



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

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Welcome to the ninth update of Te Tai o Poutini Plan

Produced quarterly, Te Tai o Poutini Plan news provides the latest information to keep our partners and stakeholders up to date with progress on the combined district Plan.

Project Background

Following a formal reorganisation in July 2019, Te Tai o Poutini Plan is being developed to replace the three current District Plans. A Joint Committee comprising the Mayor or Chair, and one other Councillor, from each council, one representative each from Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio, and an independent chairperson, ensures each district has equal voting rights on what goes into the Plan.

Changing Timeline

The Government has recently announced that they will reform the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). They plan to replace the RMA with three Acts. The most relevant to TTPP being the **Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA)** which will provide for land use and environmental regulation.

The NBA is due to come into effect by December 2022, and this timing affects our original timeframe of notifying the Proposed TTPP in mid-2023. Consequently, the TTPP Committee have moved notification of the Proposed Plan forward to July 2022. Prior to that we aim to have a Draft Plan out at the end of January 2022 for community feedback. Publishing a draft Plan provides an opportunity to give informal feedback on Plan provisions, which can be considered before TTPP is officially notified.

The formal submissions process would begin when the Proposed Plan is notified in July 2022.

Progress to Date

Since the last update in April, we have continued to work alongside the Technical Advisory Team, made up of planners from the four councils and Poutini Ngāi Tahu, to develop draft issues, objectives, policies and rules for a large number of topics including:

- Historic Heritage
- Signs
- Airport zone
- Sites of significance to Māori
- Earthworks
- Noise
- Mineral extraction
- Approach to re-zoning
- Hospital zone
- Landscapes - outstanding natural features and natural character
- Light
- Subdivisions
- Natural hazards
- Buller Coalfield
- Infrastructure- energy and transport
- Ecosystems and Biodiversity

As we prepare for the release of the Draft Plan the Committee is also revising earlier chapters to ensure they are consistent with the direction of the Plan as a whole.

Ecosystems and Biodiversity

The TTPP Committee recently made the decision to hold off further work assessing potential Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) until there is more certainty about Central Government direction. Once the exposure draft of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity is released, the Committee will further consider what approach to take in relation to SNAs.

Community Input

It is important that the planning team understands the uses and activities that will be affected by policies and rules in the Plan. The best way for us to do that is to get feedback from interested parties and individuals in the community firsthand.

The Draft Plan will be available online, and at Council offices, service centres and libraries for comment from late January 2022. Targeted engagement with partners and stakeholders will also continue.

We intend to undertake a roadshow across the West Coast in the middle of next year once the Proposed Plan is notified. This will enable individuals to talk to a planner in person as part of the formal submissions process.

You can also provide feedback through our website, tpp.westcoast.govt.nz anytime, just use the "Contact Us" tab. The website also provides information on the TTPP development process, the project timeline, updates on progress and events, and contact details to get in touch with us.

Input opportunity	When	Where	How to get involved
Te Tai o Poutini Plan Website	Anytime	tpp.westcoast.govt.nz	Email info@tpp.nz

Alternatively, you can email us your ideas or feedback to info@tpp.nz

To find out more

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The next update will be released in October 2021.



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