



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Status Report

Minister for the Environment

Minister for Climate Change Issues

Week beginning 15 February 2010



Seen by Hon Dr Nick Smith

Date _____

1. Actions from the meeting of 8 February 2010

- 1.3 ECan review - You outlined the advice that you require in order to respond to the ECan report. **In progress.**

Kevin Currie

5. Major Media Items from the past week

- 5.3 The Press (5 February) ran an article stating that Environment Canterbury is refusing to say if it has received a report that is crucial to its future. The article also notes the government's appointment of two teams to investigate ECan in October, one to review its resource management functions and the other to review its governance and policy functions. The article goes on to say that it is believed the final report may not be good news for the regional council. ECan chairman Alec Neill is quoted as saying that the RMA is clear as to what the processes are and that it is in your hands to decide what information is released. The article also reports that last year in Parliament, you described ECan's performance as "hopeless".