

## Mayfield Supply

By John Keast - Ashburton District Council has resolved to buy a private water bore for the Mayfield supply.

The council agreed last week (and later released its in-committee decisions) that it approve buying the bore subject to satisfactory negotiations on the value of the reimbursement payable to the bore owner (to be limited to drilling costs, all reasonable costs associated with securing consents, and an additional amount up to \$5000 to cover incidental administration), and written agreement is obtained from the landowner for all easements necessary.

The council also resolved that design requirements for the facility remain council's responsibility and that upon transfer of resource consent, an application be prepared to support a variation of consent, and that council approves an additional budget of up to \$105,000 in the 2010/11 Mayfield water capital works budget.

The resolutions were moved by Cr Alan Totty and seconded by Martin Nordqvist.

The council has also resolved to waive its rights in regards to any effects from a future water abstraction from a bore on a property.

Crs Brown and Nelson recorded their votes against that motion.

There has been claim and counter claim over water in Mayfield, and many meetings between the council and affected parties.