

## REPORT

**TO:** Members, Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Chair, Trevor Norriss

**DATE:** 09 October 2008

**SUBJECT:** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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Welcome to today's meeting. Council is now coming up to one-third of its way through this term and the last few months have been extremely busy. The next few months will also be rather hectic with, amongst other things, the LTCCP and Richmond West hearings.

Congratulations to our Engineering Manager Peter Thomson who has recently attended the ICMA conference in Richmond, Virginia. Founded in 1914, ICMA (International City/County Management Association) is the premier local government leadership and management organisation. Its mission is to create excellence in local governance by advocating and developing the professional management of local government worldwide. In addition to supporting its nearly 9,000 members, ICMA provides publications, data, information, technical assistance, and training and professional development to thousands of city, town, and county experts and other individuals throughout the world. Peter's attendance at the conference was funded by MWH (NZ) Ltd who sponsor the Society of Local Government's ICMA Conference Attendance Awards.

Peter may give an update of this at today's meeting.

The new bridge in the Pearse Valley has been completed and my thanks go to the contractors and especially the residents who had to endure a short period with no vehicle access. Sadly the day I went to visit the site the locals alerted me to an abandoned caravan that had been towed further up the valley and dumped. Investigations have found that it came from nearby and hopefully the cost of cleaning up this mess can be billed to the offenders.

Thanks to Councillors and staff who have attended the consultation meetings on the proposed variations regarding water. These have been well attended and hopefully the information presented is of value to those affected.

I hope the costings presented for public transport in Nelson City Council's transport strategy (Nelson Mail, 8 October) were not correct showing NCC's costs at \$2.4 million and Tasman District Council's at \$3.8 million. I think this Council may have something to say if this is correct. At the time of writing this report I have not seen a copy of the proposed strategy and would hope some consultation had taken place.

The inaugural Top of the South Land Transport Liaison Group meeting will be held on Friday 10 October and I will give a verbal update at today's meeting.

The first meeting of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee will be held on Friday 17 October. This will be an introductory meeting and will outline the work programme ahead along with timeframes.

Finally, thanks to Mayor Kempthorne and the staff involved in a very successful eDay at Takaka and Stoke. I understand that the Nelson-Tasman region contributed to 5% of the total electronic waste collected nationwide. Based on numbers at previous eDay events, the organisers had calculated that Takaka would expect 28 cars but in fact 101 turned out on the day. I also understand the Nelson event provided an opportunity for Mayor Kempthorne to brush up on his forklift driving skills. Well done everyone.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Norriss", with a horizontal line underneath it.

Trevor Norriss

**Chair - Engineering Services Committee**