



**WORKSHOP OF THE
SELWYN - WAIHORA ZONE COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD ONLINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2024
AT 5.30 PM**

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water..."

Loran Eisely, US Author

SELWYN WAIHORA ZONE COMMITTEE –Workshop Agenda & Runsheet

WORKSHOP: **Monday 13 May 2024, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm**, online via Microsoft Teams

TIMETABLE & ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item	Time	Description
1	5:30 pm (5 min)	Karakia tīmatatanga Session opened with <i>karakia</i> and members welcomed.
2	5:35 pm (30 min)	Environment Canterbury Representation Review Providing Committee feedback on Environment Canterbury Regional Council's Representation Review.
4	6:05 PM (25 min)	Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Planning To discuss planning of future Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee activities.
5	6:30 pm	Karakia whakamutunga Session closed with <i>karakia</i> .

NOTE: To attend this online workshop, please contact Jaimee Grant, Zone Facilitator (Jaimee.grant@ecan.govt.nz) to receive a Microsoft Teams calendar invite.

WORKSHOP ITEM NO: 1	SUBJECT MATTER: Environment Canterbury Representation Review
REPORT BY: Jaimee Grant – CWMS Facilitation, Environment Canterbury	DATE OF WORKSHOP: 13 May 2024

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is for the Zone Committee to:

- Provide feedback on the proposed options outlined in the Environment Canterbury Representation Review.

BACKGROUND

Representation Review

Environment Canterbury Councillors represent different areas of Waitaha/Canterbury. Environment Canterbury is currently reviewing how fair and effective our representation arrangements are. Due to population changes, we need to make some changes before the next local body elections in October 2025.

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires councils to undertake a representation review every six years.

For a regional council, the review must cover:

- The number of electoral areas – constituencies (local councils use wards)
- The boundaries of those constituencies and their names
- The number of Councillors to represent them.

To ensure effective and fair representation, there are four things we must consider:

- The number of people represented within each constituency area (population)
- The alignment of communities of interest within each constituency
- The alignment of constituencies to local council boundaries or wards
- How many elected Councillors should represent each constituency (each Councillor should represent roughly the same population +/- 10 per cent).

Development of preliminary options

Currently, we have seven constituencies, with two Councillors elected from each one.

Based on current boundaries and population, Ōtuhituhi/South Canterbury is over-represented, Ōpākihi/Mid Canterbury is under-represented, and our Ōtautahi/Christchurch constituencies do not align with the current Christchurch City Council wards.

Council has been considering several options to realign constituencies to make our representation fair, while also considering which communities share similarities.

Options

There are three options for the community to consider and more information on the options are provided in the links:

- [Option one - Retain the status quo \(with Ōtautahi/Christchurch City constituency realignment\)](#)
- [Option two - Merge Ōpākihi/Mid Canterbury and Ōtuhituhi/South Canterbury constituencies](#)
- [Option three - Create a new constituency combining Hakatere/Ashburton District and the current Ōtuhituhi/South Canterbury constituency](#)

Please note: [All options realign the Ōtautahi/Christchurch City constituency boundaries](#)

Your feedback will help Council narrow the options down to one for formal consultation later this year.

Note: [Mana whenua representation](#) is not included in this review. Our Council has two Ngāi Tahu Councillors who represent mana whenua interests across all of Waitaha/Canterbury. This was achieved through the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Act 2022 and is not part of this consultation.

Discussion

Feedback will now be sought from the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee on the proposed options.

Further information

This information and a link to the survey for individuals to provide feedback can be found at ecan.govt.nz/representation. Please feel free to share this preliminary engagement with your networks as well.

WORKSHOP ITEM NO: 2	SUBJECT MATTER: Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Planning
REPORT BY: Jaimee Grant – CWMS Facilitation, Environment Canterbury	DATE OF WORKSHOP: 13 May 2024

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is for the Zone Committee to:

- To discuss planning of future Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee activities

BACKGROUND

The Committee currently have several upcoming events that require some input and planning for the months ahead. This includes:

1. Rakaia Bus Trip with Ashburton Zone Committee
2. Huritini Halswell Stocktake Bus Trip
3. Well water testing days
4. Stormwater superheroes campaigns

DISCUSSION

This workshop item is to help inform the planning for these events. The following page provides brief summaries of the Committee-led initiatives for discussion. Some considerations are provided in the table that require discussion at a minimum.

Table: Summary zone committee-led initiatives

	Project Name	Project Summary	Alignment	Considerations
1	Rakaia Bus Trip	Co-host a Rakaia Bus Trip with the Ashburton Zone Committee with a focus on biodiversity and recreation. Showcase some of the work underway in the catchment and identify issues and opportunities to support biodiversity and recreation outcomes in the catchment. Funding will go towards: - Bus hire - Venue hire (if required) Koha for speakers	Co-hosting a 2023/24 Rakaia field trip with Ashburton Water Zone Committee, with a focus on biodiversity and recreation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects to see Timing
2	Halswell Stocktake Bus Trip	Host a Huritini Halswell Stocktake Bus Trip for stakeholders with the aim to understand the current context, create and tell the story of the catchment and understand what the next steps are for both the catchment, and community engagement. Funding will go towards: - Venue hire - Equipment costs - Bus hire Koha for speakers	<p>We will support actions to restore Te Waihora to a healthy state – Huritini/Halswell river is one of Te Waihora's tributaries.</p> <p>Also aligns with Zone Committee Focus area of 2023/24 to support catchment groups or similar as there is a potential to form a group or network of stakeholders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working group to support project Timing
3	Selwyn Waihora Well Water Testing Days	Provide 2-3 community well water testing drop-in sessions to educate and raise awareness of nitrate levels in private water supplies, safe drinking water standards and associated risks, well owner responsibilities and where to seek further information. Funding will go towards: - Venue hire - Equipment costs Advertising and printing costs	<p>We will help raise awareness about the risks to private drinking water supplies by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attending or hosting at least one public event each year to raise awareness about water quality in private drinking water supplies and wider water quality trends Investigating opportunities for accessible community testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timing Co-hosting with stakeholders Support required to run Recent testing
4	Stormwater Superheroes Campaign	Promote good practices around stormwater to ensure waterways are cleaner, healthier and safer. Attend events e.g. take stormwater superheroes trailer to events to provide educational opportunities.	<p>We will facilitate actions to achieve catchment nutrient targets and water quality outcomes by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting or attending an urban event to share knowledge and encourage behaviour change that will improve urban stormwater quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target audience Local events to attend