



Te Tai o Poutini PLAN

The West Coast Councils are reviewing their District Plans through a comprehensive process that will create a new one District Plan for the West Coast – Te Tai o Poutini Plan. This Plan will have a life of 10-15 years and will shape the Coast for the future.

Mining and quarrying on the West Coast – how can we improve our management of these activities?

The three District Plans (Buller, Grey and Westland), came into effect in the early 2000's, and contain provisions around mining and quarrying. We want to understand the mineral sector's views on how well the rules around mining and quarrying are working across the region, and where improvements in the management of these activities is needed.

In this questionnaire you will find a series of questions to prompt your thinking. A summary of the current planning provisions is also included for your reference.



Questions

- 1. How well do you think the current plan rules for mining and quarrying are meeting the objectives and policies of the district plan?**

Please specify which district plan you are referring to, or feel free to provide comments about all, or individual, plans.

- 2. If you have needed resource consent from the district council for a mining or quarrying activity how have you found this process?**

- 3. Are there any improvements you can suggest that could be made?**

- 4. As part of Te Tai o Poutini Plan we are likely to have common rules across all of the West Coast rural area for mining and quarrying. Do you have a view on which rules best currently manage the effects of mining and quarrying activity?**

- 5. We are considering whether it is possible to have a mining and quarry zone for specific sites (e.g. established / consented coal mines, hard rock gold mines and quarries) where many activities around mineral extraction are permitted – perhaps subject to a management plan. Is this an approach you think should be pursued?**

6. We are also looking at more clearly identifying areas where mining and quarrying is not okay, for example in significant natural areas, historic sites and settlement. Would this type of certainty be a helpful approach for your sector?

7. Are there any other comments you would like to make about how to manage mining and quarrying through Te Tai o Poutini Plan?

Want to workshop the issues with us?

If you would like to workshop issues, objectives and policies regarding mining and quarrying on the West Coast with us in August 2020 (dependent on COVID-19 restrictions), please contact us by email – info@tpp.govt.nz



The current situation

This is an opportunity to reflect on the various district plan provisions, the plan objectives policies and rules, as Te Tai o Poutini Plan is developed. A summary of the current planning provisions across the region are summarized below:

Buller District Plan

Objectives

1. To enable people and communities to provide for their economic and social wellbeing through the efficient utilization and development of mineral resources.
2. To safeguard the life supporting capacity of air, water, soil and ecosystems and avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects from the use and development of mineral resources.

Policies

- Avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects related to the utilization of mineral resources
- Where practicable, require mining site rehabilitation
- Co-ordination and liaison with West Coast Regional Council on mining activities
- Enable mineral resource utilization while safeguarding the environment
- Require mineral resource activities to include environmental protection measures and for rehabilitation of disturbed areas
- Use of indigenous species, locally sourced for rehabilitation plantings
- Location of mineral resources of regional significance considered as part of land use and subdivision activities to ensure the resources remain useable.

Westland District Plan

Objectives

1. To enable people and communities to provide for their economic and social wellbeing through the efficient utilization and development of mineral resources
2. To safeguard the life supporting capacity of air, water, soil and ecosystems and avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects from the use and development of mineral resources
3. To avoid, remedy or mitigate mining's adverse effects on natural environments, landscapes and waterways.

Policies

- Mineral resource activities include measures to protect water quality and ecosystems, and appropriate rehabilitation of disturbed areas
- Areas disturbed by mining should be rehabilitated to their original or another suitable condition
- Avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects related to the utilization of mineral resources.

Buller and Westland: Rules for mining in rural areas

- Permitted activities – prospecting, geophysical surveys, gold fossicking
- Controlled activities – advanced mineral exploration activities
- Restricted discretionary activity – mining and quarrying.

Grey District Plan

- No specific objectives, policies or rules
- Mining and quarrying must meet the performance standards for the zone
- Generally, this means prospecting and advanced mineral exploration can be undertaken without a resource consent. Mining may require consent depending on the scale and location.



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Name _____

Email _____

What issues and information are you most interested in?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning for our towns, centres and settlements | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage and cultural values | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural hazards planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation, habitat, biodiversity and landscape | |



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