



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Status Report

Minister for the Environment

Minister for Climate Change Issues

Week beginning 9 November 2009



Seen by Hon Dr Nick Smith

Date _____

1. Actions from the meeting of 2 November 2009

- 1.4 ECan Review – You would like us to identify who will undertake the review by today.
Completed.

Todd Krieble

5. Major Media Items from the past week

- 5.2 The announcement of the investigation into ECan has received on-going coverage in The Press. Articles on 29 and 30 October said that the government was wasting no time starting its investigation, spurred by concerns about ECan's processing of resource consents, management of Canterbury's natural resources and relationships with local authorities. Both articles made no mention of the investigation into Far North District Council. The paper's 4 November editorial focused on Minister Hide's review and discussed the possibility of a commissioner taking over ECan. It also highlighted the issue of some ECan councillors having a conflict of interest when voting on water issues.