

# REPORT

**TO:** Members of Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Chairman

**REFERENCE:**

**DATE:** 11 August 2005

**SUBJECT:** Chairman's Report for August

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From time to time as Chairman I feel the need to voice concern over issues at Council that may not be directly engineering issues. The decision taken last week by Council to form a Subcommittee to look at whether or not a resource consent will be needed for many recreation activities in rural areas is beyond belief and the sooner some areas of the RMA are disposed of, the better.

Other issues that should be sorted out are the exorbitant costs of getting consent for what are either new community signs (a recent example in Richmond) or renewals of existing consents (engineering services road oiling consent). The costs of the consent renewals for the regional sewerage and many others are becoming a huge cost to our and many other communities. I doubt that the Regional Sewerage Plant could stop operating even if its consent wasn't renewed. Think about it.

It's been signalled in the LTCCP and Annual Plan, and Council is consulting with those directly affected by the proposed Pohara Water Supply and a steady return of the mailed out questionnaire is happening. Jeff may be able to give some update at the meeting.

I have received a number of phone calls and letters regarding recycling. Some people are annoyed at the removal of the bins in Golden Bay and Motueka and see it as an inconvenience to have to take their recyclables to the Transfer Stations. We may have to look at something in certain areas over the busy Christmas period. Hopefully we can sort something out with the Board at Kaiteriteri for the same period.

The suggested variation to the hours that the Station is open in Golden Bay needs to be discussed with the Community Board to get some feedback on best times to try.

Cr Inglis will give us information he has regarding a visit to riverworks in Canterbury and the type of material being used to top up and widen stopbanks in that area.

Mayor Hurley and the CEO should be able to give us an update on their meetings in Wellington regarding transport and roading issues.

Committee members have been sent a copy of the Draft Roding Policy and Procedures Manual and I realise that there is a huge amount of reading at the moment, but please take the time to read this and any comments back to Steve Elkington.

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Chair - Engineering Services Committee

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