



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Status Report

Minister for the Environment

Minister for Climate Change Issues

Week beginning 21 September 2009



Seen by Hon Dr Nick Smith

Date _____

1 Actions from the meeting of 14 September 2009

- 1.5 ECan and Far North District Council - You would like a broader review for ECan and requested guidance and a letter by 18 September. You are looking for the Local Government review to cover governance and the RMA review to cover all RMA functions including policy, consenting and timelines. **Completed.**

Sue Powell

3. Priority Issues

3.2 Environment Canterbury

Environment Canterbury will decide on a motion of no-confidence in Chair Sir Kerry Burke at its next Council meeting, on 24 September 2009. The motion was put forward by Councillor Mark Oldfield and seconded by Councillor Brownyn Murray on 21 August 2009 and survived a vote (eight votes to six) to include the motion in the 24 September agenda. If the motion expressing no confidence in Sir Burke's leadership is passed, then a new Chair could also be elected at that meeting.

Kevin Currie

5. Major Media Items from the past week

- 5.6 The Otago Daily Times reported on 15 September that Environment Canterbury has picked up the pace in processing resource consents, after finishing bottom of a Ministry for the Environment list in June and coming under fire about the time it was taking. Of the consent applications that were decided over the past 12 months, ECan acting chief executive Ken Taylor said that nearly 80 percent met the statutory processing time frames.