



Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

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Future zoning options under consideration

Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) Committee met in Greymouth on 25 August 2020 and were presented with early thinking about possible approaches to special zones, particularly for areas where mining occurs and those with high visitor numbers.

Lois Easton, Principal Planner, said that there had been good engagement from the Committee on this topic. “However, there is still a lot of work to do, and consultation with our communities needed, before we confirm the detailed locations of any zones.”

The Committee had their first discussion about rules for the general residential zone. Focusing on the rules for hosted and un-hosted residential accommodation, the Committee explored how the rules would affect both owners and neighbours. Information and options for rules to accommodate differing seasonal requirements will be presented at a future meeting.

To address the current lack of available industrial zoned land near the main towns, the potential to rezone land to meet future industrial needs is also being considered by the Committee.

“We need to ensure that our current businesses have the opportunity to expand, and future potential investors have areas available should they decide to establish themselves on the West Coast,” said Rex Williams, Chairman for the Committee. “The provision of industrial land, located in the right area, is a key drawcard for business.”

The proposed strategic issues and objectives for natural heritage, which provide some overarching direction for ecosystems, landscapes, natural character and coastal environments, received good support from the Committee.

Chairman, Rex Williams, commented on the increased workload of the Committee. “Now meeting twice a month, due to the heavy workload, I am constantly impressed by their commitment and the way members are working so constructively together on matters of such importance for the West Coast.”

The planning team has also had a busy August undertaking Historic Heritage and Ecosystems workshops. The team will be completing the postponed section of the TTPP Roadshow through northern Grey and Buller in late September.

Workshop details and the Roadshow itinerary are available at <http://www.westcost.govt.nz> under “Get Involved”. The public is also invited to join the growing number who are connecting to the Regional Council Facebook for livestreamed Committee meetings.

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