



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Status Report

Minister for the Environment

Minister for Climate Change Issues

Week beginning 22 February 2010



Seen by Hon Dr Nick Smith

Date _____

1. Actions from the meeting of 15 February 2010

- 1.2 ECan – You requested a list of who is to receive embargoed copies of the report and asked for a cover letter to attach to the report. We will look into suitable venues in Christchurch for your meetings with key people following the report's release. **In progress.**

Kevin Currie

5. Major Media Items from the past week

- 5.1 **Report on Environment Canterbury** - The Press (16 February) reported that the investigation into Environment Canterbury is back with the Ministry for the Environment, awaiting final approval and release by the government. ECan chairman, Alec Neill, confirmed that he and Chief Executive, Bryan Jenkins, had finished checking through the report. The future of Environment Canterbury 'will be known on Friday' (according to an article in the Timaru Herald, Wednesday 17 February). The Herald reported that although Alec Neill would not reveal the release date, that the paper had received an email the night before, which was addressed to the regional council's staff and stated that the details would be released on Friday. The article also talks of ECan's tumultuous twelve months and says that you had previously slammed the consent processing rate as 'abysmal'. The article also reports that the region's ten mayors sent a letter to the Minister for Local Government expressing their concerns with the council.