

# REPORT

**TO:** Members, Engineering Services Committee  
**FROM:** Chair, Trevor Norriss  
**DATE:** 7 February 2007  
**SUBJECT:** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2007**

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Welcome to the first meeting of Engineering Services for 2007. I hope all Councillors and staff enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready for the year ahead. Special thanks to the Engineering staff who worked over the break. We had no major problems and the Kaiteriteri rubbish run seemed to work well - David Stephenson will give us an update on that at today's meeting.

One issue that I believe the committee needs to give some major attention is the build-up of gravel and general rubbish in some of our major rivers. Unless urgent attention is given to the removal of some of this the next major flood is going to create real problems. I can take you to many areas and show you the problem and in one case the failure to be able to remove some of the problem is eroding private property. If this was someone's section in town something would have to be done!

The Takaka firewells/water supply issue will be another healthy debate during this year's annual plan. Remember we were asked to investigate options. These have been put to the community and it is really their call – our job is to make sure the correct information is available.

Mayor Hurley, myself, Peter Thomson and Roger Ashworth have met with Transit and Opus regarding the Ruby Bay bypass and Roger will give an update at today's meeting.

If time permits at the end of today's meeting I wish to raise an issue that I believe needs rectifying in our TRMP. I was called to a situation in Motueka over Christmas and I find it hard to believe that people have to put up with what their neighbour is doing and Council has no rules to prevent it. Hopefully, Colin Michie will be available with photos taken at the site.

Regards

Trevor Norriss  
**Chair - Engineering Services Committee**