

TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN PROJECT STAKEHOLDER UPDATE



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1. Project Background and Description

In 2018 the Local Government Commission released its proposal for local government reorganisation on the West Coast. The proposal led to a transfer of statutory obligations for district plans from the three West Coast district councils to West Coast Regional Council. The transferred obligations were then delegated to a joint committee comprising all four councils and local iwi with an independent chair. This committee is responsible for preparing and approving a new combined district plan covering the West Coast.

2. Progress to Date

I have talked to many stakeholders interested in Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) over the past three months, and am excited by the enthusiasm you showed. Most of you are keen to provide input into relevant sections of the plan as they are developed.

On 21 June *The Local Government Reorganisation Scheme (West Coast Region) Order 2019* was gazetted, and the first official TTPP Committee meeting took place on 19 July. A work programme for the rest of this financial year was agreed at the meeting.

3. Looking Forward

We are in the process of contracting a very experienced principal planner, and recruiting for a senior planner to work out of the West Coast Regional Council offices. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae are also providing some planner hours for our project.

The first task for the team is to understand the current district plans and do a thorough gap analysis of what is needed to meet central government and regional policy, and the new National Planning Standards. We will also analyse information gaps to understand what research will be needed to support a robust plan. If you are doing any research that could help us, please let us know.

Once the team is formed we will do some forward planning with indicative timeframes for plan section development, which we will share with you.

4. Opportunities for Input

Future updates will show our indicative timeline, and give you an opportunity to identify the sections you would like to participate in developing. We can then invite you to workshops and/or enable you to work with us on early drafts.

We are in the process of developing a TTPP webpage which will be available on all West Coast council sites. This will track the progress of the project, and identify opportunities for public engagement in plan development.

Contact Details

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