

REPORT

TO: Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Trevor Norriss

DATE: 29 June 2010

SUBJECT: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESC10-07-01**
Report prepared for meeting of 18 July 2010

Welcome to today's meeting. Firstly I would like to thank Peter Thomson and the team involved in the flood relief in Tapawera. To the many locals, contractors and forestry companies that have pitched in to help out, your initial and ongoing assistance has been much appreciated by the community and by Council. I spent the day up that way yesterday (28 June) and while the wet conditions have not helped and many property owners have a huge amount of work to do getting their properties back in order, I came away feeling that there is still a huge amount of community spirit in these smaller rural communities. Something they should be very proud of.

The ongoing saga of stormwater issues in Collingwood is hopefully reaching a satisfactory conclusion for all involved and the latest offer by one of the landowners could help.

Jeff Cuthbertson and I recently spent some time investigating several stormwater issues in Motueka and Jeff will report on these at the next meeting.

After attending the Mapua draft structure plan release with Councillors and staff I was extremely disappointed with the media headlines. This is a draft document for consultation (and the result of an enormous amount of staff time in consultation with community groups and individuals). If, as planned, a Councillor had chaired this meeting we would have been able to answer many of the questions and better explained the process.

Attached to this report are two letters from:

- a) Geoff Dangerfield, Chief Executive of the NZ Transport Agency explaining the new expanded "central zone" we are now part of under the Regional Director, Jenny Chetwynd, and
- b) Jenny Chetwynd regarding "Interim Funding Approvals for 2010/11 Authorities Community Programmes".

I have also attached a letter from KiwiRAP "Star Ratings Announced for New Zealand State Highways" from Transport Minister, the Hon Steven Joyce and Mike Noon of the Automobile Association. I have other information available if Councillors are interested.

I have received very positive feedback from the community on the "Share the Road" programme being developed jointly by Council, the NZ Road Transport Association and local trucking companies. Thanks to Sarah Downs, Grant Turner (NZ Road Transport

Association), Dave Semaine (Stuart Drummond Transport) and Stuart Drummond for making staff available. It's great to see businesses once again involved in our community.

5 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Chairman's Report (RESC10-07-01) be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

Regards

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

Trevor Norriss