



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Status Report

Minister for the Environment

Minister for Climate Change Issues

Week beginning 30 November 2009



Seen by Hon Dr Nick Smith

Date _____

4. Other Issues that you should know about this week

4.2 Investigations of Far North District Council and Environment Canterbury

Both investigations are progressing well and are on track in terms of timing. Most on-site work was completed last week.

Far North District Council Investigation

Investigations were completed on-site in Kerikeri this week. Investigators interviewed staff, key applicants and stakeholders. Hon John Carter met with a member of the review team (and officials) regarding the investigation.

ECan Investigation

The reception at ECan has been reasonably positive. The Chair and the Chief Executive have both been very welcoming. Staff have made themselves available for interviews and have been engaged in the process.

Contractors from the Ministry for the Environment and the Department of Internal Affairs are working well together and are holding joint meetings where possible. All are working from the same office and are having frequent discussions together on the project.

Wyatt Creech, Doug Martin and Doug Low met with ECan councillors last Wednesday.

Officials from DIA and MfE, Wyatt Creech and Doug Low (the DIA reviewer) met with the Canterbury Territorial Authorities in Ashburton on Thursday 26 November 2009.

Kevin Currie