



## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Environment & Planning Committee

**FROM:** D C Bush-King, Environment & Planning Manager

**REFERENCE:** S611

**SUBJECT:** **MANAGER'S REPORT– REPORT EP08/05/07** - Report Prepared for 29 May April Meeting

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### 1. PROPOSED NATIONAL STANDARD ON WATER MEASURING DEVICES

The Ministry for the Environment is working on a National Environmental Standard that will require the mandatory metering of all water permits. We have advocated a case for exemptions for certain types of takes (eg from storage facilities) and where pressure on the resource is minimal. We have sought advice from the Mayor and Chair in responding to MfE and will update the Committee at the meeting.

### 2. BUILDING ACT ACCREDITATION

The Government has again extended the date by which local authorities must gain accreditation through to 31 March 2009. We still expect to be in a position to be accredited by 30 June 2008 having closed four of the 10 corrective actions. On three corrective actions we are awaiting clearance from IANZ, the building accreditation authority, and the remaining three we are still in a reporting phase where we are required to demonstrate improvements or otherwise provide evidence of compliance. For two of the latter category reports have been sent off to IANZ for acceptance. The last one concerns us improving our timeliness in processing consents and code compliance (CCC) applications. Progress is being made and we no longer have to report on CCCs as for three reporting periods we are now achieving 100 percent compliance. Consent processing timelines are improving from the 45 percent low point at the beginning of this year and are currently fluctuating around the 72 percent mark. However, if we count only applications received since March when we instituted new systems and got on board new staff, our timeliness is around 90 percent. Our obligation is to achieve substantial compliance and I would like to think we are there and will urge IANZ to accept this.

### 3. ANNUAL DOG REGISTRATION ROUND

Arrangements are in hand to send out the annual registration renewal invoices to all dog owners on 3 June as well as kennel license renewals. All dogs must be registered by 31 July 2008.

### 4. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

One appeal has been lodged since last report against the Baigent water permit decision.

## 5. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this report be received.



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**Environment & Planning Manager**

## Action Items

Request	Status
Secondary flow path identification in Motueka – Resolution EP08/04/24	Under action
Torrent Bay beach erosion	To Council meeting on 15 May
Letter to Minister of Building re solar water heating consents	Letter sent – reply awaited