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Coming to a town near you - Te Tai o Poutini roadshow

Look out for Te Tai o Poutini Planning team who will be on the road from Haast to Karamea with their caravan from 16 – 27 March. Te Tai o Poutini Plan will be the new District Plan for the Westland, Grey and Buller District Councils. It will replace the three current plans and set out how resources will be managed across the districts.

“We need your help,” said Project Manager Jo Armstrong. “We are visiting towns and settlements right around the region to hear firsthand your current issues, and your aspirations for the future.”

A team of planners is working with the joint Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee, representing the West Coast councils and Poutini Ngāi Tahu, to develop the new plan. They have started by looking at towns and settlements and how the Plan can support vibrant and resilient communities.

“To develop a plan that can help our communities flourish, we need to talk to the locals. People are already working together to make their communities great places to live and work, and we want to support them through Te Tai o Poutini Plan,” said Jo Armstrong.

The Plan will identify the best areas and rules for residential, commercial and industrial zones in towns and settlements.

“Good zoning should encourage towns and settlements to grow in a way that supports not only economic but also cultural, environmental and social uses,” said Principal Planner, Lois Easton. “If we get the zones in the right places we will need less red tape to get the best results.”

Feedback from community members can help the planning team identify:

- Where the Plan can support areas of growth (e.g. rezoning residential and industrial sites currently on rural land)
- Locations for new residential and other development
- Opportunities for a wider range of residential development (e.g. medium density development, housing for older adults, holiday homes alongside traditional suburbs)
- Possibilities for more home business opportunities in residential areas
- Areas for visitor accommodation and tourism support expansion.

“Talking together helps us understand what is important to you as well as helping you get a handle on what we are doing. We look forward to meeting locals when we are on the road,” said Mrs Armstrong.

You can find an itinerary for Te Tai o Poutini Plan Roadshow at www.ttp.westcoast.govt.nz and meet the team at a place near you.

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