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Water reforms p.12

These are ongoing challenges

This has always been an important function Local Govt.

1. Council must continue to manage governance, policy and service delivery in our District of these essential services.

2. Work with Regional and Govt. agencies when necessary in cooperation to achieve good outcomes for our community, but do not lose local control.

Govt. will put out some financial carrots to entice support Regional or National Entities to control these activities.

If you accept this direction it will cost our community dearly.

Drinking Water Metres p.17

In the past I have not supported Metres on residential properties for obvious reasons, No capital cost much lower management costs.

My priority has been if an ageing network is giving problems you renew it.

However if Metres are the only way to identify leaks I would have to reconsider.

What percentage of leaks are identified visibly ?

What percentage of leaks are identified by Metres ?

Measuring use in the winter months can give you a good guide on water loss What is the expected life of a metre.?

Elderly Persons Housing p 20

I support that Council retain the Elderly Persons Housing Portfolio, and if the need is there to increase its portfolio it should do so. The Council recognised the social need for this community Housing in our district.

The Council is continuing to spend more and more on social activities each year as the Govt. quite cleverly transfers some of its activities to Council.

Elderly Persons Housing is an easy business to operate, but you have to run it as a business. The activity must fund itself.

Sea field Road entrance on to Highway 1.

NZTA 15 years ago cut off the direct entrance to the Highway which importantly is directly connected as a cross road to Racecourse Road.

My view this was a serious backward step in traffic management for our community.

It has caused time consuming, financial and safety issues.

Sea field and Racecourse Road are principle roads with considerable interaction. Both roads are becoming increasingly busy and carry a large number of heavy trucks.

It is hard to believe that you would support this sort of traffic management.

I recommend that Council liaise with NZTA with a view to reinstate this crossing in the future.

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