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**Report to:** Engineering Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 30 August 2012  
**Author:** Cr Trevor Norriss  
**Subject:** **Chairman's Report**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the Chairman's regular meeting report.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RESC12-08-01.**

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## 1. Welcome

- 1.1 Welcome to today's meeting.
- 1.2 With all the wet weather the District's infrastructure has once again been stretched. Stormwater systems in some areas have been at capacity and roadside drains are going to need extra maintenance.
- 1.3 A huge slip occurred recently on the Graham Valley road – the access road to Mt Arthur. Three properties above the slip are without access and the Department of Conservation and the Council are working together on a solution. The road carries 180 vehicle movements per day in the peak season. The slip is very unstable and it is proving difficult to get the road reopened. Council staff are in contact with the affected landowners and providing assistance where we can.

## 2. General Update

- 2.1 The gravel management committee being chaired by our Chief Executive, Lindsay McKenzie has not met as yet. However, Lindsay, Cr Stuart Bryant and I recently visited a private property in the Upper Motueka to look at ongoing flood damage. Unfortunately, there are no easy solutions.
- 2.2 The second round of arbitration for the Industrial Water Users has been held recently and Peter Thomson will provide a verbal update at the meeting.
- 2.3 Work is underway to restore some of the problems in the Lower Aorere River. Unfortunately the whitebait season will hold up any gravel removal issues until early December.
- 2.4 The final National Land Transport Programme will be officially announced in Wellington on 31 August 2012. The email from the New Zealand Transport Agency says:

*These decisions will confirm a \$12.5 billion investment programme, co-funded by central government and local authorities. Approximately \$4.8 billion will be invested to maintain and operate the land transport system, approximately \$1.7 billion will support public transport services particularly in major metropolitan areas, and approximately \$4.8 billion will be invested*

*in new infrastructure assets to improve public transport, walking and cycling and roading corridors.*

- 2.5 It will be interesting to see how we fare – watch this space!
- 2.6 With all New Zealanders eagerly awaiting the outcome of the “ownership of water” debate, I hope that whoever ends up with it will also be responsible for the costs associated with the damage it creates when we get a surplus! Don’t hold your breath!

## **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1 That this report is received.

## **7. Draft Resolution**

- 7.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman’s Report RESC12-08-01.**