



## ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING CHAIR'S REPORT

**TO:** Environment & Planning Committee

**FROM:** Stuart Bryant, Environment & Planning Committee Chair

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Welcome back to Councillors as we begin another full year's programme of hearings of plan changes and outstanding issues, as well as the demanding task of ensuring the smooth running the Environment & Planning Department.

The recent floods in the district will be uppermost in everyone's thoughts as we work through the emergency work in the Golden Bay and Murchison areas. While much of the work is focused on major infrastructure the personal and emotion costs to residents will be ongoing for sometime yet.

My direction for this Committee is to get a number of resource policy matters concluded, such as planning in Golden Bay Landscapes and Settlements, Mapua, Motueka and Richmond. I would like to see these concluded before we start any planning for Wakefield, Brightwater or rural reviews. A reminder to Councillors that there will be several TRMP hearings this year, the first one being in late-March.

Stuart Bryant  
**Chair, Environment & Planning Committee**