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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Environment & Planning Committee
Meeting Date: Thursday, 20 September 2012
Report Author: Stuart Bryant, Chair, Environment & Planning Committee
Subject: **ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report REP12-09-10

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1. Ecofest

I was unable to attend but have heard this year's Ecofest was a very positive and well attended event. Thanks to all those involved in organising.

2. RMA Planning Workshop

A reminder to councillors that after a lot of effort by Katie we have a very cost-effective planning workshop to be held all day on Tuesday, 25 September, with tutor Jan Crawford. A good attendance, would be appreciated

3. Gravel

Since we make the decision to have a gravel / rivers management working party I have had a number of calls from ratepayers who are very interested in this process and who would like to be involved. This could happen through contribution at open days / consultation / or being part of the larger working party.

4. Water Metering

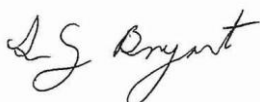
We had a very good meeting with about 30 landowners at Tapawera on 21 August regarding new water metering regulations. Thanks to Joseph Thomas and Daryl Page who gave a very good presentation followed by a question and answer session.

5. National Policy Statement Water Quality and Nutrient Plans

Both the National Policy Statement Water Quality, and the Nutrient Plans are issues we, as a council, our community, and farmers will have issues with. We need to see what other councils do before we rush head first into making a whole lot more compliance challenges for our ratepayers

6. Richmond West

We need to remember this has been a long and exhaustive process with many changes along the way. However, the main reason was to provide land for business to develop and this is now starting to happen.



Stuart Bryant
Chair, Environment & Planning Committee