

REPORT

TO: Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Trevor Norriss

DATE: 13 August 2010

SUBJECT: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESC10-08-01**
Report prepared for meeting of 19 August 2010

Welcome to this, the second to last Engineering Services Committee meeting of this Council term. At the next meeting I will provide a list of completed projects which you will see reflects a huge amount of work this Council has achieved. I will also invite the Engineering staff to have morning tea with us at that meeting.

Meeting with Jenny Chetwynd (Regional Manager, New Zealand Transport Agency) – I spent some time with Jenny discussing issues followed by a short familiarisation tour of the state highway around the Richmond-Hope area before taking her to the airport in peak hour traffic.

Meeting with Mike Kargar (New Zealand Transport Agency) – I also met with Michael Kargar to discuss a better format for communication with Council/Engineering Department when projects that the agency is doing are not signalled in our Regional Land Transport Programme. This should help resolve issues that tend to arise after the event.

We also discussed ways of refining issues that the Community Boards place on the agenda for the State Highway Liaison meetings. These items are starting to clog up the agenda and, in most cases, have already been considered and responded to. It was agreed that in future any agenda items for the Liaison meeting should come via the Ward Councillors and Michael has kindly offered to set up an annual meeting with the community boards to address issues that cannot be addressed via Ward Councillors. We need to remember that this is the Agency's meeting, not Councils.

I recently had an on-site meeting with the Torrent Bay community representatives and Council staff regarding the replacement and slight realignment of the Torrent Bay jetty. I have also met with this group and Jeff Cuthbertson regarding their water supply.

At the last Corporate Services Committee meeting Mr Mark Krammer spoke regarding issues with the Brooklyn Valley Road. I am satisfied with the explanations that were supplied to him (see comments at the end of this report). I made four trips to look at the issues, Gary Clark also made a trip and Selwyn Steedman two trips. We need to understand that this was immediately after the storm event and our contractors were flat out in many areas of the district. I have also spoken to other residents in the valley who asked me to pass on their thanks to both Council and the contractors.

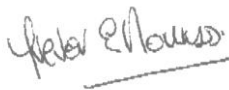
I have also been asked to pass on thanks to Council and our contractors for the help given to the Hedges family (Rocky River) for assistance in cleaning up the flood damage, special mention to Steve Badcock (Downer) for his assistance.

As I said at the start of this report with the silly season approaching, there will be many accusations of what we have not done, at the next meeting we will have a list of what we have completed.

5 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Chairman's Report (RESC10-08-01) be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

Regards



Trevor Norriss

Brooklyn Valley Road Issue

Mr Krammer's questions and Selwyn Steedman's response:

- Q1. Did Council pay for rip rap that was removed?
No we have not paid for the rock and the rock was taken back to quarry.
- Q2. Why did it take four days to stop riprap going in?
There was a lot going on at that point of time – yes action should have been quicker.
- Q3. Grader has taken gravel off road.
Grader had been forming up the road to get cross fall as best as could be expected for such a road.
- Q4. Why where the culverts left so long before cleaning?
It is acknowledged that culvert maintenance has been a problem. With such a storm and undersized culverts nothing would have stopped the damage that occurred.
- Q5. Will someone go out straightaway and have a look at the surface and get some shingle on the road to cover the mud spots and exposed rocks? Have been on site twice over last two weeks. There had been two soft spots that appeared. Culvert replacement work is underway and gravel will follow when this work has been completed. The exposed rocks (not a safety issue) have always been within this road.