



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Status Report

Minister for the Environment

Minister for Climate Change Issues

Week beginning 7 December 2009



Seen by Hon Dr Nick Smith

Date _____

4. Other Issues that you should know about this week

4.9 Investigations of Far North District Council and Environment Canterbury

The on-site part of the investigation into Far North District Council (FNDC) has been completed. Consultants assessed individual consent files and interviewed FNDC Mayor, Chief Executive, staff, the Department of Conservation, Northland Regional Council, other consultants and Iwi. The ministry's consultants will be interviewing two councillors by phone next week to complete stakeholder interviews.

On-site investigations at Environment Canterbury are nearly completed. For the week ending 27 November 2009, consultants interviewed external parties, including applicants, affected parties, lobby groups, independent commissioners and Iwi. A well attended meeting was held with Canterbury territorial authority Mayors and Chief Executives. Written submissions were provided by those who were unable to attend. Members of the review team will be back in Christchurch early this week to meet with (mostly external) stakeholders.

Environment Canterbury staff have been helpful and accommodating throughout the process.

Media attention on both these investigations seems to have subsided.

Kevin Currie