



CHAIR'S REPORT

TO: Environment & Planning Committee

FROM: Michael Higgins, Environment & Planning Committee Chair

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Council life has continued on as usual over the past six weeks. I note that as yet we have not as a Council considered the E&P workload for the LTCCP; that will be up for consideration soon.

The Mayor, Cr Inglis and I met representative of Challenger Fisheries, together with Council staff to discuss the aquaculture provisions and to air view and opinions particular as they regard Golden Bay. Maybe that will lead to some options for consideration. There is a lot of investment at stake and the underlying issues will be difficult to resolve.

The Richmond West hearings are imminent and will require a great deal of thought. As Councillors, we need to develop in our minds the vision ten years out, and much further out than that again; and find a way to achieve this vision. There is also the reality of costs to achieve that vision.

At the meeting today we have a workshop with FertResearch, we hope to be advised on fertilizer effects, which should open up an interesting discussion.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Higgins'.

Michael Higgins
Chair, Environment & Planning Committee