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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Engineering Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 4 August 2011  
**Subject:** **Chairman's Report**  
**Report Author:** Cr Trevor Norriss

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the Chairman's regular meeting report

### RECOMMENDATION/S

**That the report be received.**

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RESC11-08-01.**

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**1. Welcome**

1.1 Welcome to today's meeting. We certainly live in exciting times with reports of supposed savings to ratepayers varying from \$5 million to \$3.7 million for each council. I am astounded that if these supposed savings are available they are not taken now by those saying that they are available? Interestingly enough there is no information on how much rates are going to change. One of the reasons for amalgamation is to allow increased debt which must lead to an increase in rates. Enough said.

**2. Takaka Firefighting Water Main**

2.1 I recently attended the opening of the Takaka Fire fighting water supply. Although the day was wet and blustery the event was well attended by the community, Fire Service and members of the working party. Mr Noel Riley, who chaired the working party, cut the ribbon. I was asked by the Fire Chief Phillip Woolf to pass on his thanks to Council. Also congratulations to Chings Contracting who carried out this work. The complimentary remarks from the community are a great credit to the staff involved.



*Mary Poppins and I have something in common*

**3. Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant RIB trial**

3.1 Also in Takaka the WWTP Rapid Infiltration Basis trial is about to get underway. Jeff Cuthbertson will give an update at today's meeting.

#### **4. Te Waikoropupu Springs Road Signage**

- 4.1 Gary Clark, Jeff Cuthbertson, Mayor Kempthorne and I attended a meeting with Manawhenua ki Mohua regarding the request to change the Pupu Valley and Pupu Springs road names to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road and Te Waikoropupu Springs Road respectively. Gary can also give an update to today's meeting.

#### **5. Extreme Weather Conditions**

- 5.1 Council staff, MWH and our contractors have been extremely busy as the district has been experiencing extreme weather conditions, flooding, slips, blocked culverts, snow, trees over roads etc. Some of the final repairs to this work could take some time and hopefully some tolerance from our residents will help in understanding this situation. At times like this we all see our job as the most important.

#### **6. Aorere Community**

- 6.1 I recently spent a day in the Aorere at the launch of the Aorere Community's best practise booklet. It was the best day out I have had since being on Council. It is great to see a community deal with an issue without needing unnecessary council or central government intervention. The project is a great model to use in other areas of our district and maybe in the future Tasman District Council will not only be recognised as the top water manager in the country but also number one for water quality. Congratulations to all that have been involved.
- 6.2 It was also good to be able to announce that we had accepted a tender for the James Road bridge replacement.

#### **7. Government Policy Statement - Transport**

- 7.1 At the time of writing we have just received the latest GPS statement and I have not had the time to do an in depth independent analysis of what it all means for us long term. Gary or Peter may be able to give us an update at the meeting.

#### **8. Nelson Arterial Traffic Study**

- 8.1 It is great to see the final solution from the Nelson Arterial Traffic Study decided on by our near neighbour. I would suggest that you get a copy of option 1 that was supported by the Tasman District Council some seven years ago and compare the two! What a surprise that it shows that Nelson does not have any

significant congestion with the report also noting that the future congestion is not sufficient to meet New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) funding criteria. The report also noted that the potential options would not provide significant benefits and if Nelson wanted to pursue these major projects then there would have to be fully funded from rates or other sources rather than NZTA.

8.2 These outcomes are of no surprise and will challenge Nelson City Council in ways to spend its R funding before 2015.

## **9. Retirement – Noel Riley**

9.2 Last but not least I wish to thank Noel (and Kath) Riley for the huge effort he has made on this committee not only for Golden Bay but for the district. Hopefully Noel and Kath can get on with the plans they have for retirement. This is the second time Noel has retired and we wish him and Kath well for the future. Undoubtedly if Noel sees something that is not right he will let us know.

I would also like to welcome Julie Proctor to the engineering staff and wish Mike Price all the best in his retirement. I must comment that the department is starting to resemble the Barmy Army recruitment office!

## **10. RECOMMENDATION**

**That this report be received.**

## **11. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report, RESC11-08-01.**