DECISION 5 - Planning for future roading and transportation projects (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	The West Rolleston School frontages were fully upgraded at the time the school was built in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and Council. Traffic Signals are currently planned at the Dunns Crossing/Burnham School Road intersection fro 2032/33. However this may need to be reviewed based on the traffic impacts of the Plan Change 71 and also the NZTA Rolleston SH1 Access Business Case and its local network assessments relating to Dunns Crossing Rd

and SH1. Councils School Road Safety Coordinator works with schools to produce travel plans which look at walking and cycling connectivity.

Topic: TOPIC: Provision of facilities for youth - Community Services & Facilities

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments The submitter requests greater Council investment in "youth" .

Property Group manage youth specific buildings, but not aware of any that are not already noted in LTP. All public facing facilities that Council will build and operate will consideration of programming for young people.

Council support a Youth Council with a workplan including youth consultation to inform Council and other govt agency planning as well as ensuring a broad range of Council activities and funding reflect a youth perspective.

Rolleston Community Centre, subject to LTP decisions, will evolve to increasingly emphasise community arts and youth participation.

Report on strategic partnerships to Council will be made and model proposed anchored to 4 wellbeings.

Topic: TOPIC: View on the proposed Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Avoid chlorination

Sheffield had beautiful water. Nobody ever got ill from it here when the wellhead flooded and boil water notices were issued as the Council was told but wouldn't listen at a very large Meeting in Glentunnel Hall. People were angry, still are!!!

Now we have Baths and Showers that smell like the pools and most here have drinking water brought in or those that can afford it have filters at their gate. Locals who work in the water industry have tested out of their own taps confirming what we all know that its being dosed, topped up too often, not the tiny amount that no one would smell or taste promised. The nonsense about can only smell it if your pipes are dirty - we are not the idiots you think we are!!!!

Nobody wants it or likes it and SDC kneejerk reaction to the health scares up north and more recently Otago are at the Council testing level not ours. People feel ill, hair and skin reactions try googling long term clorintion exposure.

We want to know what SDC is doing to undo the situation as ChCh listened to their people and is at least trying. Sheffield Supply had invested in new ultra violet tech pre the change over so where did that \$200,000 investment go! Please answer us that!!!

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

This again was promised would never happen when people payed \$1000s to be part of the scheme free water with nominal maitence out of the rates, then we all got meters oh no SDC promised we wont charge for water it just to see how much is used. What a joke. Now we are paying all over again for water we can't drink. So if we make it to old age at all wondering why in this country all have cancer. Some bright spark will go Duh Clean green NZ must have been Something in the Water why didn't somebody listen!!!

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

Topic: BIG DECISION 1 - Keeping our drinking water safe (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments

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Council upgraded this water supply with Filtration, UV treatment and chlorination - that's where the money went. Staff have been informed about the chlorine taste matter raised.

Please refer Councils website for more information on chlorination: https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/288740/Water-Supply-Chlorination-A-Risk-Based-Approach-25-10-18-signed.pdf

Topic: BIG DECISION 2 - How we pay for drinking water supply (2021-2031) - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action No recommended action made.

Staff Comments No comments made.

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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Avoid chlorination

Preservation of Selwyns high quality water should always be prioritised over any form of chemical treatment.

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

Increase volume and rate

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Keep status quo

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Support Proposal

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Vary the programme

That following traffic volume increases, council should adhere to their own roading design standards and codes of practices, and improve roads that fail to meet these standards. Instead of simply re-designating roads that have been put into the too hard basket for years to a different level in the roading hierarchy.

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Support proposal

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Support proposal

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

No preference

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

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Topic: BIG DECISION 2 - How we pay for drinking water supply (2021-2031) - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 3 - Developing a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee (2021-2026) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments The submitters support for the Darfield Wastewater Proposal is acknowledged.

Topic: BIG DECISION 4 - Maintaining our roads (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 5 - Planning for future roading and transportation projects (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Council is required by the NZTA to classify its roading network using the One Network Road Classification System. This requires the approval of the NZTA of

any changes to a roads¹¹⁵ classification. Road hierarchy relating to land use is established and stipulated in the District Plan.

Topic: BIG DECISION 7 - Future of the Leeston Library and Community Centre (2022/2023) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 8 - Future of the Hororata Community Centre (2023/2024) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Avoid chlorination

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

Support Proposal

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Keep status quo

We are very happy with our septic tank and how it operates. We are very concerned regarding the rates price increases if we are to develop a new wastewater system. We will be unable to afford our rates if this goes ahead. The septic tank system May not be ideal but for Many years it has worked and I do t see the need to Change it.

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Fund at NZTA Level

I would obviously support option one if there was not a rates increase for us.

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Support proposed programme

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

No preference

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

No preference

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

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Staff Comments No comments made.

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Staff Comments The submitters opposition to the proposal to develop a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee is acknowledged.

Please refer Sub ID 100026 for Staff comments.

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Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 5 - Planning for future roading and transportation projects (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Avoid chlorination

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

Support Proposal

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Keep status quo

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Fund at NZTA Level

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

No preference

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Support construction

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Upgrade in 22/23

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Support proposal

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

No preference

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

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Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 6 - Future of the new Prebbleton Community Centre (2025/2026) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments	No comments made. ¹²¹
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Topic: BIG DECISION 7 - Future of the Leeston Library and Community Centre (2022/2023) - Property

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
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Staff Comments	No comments made.
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Topic: BIG DECISION 8 - Future of the Hororata Community Centre (2023/2024) - Property

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
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Staff Comments	No comments made.
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Submission

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Avoid chlorination

SDC must ensure that the centralization of effluent disposal onto land via the land treatment site at Rolleston does not cause contaminants to enter the groundwater/aquifers in the vicinity of that site. Within the time frame of the LTCCP this site could well have to handle the waste from up to 100,000 population equivalents e.g. from district wide households, businesses, factories & industries. Downstream communities rely aquifers to supply their water. These need to be protected so SDC needs to thoroughly research the long term implications of such an approach and provide funding for such research. Zoning land so as to protect key aquifer areas would be an option. Protection of the aquifers would mean chlorination could be avoided.

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

Support Proposal

Paying for water makes people value it more and prevent wastage e.g. watering the footpath and the roadway..

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Support Proposal

It is amazing that Darfield has been allowed to have septic tanks for so long. Other small towns in Selwyn have had to pay to upgrade to a community waster water disposal system decades ago. Ratepayers have always complained about the cost but it is a health and safety issue and needs to be done for community wellbeing.

I don't think the Government's stimulus grant of \$10 million should be spent on subsidising the work involved. Instead the funding should go into ensuring that the Pines Site is capable of managing the additional sewage going through the Pines site.

Other communities have had to bear the cost of multiple upgrades, why not Darfield?

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Fund at NZTA Level

We have to realistic about the level of service that is financially sustainable across this very spread out District.

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Vary the programme

In these Covid 19 uncertain times Option 2 would enable SDC to reduce debt servicing costs if required.

Defer it

SDC needs to revisit this project and expand the facility so as to include provision for a library within the building. For example SDC has given consent for 2 rest homes in the area plus additional housing and needs to strategically plan for an expanding community with a large elderly population.

Q7 LEESTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Upgrade in 22/23

If the existing building can be upgraded to a safe standard then it seems a better use of ratepayers dollars. The library is an attractive, well lit, welcoming space so why demolish when it can be upgraded. That would be a more sustainable option.

Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Renovate hall and provide new spaces

Again, sustainability would suggest that retaining an existing building is preferable to knocking down and replacing a building.

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Do not support the proposal

It is preferable to leave them as is until Government changes to legislation impacting and administered by local Government are finalised.

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

Environmental well being: include aquifers/groundwater as an indicator.

Social well being: expand to include feeling safe in public places. What is meant by terms such as success, love our families, etc? It depends on an individual's perspective.

Economic well being: perhaps 'value' is a better word than 'love'.

re Climate change; SDC needs to ensure that communities are more resilient by promoting more sustainable ways of operating both by SDC and the whole Selwyn community. e.g. promote alternative modes of transport than cars, rainwater harvesting, solar power options for all new buildings.

--Additional submission: NC Borrie 14 Liffeyfields Drive Lincoln 7608. After I sent my submission through I realised that I had not asked that a Swimming pool at Lincoln be included in the LTCCP 2021-2031. A joint Lincoln University Lincoln Community Pool would be a major asset in the Lincoln community, especially as it is rapidly expanding with development now taking place adjacent to Lincoln University. Community well being would be enhanced through improved recreational facilities such as a pool. As Rolleston expands to 50,000 plus people greater use will be made of the Rolleston pool by those residents and congestion will again occur so a 25 metre pool in Lincoln would spread users across facilities.

Topic: BIG DECISION 1 - Keeping our drinking water safe (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

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Topic: BIG DECISION 2 - How we pay for drinking water supply (2021-2031) - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 3 - Developing a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee (2021-2026) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	<p>The submitters support for the Darfield Wastewater Proposal is acknowledged.</p> <p>Pines is being continuously upgraded to ensure it meets growth demand and environmental standards.</p>

Topic: BIG DECISION 4 - Maintaining our roads (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	No comments made.

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Topic: BIG DECISION 5 - Planning for future roading and transportation projects (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 6 - Future of the new Prebbleton Community Centre (2025/2026) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 7 - Future of the Leeston Library and Community Centre (2022/2023) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: BIG DECISION 8 - Future of the Hororata Community Centre (2023/2024) - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: TOPIC: Climate Change - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Council acknowledges and thank the resident for the feedback and suggestions.

Topic: TOPIC: Sporting facilities - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Swimming Pool for Lincoln: The idea of a swimming pool for Lincoln has been considered and assessed previously (including in partnership with Lincoln University). The close proximity of the Lincoln community to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre enables this facility to service that community over the 10 year planning

period. Of interest to aquatic provision in the district will also be the impact of the new facility being built in Hornby. Although no facility is planned for Lincoln in the next 10 years it may be a future possibility depending on growth and demand factors.

Topic: TOPIC: View on the proposed Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies - Corporate

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments No comments made.

Topic: TOPIC: Water / Wastewater - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action If this submission was accepted in full or in part, then the following would be impacted:

Staff Comments The submitter seeks Council to add 'aquifers/groundwater' as an indicator for the Environmental well being.

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Submission

Submission supplied as PDF or Word document, printed and attached as the following page.

Q1 KEEPING WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Q2 PAYING FOR WATER SUPPLY

Q3 DARFIELD AND KIRWEE WASTEWATER

Q4 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Q5 FUTURE ROADING AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Q6 PREBBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Q8 HORORATA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Q9 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Q10 OTHER COMMENTS

Refer Attached

Please find attached the Rolleston Residents Association LTP submission

We would like to see the community committee Discretionary funds to be reinstated. This would enable our committee to continue to enhance our community. Projects like flags, moving the SID devices and others rely on the discretionary fund to happen.

We would like the council to be more proactive in reviewing speed limit changes. With the growth of townships the speed limits need to be changed more promptly to reflect the change of roads from rural roads to urban roads. One of particular concern is the speed limit change just before West Rolleston School. We would also like to see some traffic calming measures on some of the roads that are experiencing traffic traveling at higher than the speed limit. One of roads that have come to the attention of the Residents Association is Granite Drive, Stonebrook. We would also like council to have a policy to fill in gaps in street lights on roads that currently have a gap because a piece of land hasn't been developed yet with costs to be paid by any future developer out of development contributions for example Springston Rolleston road.

We would like to see council to enhance our townships and make them more accessible for everyone. We would like to see a program of benches placed around the town in strategic locations to enable people to rest on their walks. This could be funded by the residents as a community with plaques acknowledging sponsorship.

We would like to see the district park on weedons planning and construction commence in this 10year plan. We would love with community involvement to create a memorial walk created around the park where residents can plant a tree, fund a bench or art piece in memory of a loved one who has passed away while creating an attraction that would draw people to the district park. Planning this sooner means any plantings have time to mature before completion of the park.

We would also like to see some more dog park facilities in Rolleston particularly for smaller dogs(the current small dog area is approximately the size of a backyard). This could also be included in the district park.

The Rolleston Residents Association would like to see the status quo be maintained when it comes to our water. We would prefer to have non chlorinated water if at all possible. Opinions in the committee were split on how to fund this.

Darfield and Kirwee residents should be given a timeframe to connect to the sewer system and given that time to connect. You will be responsible for paying the costs at that time regardless of when you purchased a septic tank. We would also like to see creyke farm that was bought for darfield to have a sewer treatment plant be disposed of for the benefit of all the residents of Selwyn.

Topic: BIG DECISION 1 - Keeping our drinking water safe (2021-2031) - Infrastructure

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Topic: BIG DECISION 3 - Developing a new wastewater system in Darfield and Kirwee (2021-2026) - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	<p>The submitters support for the Darfield Wastewater Proposal is acknowledged.</p> <p>The option to sell the Council farm and the account that would benefit is undecided. This would be a future Council decision.</p>

Topic: TOPIC: Cycleways / Footpaths - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	While the Committee could fund benches in conjunction with public footpath use, the final positioning and installation of these within public reserve areas would have to be approved by the Council.

Topic: TOPIC: Facility Upgrade / Project requests - Property

Staff Recommended Action	That the submission be acknowledged.
Staff Comments	Council is undertaking initial design and engagement in the current year and the 2021/2022 financial year. Ideas noted in the submission are exactly what the council would expect to be raised by the community. The success of the District Park will be determined by the ability community and the council to consider as widely as possibly what would make a great district asset and then determine which activities should be supported.

The development of the site will commence in 2024/2025 with \$15.7million being spend from then until 2030/2031. This is unlikely to be the full development cost of the park.

Topic: TOPIC: Reserve comments - Property

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments Budgets for planning the District Park are included with the LTP period. Initial work will commence in 2021. A dog park with areas for a variety of dog and owner needs is very likely to be part of the development for the District Park.

Topic: TOPIC: Traffic / Roading - Infrastructure

Staff Recommended Action That the submission be acknowledged.

Staff Comments The proposed new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021 will give Council more ability to look at lower speeds limits in urban areas and for all schools on a consistent basis. Council has recently introduced 30km/hr speed limits for the new Rolleston Town Centre as a first start. The new Rule is proposing a 30km/hr limit for urban schools. The Committee is invited to make a submission to the next District Speed Limit Review process which will be happening shortly. Council already undertakes the upgrade of existing roads where there a short sections of missing urban roading infrastructure relating to new subdivisions using limited discretionary funding available. However for example the upgrade of the remainder of Lincoln Rolleston Rd to Levi Rd is expected to occur with ODP4 Rolleston and Proposed Plan Change 71 if it proceeds and road upgrades paid for by those developers. This would include the street lighting, footpaths widening etc. along this section. The estimated cost to provide the street lighting alone would be \$200,000. Roading Development Contributions funding can only be collected and used for specific predefined roading projects relating to growth, not other works just for expediency sake, as outlined in Councils Development Contribution Policy.
