



ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING CHAIR'S REPORT

TO: Environment & Planning Committee

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As we start a new term of Council I would like to welcome Crs Mirfin, Malling and Bouillir as the district's three new Councillors to this committee. It is also time to reflect on the members who did not get re-elected. Michael Higgins, Stuart Borlase and Gordon Currie served the community and Council with dedication and enthusiasm.

The new term for this Council will bring challenges as the Government moves on introducing legislation that will impact on local government sector, the Aquaculture Law Reform Act, Sale of Liquor Act Reform, Building Amendment Act, Biosecurity Amendment Act, and the amendments to the Resource Management Act.

Today's agenda brings a wide range of topics for Councillors to debate from proposed plan changes in Mapua and Motueka, river and groundwater quality, Council's submission on Nelson City Council's Plan Change 18, the updated Resource Policy Programme, RMA Phase II Reform, and biosecurity matters. Another successful Environment Award ceremony took place on 24 November. Well done to all Councillors and staff involved.

We have changed the format of today's meeting as a trial having "In Committee" items at the beginning, public forum after lunch. I would welcome any comments.

Stuart Bryant
Chair, Environment & Planning Committee