



Te Tai o Poutini
PLAN
A combined district plan for the West Coast

Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

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Residential visitor accommodation a key matter for Te Tai o Poutini Plan

A vigorous discussion was held by the TTPP committee on short-term rental visitor accommodation (Air BnBs) in residential areas and settlements with a decision that more consultation and feedback from the district councils and communities is needed prior to making a decision on rules to include in TTPP.

It was agreed that un-hosted short term residential visitor accommodation has helped to fill a need, as tourism in general increased on the West Coast, and hosting large events was limited by the number of people able to stay in the area.

However, there is a concern that this has led to a reduction in the amount of rental accommodation available, particularly in small settlements, making it difficult for people to move here. Concern was also expressed about the impacts on neighbours in residential areas from noise, traffic and parking.

The Buller members of the Committee were strongly of the view that while homestays were not a problem, resource consent should be required for an un-hosted short-term residential visitor accommodation to establish in residential areas and settlements, as impacts are being widely felt in their communities.

Grey and Westland members were more in favour of a Permitted Activity status as they believe the benefits outweigh the negatives.

The Committee decided to seek feedback from their councils and communities on this subject. A technical paper will be circulated for discussion at public council meetings, and in the New Year an information sheet and questionnaire will be made available on the TTPP website at tpp.westcost.govt.nz under "Have Your Say". The TTPP Committee urge you to respond to the questionnaire to ensure they make the right decisions on your behalf.

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