

Selwyn Water

Media enquiries and responses

As of 30 April 2026.



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Date	Media outlet	Enquiry (as received)	Response	Articles	Published
09/04/2026	Selwyn Times	- I have been contact with several Upper Selwyn Huts residents who are concerned about possible price hikes in the bills they pay for water and sewage. - I'm aware Selwyn Water will be conduction consultation in May on this, but can you provide any indication of whether Upper Selwyn Huts will be shifted to the district connection fees for water and sewer? - And if so, will they be looking at the same connection fees paid by an urban household, and does Selwyn Water see this as an affordable option? - As Selwyn Water understands it does each hut have its own water meter, or is there a plan to fit each hut with a water meter?	We spoke to several of the Upper Selwyn Huts residents on Tuesday about this and what has come through very strongly both through previous Council consultations and our recent engagement is that the residents at Upper Selwyn Huts wish to be treated like everyone else in the district and we are listening. We are engaging on our Water Services Strategy before any final decisions are made so are not in a position to pre-empt any decision but we are committed to fair, accurate and equitable costs. There is a district-wide plan in place to ensure that any properties requiring water meters will receive them.	https://newspapers.odt.co.nz/selwyn-times/20260415/page/7	15/04/2026
15/04/2026	Radio New Zealand	- What is the increase for the average household in the Selwyn district under the new system? - The mayor said there were projections of water bills beyond	Selwyn Water will be engaging with the community in May on our Water Services Strategy, setting out the services we provide, the investment required to maintain safe and reliable water, and how costs are	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/community/592489/squeeze-across-the-	16/04/2026



		2026/2027 – but didn't explain what they were. What are the indicative charges for the next several years please? • How much is Selwyn Water intending to invest in water infrastructure over the next 10 years. • What are the priorities for the organisation – upgrading old or faulty infrastructure, or growth? • In terms of growth, how much investment is going into growth – how much is the population projected to increase in the next 10 years?	shared fairly between current and future generations. It will also outline how we balance public health, service reliability, affordability, and growth in our decision-making. Our draft Fees and Charges Policy will form part of this engagement, explaining how pricing is set, the principles applied, and the detailed schedule of charges for the year ahead. As we complete our establishment phase, our immediate priority is to ensure drinking water and wastewater services remain safe, reliable, and fully compliant, while maintaining continuity for customers. At the same time, we are building the foundations of a modern water utility and investing in infrastructure to support Selwyn's growth, renew ageing assets, and strengthen resilience to future challenges such as climate change. Affordability is a key consideration in how we sequence this investment. We will actively look to defer, re-phase, or deliver projects more efficiently where this can be done without compromising public health or core service reliability. We will continue to work closely with Selwyn District Council to align infrastructure with growth and land use planning, and expect to refresh the Water Services Strategy next	whole-country-where-bills-are-increasing-first-under-water-shake-up	
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