



Te Tai o Poutini

PLAN

A combined district plan for the West Coast

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Feedback wanted on residential visitor accommodation and housing and residential areas development

Two new information sheets setting out the proposed regulations for managing short term residential visitor accommodation and development for housing and residential areas are now available to view on Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) website.

The TTPP Committee is currently seeking feedback on how our housing and residential areas in settlements and towns across the West Coast are developed. This information sheet sets out the proposed ideas on general residential zones in our main towns, density of development for settlements and a new medium-sized density zone for the Greymouth and Hokitika town centres.

West Coast communities have shared their concerns about the impact of un-hosted residential visitor accommodation on housing availability, affordability for local workers, as well as associated noise issues from holidaying visitors. Should un-hosted short term residential visitor accommodation for up to 5 guests per night, and a maximum use of 180 days per year, be a restricted discretionary activity and not require a resource consent; or could both un-hosted short term residential visitor accommodation and homestays operate without a resource consent as a Permitted Residential Activity (with Building Act compliance still required).

TTPP Project Manager, Jo Armstrong, says the two information sheets will provide greater clarity on the proposed changes for housing and residential areas, and give communities an opportunity to decide how we approach regulations around residential visitor accommodation and residential development.

“We have heard from many communities about how this is impacting local towns on the West Coast and we would really like to get their feedback on how they think it should be managed so we can make the right decisions on their behalf.”

The information sheets and questionnaire are available on the TTPP website at: tpp.westcost.govt.nz under “Have Your Say - Settlement Patterns and Zones”.

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