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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Environment & Planning Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 2 June 2011  
**Report Author:** Stuart Bryant, Chair, Environment & Planning Committee  
**Subject:** Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report REP11-06-07**

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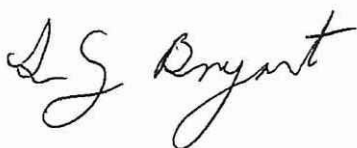
Today's meeting has a very definite water theme with reporting from the Environmental Information section on many aspects of this vital resource.

The National Policy Statement (NPS) for Freshwater Management 2011 will be gazetted on 12 May 2011 and take effect from 1 July 2011. It is part of the [Fresh Start for Fresh Water](#) package of reforms announced by the Government in May 2011. The Government have offered funding assistance which will be appreciated. I look forward to receiving staff advice on whether any substantial changes required for staff give effect to the changes. From 1 July 2011, decision-makers under the Resource Management Act will have to have regard to the NPS in consenting decisions

An item on today's agenda is the need to complete the decision-making on the package of changes under Hearing 60, in order to be able to notify all decisions by late June. This set of changes covers Part 4 Rivers and Lakes and all related amendments to other parts of the TRMP; (Variation 68 and Changes 17, 26 & 27), Change 16 cultural heritage sites, Change 25 greywater discharges and miscellaneous technical amendments in the Richmond West Variation 1 to Change 10. The decisions from deliberation in April are all interim at present and apart from some minor definition drafting, are able to be finalised after the TRMP text showing amendments is considered.

Thanks to those Councillors who have attended Annual Plan meetings, hearing and workshops; these have taken up most of May. Your input is appreciated and valuable.

Thank you also to Cr Norris and Gary Clark attending the following up meeting regarding flooding and rivers at Murchison.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stuart Bryant'.

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