



Te Tai o Poutini

PLAN

A combined district plan for the West Coast

Project Manager Update

1 November 2020 – 30 November 2020

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Accomplishments this Period

- The planning team continue to work on the following topics:
 - Rural zones
 - infrastructure,
 - historic heritage,
 - transport,
 - designations,
 - mineral extraction,
 - natural heritage,
 - natural hazards
 - notable trees
- All papers are discussed with, and modified by, the Technical Advisory Team before coming to the Committee. We encourage you all to engage with the TAT to discuss the planning aspirations for your district and region.
- The planning team has worked on a huge number and variety of papers for the November Technical Advisory Team and Committee meetings.
- The Agfest stand was a successful community outreach for TTPP. There was good interest from attendees, with similar feedback that we heard on the Roadshow and at workshops. There was also some general interest in what the plan covers, and a number of people took questionnaires away.
- We have had some preliminary meetings with technical staff from GNS. Discussions have been about the possibility of GNS using some West Coast sites as case studies for scientific research based around natural hazards. GNS staff are coming to the West Coast in December to meet with us to discuss options for their research which will support development of TTPP provisions.
- We are planning a Zoom session for the Technical Advisory Team and other council staff to talk to the AF8 team about planning in the face of an Alpine Fault rupture. Infrastructure, building and natural hazards planning requirements will be topics of conversation.
- On 20 November I was invited to a meeting by Ministry for the Environment staff to discuss how the TTPP project is going. MfE are investigating options for reforming the RMA, and were particularly interested in how the governance and decision-making was working on the project, and the quality of partnership with Poutini Ngāi Tahu. I told them that the Committee was

working very well, and had taken on a significant workload with this project. They are considering options for decision maker training, and I strongly advocated for financial support. I explained that we are very hopeful of achieving meaningful outcomes for Poutini Ngāi Tahu, building on the great relationships already developed, and the recent Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreement.

- Emergency Services have shown an interest in discussing provisions that will affect them in TTPP. We will be meeting with them in February to advance this conversation.
- Our application for funding from the Jobs for Nature project has not gained any traction with the West Coast Alliance. A letter from the Committee asking to meet with Minister Mahuta to discuss ongoing resourcing for TTPP was sent on 18 November. The Minister's staff are looking at possible dates for a meeting to also include Ministers Parker and O'Conner. If we don't receive outside funding, we will need an increased budget bid for next financial year.
- Budget – I have made a start on a long term budget to help inform the Regional Council's LTP process. The Committee Chair and I will be meeting with CEs in December to improve the first draft. Of particular focus will be a better understanding of the WCRC overheads, and what the costs for hearings, mediation and Environment Court might be. It will also be an opportunity to consider the possibility of capitalising the Plan funding.
- 2021 Meeting dates – We will reassess the workload and meeting frequency for 2021 at a short workshop in December. I will suggest some options prior to the workshop.

Plans for Next Period

- Policy work on topics mentioned above will continue
- Stakeholder engagement – writing new information sheets and questionnaires to reflect policy already developed, and inform other topics of work underway.
- TAT meeting at Grey District Council on 16 December
- TTPPC meeting on Monday 14 December 11.00 – 2.00pm at Westland District Council.
- 2021 workload and meeting schedule workshop 14 December 9.30 at Westland District Council
- Historic Heritage Committee workshop 14 December 10.00 at Westland District Council

Key Issues, Risks & Concerns

- Not receiving sufficient GIS and Natural Hazard Analyst support to complete the draft plan to schedule. This may mean additional funding is required and/or reverting to the original draft plan completion date of 30 September 2022, or may extend the project out further.

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
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 reduced 2020/21 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

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Committee delay or reduce scope of required research	Committee ensure timely research is enabled	TTPC Committee	Ongoing

Status

Overall	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 TTPC input.
Schedule	Work programme set and achieving on schedule. We are catching up on stakeholder engagement postponed due to lockdown, but have lost time on the SNA research.
Resources	We are receiving good input from the TAT. Loss of some 2019/20 research funding makes seeking external party co-funding a priority.
Scope	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	TTPC 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 Nov- 2019	Development complete. Available at www.ttpc.westcoast.govt.nz
Set planning milestones	31-Oct-19	30 Aug-2019	Presented at August TTPC meeting
Hold key stakeholder workshop for Settlements section	28-Feb-20	23 Oct and 21 Nov 2019	Greymouth and Hokitika, then Westport
Hold Community information meetings	31-Mar-20	16-27 Mar 20 and 24-22 Sep 2020	Roadshow in March 2020 and opportunities to coincide with council-community meetings and local events Outcome of Roadshow to be presented to May TTPC 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 TTPC 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	31 – Aug-20	31-Aug-20	For presentation to August TTPC meeting

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Settlement Zones developed			
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	31-Aug-20	
Conclude TTPP Roadshow	30 –Sep-20	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	28 Oct 20	
Contact with landowners re SNA assessment, landowner meetings	30-Oct-20	30-Jun-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 2021	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	28 Feb 2022	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	31 March 2022	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 April 2022	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
Community Consultation on “Draft” Te Tai o Poutini Plan	Oct-22	31 May 2022	Roadshow with a “draft” Plan to discuss with community
Amendment of “Draft” Plan to “Proposed Plan” provisions	31-Nov-22	30 Sep 2022	Feedback to Committee on results of consultation, any legal opinions on contentious provisions and decisions on final provisions
Local Body Elections	30-May-22	October 2022	
New Committee Familiarise with Proposed Plan	30-Jun-23	Nov 2022 – May 2023	Introduce and explain all sections of the proposed plan before the new Committee notify it
Notify Te Tai o Poutini Plan	30-Aug-23	30 June 2023	Indicative time only – this will be the “Proposed” Plan
Submissions Te Tai o Poutini Plan	30-Oct-23	30 August 2023	40 working days for submissions is the legal requirement
Further Submissions	30–Feb-24	30 October 2023	Submissions must be summarised and published and then there is a 20 working day period for further submissions
Hearings Te Tai o Poutini Plan	31-August-24	28 February 2024	Indicative time only
Decisions Te Tai o Poutini Plan	30-Sep-24	31 August 2024	Indicative time only
Appeal Period	30-June-25	30 September 2024	Indicative time only
Appeals and Mediation Te Tai o Poutini Plan	Oct-25	30 June 2025	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

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Local Body Elections	October 2025		
New Committee familiarised with operative plan	Nov/Dec 2025		
Ongoing Decision Making for TTPP	Oct 2025 onward		TTPPC is a permanent Committee. Once they have adopted the Plan their ongoing role includes monitoring implementation and the need for any amendments; and undertaking amendments and reviews, or ensuring these are undertaken, as required.
Environment Court	2026		

Actions required



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