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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Full Council  
**Meeting Date:** 3 May 2012  
**Report Author:** Dennis Bush-King, Acting Chief Executive  
**Subject:** **Acting Chief Executive's Report**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on various matters regarding the amalgamation poll, the Representation Review, the Long Term Plan, Land and Water New Zealand, and the recovery project.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Tasman District Council receives the Acting Chief Executive's Report RCN12-05-07**

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## 1. AMALGAMATION RESULT

1.1 The final results of the amalgamation polls were released on 24 April confirming the progressive result of 21 April against the union of Nelson City and Tasman District. The final figures are summarised in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: Summary Poll Results**

	Votes Returned	% For/Against	Eligible Voters	% Return*
<b>TASMAN</b>			35349	63.83
For	5,802	25.58		
Against	16,873	74.42		
<b>NELSON</b>			35623	51.64
For	10,536	56.88		
Against	7,984	43.12		
<b>TOTAL</b>			70,972	57.71
<b>Combined Total For</b>	16,338	39.66		
<b>Combined Total Against</b>	24,857	60.34		

1.2 The figures for Tasman show a very high turnout compared to the last triennial election. Even across both districts the 57% turnout would normally be a good showing in local body elections. These figures (\*) do not include the 157 special votes so that if the 22,720 being the total votes lodged including specials, were proportioned against the number of voters on the roll the return would be 64.27% for Tasman.

1.3 The breakdown by Ward for Tasman is shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Poll Result by Ward**

	Richmond	Moutere-Waimea	Motueka	Golden Bay	Lakes Murchison	Special
<b>Vote Number</b>						
<b>For</b>	2051	1535	885	1023	265	43
<b>Against</b>	5243	4460	4150	1382	1524	114
<b>Votes</b>	7294	5995	5035	2405	1789	157
<b>% Return</b>	64.3	65.9	60.0	62.3	69.1	
<b>% Vote*</b>						
<b>For</b>	28.1	25.6	17.6	42.5	14.8	27.4
<b>Against</b>	71.7	74.3	82.3	57.4	85.2	72.6

\* percentages don't add to 100% because of informal or blank votes.

## **2. REPRESENTATION REVIEW**

2.1 Given that the amalgamation is not proceeding, we will be advertising the Council's decisions in respect of the representation review of the number of elected members, wards and community boards on 5 May. The council decided at its meeting in March to retain the status quo. The public will have until 5 June to submit on the proposal to retain the status quo. Any submissions will go to the Local Government Commission for a decision.

## **3. LONG TERM PLAN**

3.1 Councillors are in the middle of hearing and considering the 901 submissions to the Long Term Plan. The Audit Office has indicated that Tasman will be one of the Councils whose final LTP will be subject to a further review after the Council has completed changes following submissions and before adoption.

## **4. LAND AND WATER NEW ZEALAND**

4.1 Regional Councils have been collectively working on sharing a common website to present natural resource information and environmental monitoring data in a common format and to give a national picture of trends and the state of our environment. It will include a number of modules over time. The first module relates

to water quality and will be launched by Minister Carter today, 3 May. The website uses information already collected by the councils. Discussions are also underway with a philanthropic trust and a science research organisation to assist in the funding and peer review of the information.

4.2 It is a good example of collaboration, consistent messaging, and will allow regional councils to tell a story about what is happening in the New Zealand environment. It is currently viewable at <http://www.landandwater.co.nz>.

## **5. THANK YOU**

5.1 This will be my last report as Acting Chief Executive. I thank Councillors for their forbearance over the last seven months. I have enjoyed the experience of leading the staff team and even with the intervention of a civil defence emergency, the amalgamation debate, and the effort around the Long Term Plan, we have still managed to keep the business of Council together.

## **6. RECOVERY PROJECT**

6.1 I have included this item in case there is the need to give Councillors a verbal update on the December 2011 Recovery Project.

## **7. RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 That the report be received.

## **8. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

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Dennis Bush-King  
**Acting Chief Executive**