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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Environment & Planning Committee  
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, 28 June 2012  
**Report Author:** Stuart Bryant, Chair, Environment & Planning Committee  
**Subject:** **ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT**

### RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report REP12-06-08**

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## **1. Acknowledgements**

- 1.1 Firstly, my thanks to Councillor Brian Ensor for chairing the previous Environment & Planning Committee meeting and holding the fort while I was on leave.
- 1.2 Thanks to all staff who “filled the gaps” in E&P while Dennis was Acting CEO, your extra efforts ensured a smooth transition.
- 1.3 Thanks also to those councillors who made themselves available for the recent TRMP hearings, your efforts are appreciated.
- 1.4 Welcome to our new Chief Executive who has already undertaken a tour of the Lakes / Murchison ward with myself to become aware of the challenging issues we are facing.

## **2. Water Quality / Crack Willow / 1080**

- 2.1 During the CEO's trip to the Lakes / Murchison Ward issues such as the Sherry River riparian management; removal of crack willow from river beds, and the removal of gravel from river beds; the importance of 1080 as a tool for possum control and keeping Tb at low and reducing levels. Access to waterways, unformed paper roads, were some of the environmental issues raised by the locals. Thanks to Lindsay for undertaking this tour, everyone was very appreciative.

## **3. Recent Events in the District**

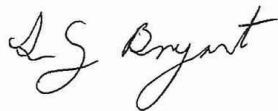
- 3.1 Recent weather events across the district have continued to challenge us. We have been subject to snow and flooding, testing the district's infrastructure - perhaps climate change is really happening. We will hear from Peter Foster on this subject during the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received.

**DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report REP12-06.**

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

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