

REPORT

TO: Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Trevor Norriss

SUBJECT: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Report prepared for meeting of 21 January 2010

Welcome to the first Engineering Services meeting for 2010. I trust that Councillors, staff and our Tasman residents all enjoyed a good break and enjoyed time with family and friends.

While we have not enjoyed the best of summer weather, we can only be grateful that we haven't had it as bad as the capital especially over the festive period.

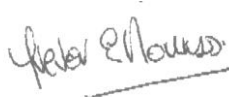
The new year brings new challenges to Council, not least of all the impending Annual Plan round and the desire for Councillors to keep the rates down as low as possible.

I am pleased to report that *Connecting Tasman* - the Regional Land Transport Strategy - has been circulated far and wide and advertised in the local newspapers. An article alerting all ratepayers to the strategy will be included in the first *Newsline the Mag* for 2010, due out at the end of January.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate fellow Councillor Jack Inglis for the deserved recognition he has recently received with the *North & South* award, the New Year's Honour (Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit) and more recently "Nelsonian of the Year". Well done Jack, you can be deservedly proud of these awards. However, I have to take exception to the Nelson Mail's description of you as "The cantankerous, chief arm-twister behind the Motueka Community Hospital project....."! I can think of much better descriptions!

I look forward to working with you all in 2010.

Regards



Trevor Norriss