



## ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING CHAIR'S REPORT

**TO:** Environment & Planning Committee

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

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The workshop held recently would have given newly elected and returning councillors and community board members a very comprehensive understanding of issues discussed concerning flood modeling and flood risk mitigation options; the new water metering regulations and issues concerning provision of services in Richmond West. These will come through as staff reports in due course as required.

The hot dry weather has seen the introduction of water rationing for users on the Waimea Plains, with a few critical weeks to go in the irrigation season. This is a timely reminder of the importance of water in the district in all Council's decision making.

The visit to Te Awina and Onetahua Marae last month for councillors provided great learning opportunities for all present. I would like to thank all councillors for taking the time to attend both marae.

On a more somber note it is important to acknowledge the terrible loss of life and damage to properties in the Christchurch area and our thoughts and sympathies continue to go to the residents. This is a reminder to all of us of the necessity of being well prepared as a council and community as to our state of preparedness for an emergency. The message is we should never become complacent and we too need to be prepared should such a disaster hit this region.

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