



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

TO: Environment & Planning Committee

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Welcome to the final E&P meeting for 2006.

I would like to thank Councillors and staff for the work we have all done throughout the year. It seems to me very important to have correct policies expressed appropriately in the TRMP. This takes all those involved, staff, Councillors and particularly the community (submitters) who we are here to serve, a high level of commitment to achieve.

One issue I would like to flag at today's meeting. I have been approached by property owners in the rural area regarding the dwelling set back rules in the rural area, where agrichemicals are used. At present there is a 30 metre setback between a new dwelling and a horticultural planting which will have agrichemicals applied to it. This means that in the Rural 1 or 2 zones, if there is an existing dwelling 5 metres from a boundary, then any new planting must be set back 25 metres from the boundary, which can minimise the productive use of land. I suggest that this issue is revisited to set dwellings back 30 metres from the boundary in Rural 1 or 2 zones. The Policy Manager may elaborate on Council's considerations of this matter to date. I would appreciate Council's view on this matter.

Finally, I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Richard Kempthorne
Chair, Environment & Planning Committee