

Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

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Significant Natural Areas discussed by Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee made the decision to defer on-the-ground assessment of potential significant natural areas (SNAs) at their meeting today.

Rex Williams, TTPP Chair, said that the Committee want to hold off further work until there is more certainty about Central Government direction.

"The National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB) is due to be finalised later this year. Once that has been released we will know exactly what we are required to do, and can work on the best approach for the region."

Mr Williams explained that the Committee resolved not to receive today's SNA report in order to enable a legal opinion on the various options to be sought.

"Despite the diverse opinions expressed, the Committee continues to work in a constructive and respectful manner, which augers well for achieving the best outcomes for the region."

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