

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Dugald Ley, Development Engineer
REFERENCE: E362
DATE: 11 June 2007
SUBJECT: **ENGINEERING STANDARDS REVIEW**

1 PURPOSE

This report outlines the time-lines for the redrafting of the Engineering Standards including discussion and consultation.

2 BACKGROUND

At the last Engineering Services Committee meeting we signalled that the revised Engineering Standards would be available for discussion at today's meeting. Due to staff commitments and the decision to align the standards with the TRMP it is now proposed to present the revised document at the meeting on 2 August 2007.

As mentioned in the previous report there has been a significant shift for the engineering standards to allow stormwater designs that mimic pre-development of sites and to permit environmentally sensitive designs that control run-off, surface area, contaminant discharges etc.

These come at a cost to both Council and the developer in the form of

- a) increased future maintenance to Council, ie grass mowing, soil contaminant removal, cars parked in swale; and
- b) loss of valuable land by the developer.

The attached photo of a recent subdivision in Halswell, Christchurch is a case in point.

Officers fully support the process to get the Engineering Standards in a form that will be at the forefront of engineering design and can also accommodate environmental concerns around our district, however we wish to "do it once and do it right".

3 CONSULTATION

Consultation is important in any standards reviews and a series of meetings will be arranged with relevant parties with Cr Norriss in the chair. The Golden Bay Community Board have specifically requested their involvement in designs that may be relevant to their area only, ie, a recent Golden Bay News article regarding a subdivision in Ironworks

Road highlights the reluctance of the accepted roading designs used in other parts of Tasman district.

6 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

Dugald Ley
Development Engineer

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TIMELINE

Month	Activity
August	Approval of draft standards Advertise public meeting Amendments as required Discussion with relevant groups Meet with Golden Bay Community Board (14 August) Meet with Motueka Community Board (28 August)
September	Public meeting Submissions received Amendment / process submissions
October (Elections)	Hear submissions Resolve submissions Redraft document
November	Sign off from Council Compile and print final document
December	Distribution