

**Subject:** Annual Plan 2010/11 Activity Report - Environmental Health

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## Report to COUNCIL for decision

### SUMMARY

Four submissions to the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan contained comments relating to the Environmental Health activity. Detailed officer responses and recommendations to these submissions are attached. The issues covered concerns about dumping rubbish, keeping our rivers and beaches clean, and noise.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### That Council

1. receives the report
2. approves the officer responses contained in Attachment 1- Environmental Health activity submissions and responses
3. makes no changes to the draft Annual Plan 2010/11 in relation to this activity.

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Department Manager

## Summary and Response by Issue

For: Annual Plan 2010/11 - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Issue	Submitter
<b>Environmental Health</b>	
17	Williams, Margaret
<p>People dump rubbish weekly, even daily sometimes, outside their property on Herschell road. This attracts rats which surround their home. They have repeatedly requested free rat poison to no avail. They would like to be supplied free rat poison and would definitely like a camera put up to deter/catch rubbish offenders.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council is aware of this problem and every effort is made to stop dumping of rubbish. Council has supplied a lot of free rat bait to this area. A remote camera is being purchased and will be used in this area. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
25	Proctor, Ian George
<p>Likes all plans that maintain or improve on any health and safety issues identified.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: All relevant council plans currently do have statements on maintaining and improving health and safety for all people in the district. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
36	Revington, Ross
<p>What is the plan to ensure our rivers and beaches are kept clean?</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Regular monitoring of the water quality is undertaken. Also monitoring of resource consents are undertaken to ensure there are no illegal discharges into rivers and the sea. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
52	Ben Gibson - Eastland Group
<p>The inclusion this year of background noise levels will be beneficial to a number of businesses in the region. While increasing noise levels can be problematic for residents, by establishing base levels new levels can be set to ensure that businesses can continue to operate without having the possibility of noise complaints and abatement notices. Eastland Group, as airport operator, wishes to be involved in the monitoring and setting process. If inappropriate noise levels are set in, for example, the airport approach path, noise complaints could see a restriction of service, which would be a negative outcome.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Noise performance standards are set in Chapter 11 of the District Plan. These levels were set following an extensive background noise survey of the district to ensure that these levels were appropriate to the zone and the existing background noise environment in that zone. Council undertakes background noise surveys of the district every five years to make certain that creeping increase in the background noise does not occur. The airport is a special case and council recognises it as a strategic asset. Noise provisions in the District Plan are provided to protect the airport. Eastland Group will be involved if there is to be any changes to these provisions. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	