



**Te Tai o Poutini**

**PLAN**

*A combined district plan for the West Coast*

# Project Manager Update

**1 August 2020 – 31 August 2020**

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## Accomplishments this Period

- The planning team continue to work on the non-residential activities in residential areas, infrastructure, heritage, transport, designations, mineral extraction, open space, natural heritage, tourism and the natural hazards sections of the plan.
- All papers are discussed with, and modified by, the Technical Advisory Team before coming to the Committee. Feedback from your TAT representatives indicates that some of you talk through the Committee papers with them either before or after your meetings. We encourage you all to engage with the TAT to discuss the planning aspirations for your district and region.
- Three stakeholder workshops to garner feedback on the TTPP provisions for Historic Heritage and Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity were held in the last week of August.
- Two Historic Heritage workshops were held at Reefton and Ross. Attendees were predominantly West Coast residents with Heritage New Zealand, Pouhere Taonga, also sending representatives. These workshops provided an opportunity to understand people's interest in local historic heritage, and to get their input on proposed issues and objectives for TTPP. The workshops were advertised on our website, through TTPP quarterly updates and by word of mouth through various heritage societies on the Coast. Attendees were supportive of the proposed issues and objectives. They wondered if we could consider a further objective that captures the intrinsic nature of historic heritage. There was also a lot of discussion about protecting mining sites, items and tracks, and a suggestion was made that we should encourage current mining projects to retain items and areas for future heritage values.
- The Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity workshop was the first of three that we hope to run. This workshop targeted individuals and groups with an environmental focus. Attendees provided feedback on the proposed Issues and potential approaches to managing ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity in the Plan. Attendees considered opportunities and challenges inherent in undertaking activities in and around natural areas. They felt that the current reduction in tourist numbers provides an opportunity to better plan and manage the quality of tourism experiences and the quantity of visitors. Concerns about mining in natural areas were raised, and they hope the identification of SNAs will help provide certainty of where activities are and are not appropriate. The proposed issues and objectives for natural heritage were unanimously supported.
- Two further workshops on this topic are planned for later in the year, one with agricultural interests and the other for industries with an interest in ecosystems and biodiversity on the Coast e.g. tourism, infrastructure and extractive industries. We are running this first round of workshops separately to allow for the different perspectives to be heard so the planning team

can understand the diversity of issues. Later workshops will include all interest groups together.

- Planning for the final leg of the **Roadshow** through northern Grey and Buller 22-24 September is complete. Contacts in each drop-in venue have been sent posters and asked to encourage community attendance. The final itinerary for the Roadshow is attached, and we encourage you to attend the public meetings and your local drop-in session.
- Work is underway on an **application for funding from the Jobs for Nature** project. The application has been prepared in partnership with the West Coast Regional Council. It is to employ an ecologist and land managers to work with and advise landowners. Also included is a funding request to support landowners with fencing, planting and pest control, plus a student holiday job programme which it is hoped would encourage students to work on the West Coast once their studies are complete. It is planned to submit the application to the West Coast alliance and for them to advance it for the central government funding.
- The district council chief executives met with Development West Coast and West Coast DoC management in early August. DWC were asked to support TTPP financially, particularly for studies to evaluate the economic benefits of various activities. A letter was sent to Heath Milne at DWC with examples of economic studies the funding could be used for. A response was received on 26 August declining our application as "...the plan does not meet the requirements of the Trust deed."
- Mark Davies from DoC confirmed that DoC staff are available for in-kind assistance. The staff had previously offered the planning team their expertise and access to their research and records for TTPP use. No financial contribution can be expected from DoC on the West Coast.
- Lois, Lillie Sadler and I met with the DoC and MfE staff managing the NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity work. They informed us that they have just finished summarizing submissions, and will begin analysing the results. We asked about the West Coast councils' submission to carve out the West Coast from this legislation, allowing it to be excluded from some NPSIB provisions, as it has such a high proportion of Conservation land. The Doc Staff indicated that this was not something they would be recommending, and that it is a matter for Minister Mahuta to decide. They did, however, show a great deal of understanding for providing some central funding for SNA identification on DoC land on the West Coast, as the NPSIB currently lays this cost on the district councils. We have asked our consultant to supply a quote for this work, which will be shared with DoC staff. There are, however, no guarantees that this will provide the relief we are seeking.
- The Planning Team gave a presentation about TTPP to Westland District Council in July. We will be presenting to Buller District Councils on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September and Grey later in the year.
- The planning team has had some ongoing discussion with CEs and the Technical Advisory Team about the **plan change process for existing plans prior to TTPP operability**. We will meet with planning staff from the regional council in September to identify options to present to WCRC, and report back to you on the outcome.

### Plans for Next Period

- Policy work on topics mentioned above will continue
- Stakeholder engagement – preparing for and running the last leg of the Roadshow
- TAT meeting at Buller District Council on 25 September
- TTPPC meetings on 11 September 10.00-12.00 via Zoom and in person Thursday 25 September 12.45-3.45 at BDC.

### Key Issues, Risks & Concerns

Item	Action/Resolution	Responsible	Completion Date
Not getting key stakeholder buy-in	Contact and meet with them individually. Plan a stakeholder workshop and on-going engagement process	Project Manager	28 February 2020

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Not producing a notified plan in a timely manner	Set achievable milestones and monitor/report progress. Identify additional expertise/capacity	Project Manager Planning Team	30 June 2024
Decision makers can't agree	Get agreement on pieces of work prior to plan completion	Chairman	Ongoing
Budget insufficient for timely plan delivery	Work with TTPPC to recommend budget, and with WCRC to raise rate to achieve deliverables	Project Manager TTPP Committee CE WCRC	Annually Jan/Feb
Project extended due to inability to retain unspent 2019/20 research budget	Ensure 2021/22 research budget is sufficient to complete all remaining research required for robust Plan	Project Manager TTPP Committee CE WCRC	Annually Jan/Feb
Changes to national legislation	Planning team keep selves, Committee and Community updated on changes to legislation and the implications for TTPP	Project Manager Planning Team	Ongoing
Staff safety at public consultation	Committee members to proactively address & redirect aggressive behavior towards staff	TTPP Committee	Ongoing
National emergencies such as Covid-19 lock down	Staff and Committee ensure personal safety and continue to work remotely as able	Project Manager TTPP Committee	Ongoing
Committee delay or reduce scope of required research	Committee ensure timely research is enabled	TTPP Committee	Ongoing

## Status

<b>Overall</b>	Project timing affected by delay in beginning SNA research. Budget for 2020/21 accepted. Research budget over 3 years reduced and this may delay Plan completion. Planning team making good progress with TAT and TTPPC input.
<b>Schedule</b>	Work programme set and achieving on schedule. Lockdown may have an ongoing effect as delayed stakeholder engagement and research impact schedule.
<b>Resources</b>	We are receiving good input from the TAT. Loss of some 2019/20 research funding makes seeking external party co-funding a priority.
<b>Scope</b>	Deliver efficient, effective and consistent Te Tai o Poutini Plan

**Please note that the schedule and scope have been downgraded from green to orange. This is in response to the reduction in budget for 2020/21 and postponement of the SNA research. The delay in receiving permission to commence SNA desktop identification means we are unable to begin field assessments over the 2020/21 summer months. The project may get back on schedule if funding applications are successful, or additional research funding is allocated in future budgets.**

## Schedule

Stage	Target Completion	Revised Completion	Comments
Complete project initiation documentation	30-Apr-19	19-July-2019	TTPPC approved
Identify and contact key stakeholders	03-May-19	Ongoing	Connection made with all key stakeholders and started a second round of contact with other interested parties
Contract senior planning consultant	01-Aug-19	29-July-2019	Contract in place 29/7/19 -30/6/20
Recruit permanent senior planner	30-Sep-19	7-Sep-2019	Started at WCRC on 14 October 2019
Set up Te Tai o Poutini Plan website and communications package	30-Sep-19	30 November 2019	Development complete. Available at <a href="http://www.tpp.westcoast.govt.nz">www.tpp.westcoast.govt.nz</a>
Set planning milestones	31-Oct-19	30 August 2019	Presented at August TTPPC meeting
Hold key stakeholder	28-Feb-20	23 October	Greymouth and Hokitika, then Westport

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workshop for Settlements section		and 21 November 2019	
Hold Community information meetings	31-Mar-20	16-27 March 2020	Roadshow in March 2020 and opportunities to coincide with council-community meetings and local events Outcome of Roadshow to be presented to May TTPPC meeting
Hold key stakeholder workshops for Infrastructure section	30-Apr-20	31-Jul-20	Greymouth and Hokitika, then Westport. Delayed due to Covid-19 Lockdown
Draft Provisions (Issues, Objectives, Policy and Rules) for Urban Areas developed	31-May-20	31-May-20	For presentation to May TTPPC meeting
Workshop discussion with environmental interests re biodiversity provisions	30-Jul-20	31-Aug-20	Delayed due to Covid-19 Lockdown
Draft Provisions (Issues, Objectives, Policy and Rules) for Rural Zones and Settlement Zones developed	31 – Aug-20		For presentation to August TTPPC meeting
Hold key stakeholder workshops for mining and extractive industries	31-Aug-20	31-Jul-20	Due to work programme changes during Covid-19 lockdown
Historic Heritage Workshops	31-Aug-20		
Conclude TTPPC Roadshow	30 –Sep-20		Postponed due to COVID-19
Potential Committee Field Trip	30 –Sep-20	2021	To look at specific matters to help with decisions - COVID-19 dependent
Workshop with agricultural interests re biodiversity provisions	30-Oct-20		
Contact with landowners re SNA assessment, landowner meetings	30-Oct-20	30-Oct-21	This will be to seek permission to do field assessments. It is dependent on undertaking the desk top assessment first.
Commence field work for SNA assessments	30- Nov-20	30 Nov 21	It is anticipated that field work will be undertaken over summer 20-21, summer 21-22 and summer 22-23. This will be delayed until desktop study is completed
Zoning changes proposed	31-Dec-21		Specific zone change proposals will come to the Committee through 2021
Targeted stakeholder consultation on draft provisions of Te Tai o Poutini Plan	30-May-22	30 May 2023	Targeted consultation with stakeholders on draft provisions from mid 2021-mid 2022 with the aim of addressing concerns at this more informal stage
Iwi review of draft Te Tai o Poutini Plan	30-July-22	30 July 2023	This is in addition to hui and consultation throughout the development process and is a mandatory step
Full “draft” Te Tai o Poutini Plan to Committee	30-Sep-22	30 Sep 2023	Full draft (so that this term of the Committee has overseen the drafting of the whole plan). A draft Plan will not have legal status, but will show all the cumulative decisions of the Committee
[Local Body Elections]	Oct-22		
Community Consultation on “Draft” Te Tai o Poutini Plan	31-Nov-22	31 Nov 2023	Roadshow in October/November 2022 with a “draft” Plan to discuss with community
Amendment of “Draft” Plan to “Proposed Plan” provisions	30-May-22	31 Nov 2023	Feedback to Committee on results of consultation, any legal opinions on contentious provisions and decisions on final provisions
Notify Te Tai o Poutini Plan	30-Jun-23	30 June 24	Indicative time only – this will be the “Proposed” Plan

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Submissions Te Tai o Poutini Plan	30-Aug-23	30 Aug 24	40 working days for submissions is the legal requirement
Further Submissions	30-Oct-23	30 Oct 24	Submissions must be summarised and published and then there is a 20 working day period for further submissions
Hearings Te Tai o Poutini Plan	30-Feb-24	30 Feb 25	Indicative time only
Decisions Te Tai o Poutini Plan	31-August-24	31 Aug 25	Indicative time only
Appeal Period	30-Sep-24	30 Sep 25	Indicative time only
Appeals and Mediation Te Tai o Poutini Plan	31-June-25	31 June 26	Indicative time only. However the aim would be to complete the entire “Proposed – submissions-hearings –appeals-mediation-consent orders to Operative Plan” process within 1 term of the Committee
[Local Body Elections]	Oct-25		

### Actions required

Consider attending roadshow venues and public meetings in northern Grey and Buller



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