



Te Tai o Poutini

PLAN

A combined district plan for the West Coast

Project Manager Update

1 December 2022 – 23 December 2022

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Accomplishments this Period

- The planning staff and contractors have been focusing on loading submissions to the Spoken analysis tool and summarising the first of the submissions.
- It looks like over 500 submissions have been received, including around 20 late submissions accepted by the Chair on your behalf.
- To date approximately 300 of the simple submissions have been summarised. These submissions may only have one or two submission points and/or be focused entirely on one topic.
- Of these 300 submissions the top numbers of submission points are:
 - 73 Rezoning Requests (i.e. rezone from mineral extraction zone to general rural).
 - 67 Natural Hazard Rules
 - 37 Natural Hazard Maps
 - 34 SASM maps
 - 25 SASM Rules
 - 25 Historic Heritage Schedule
 - 16 GRUZ - R12 (Permitted Mineral Extraction in the General Rural Zone)
 - 13 Ecosystems and Biodiversity Rules
- The remaining submissions will take longer to process, some a considerable amount a time. Due to the Christmas break, the summaries may not be complete by the end of January. I will keep you informed if we need to delay the February meeting or add a meeting in March.
- The search for a new senior planner continues. To date only one application has been received and the applicant did not have the requisite training or experience.
- We have received three expressions of interest for the role as Chair of the hearings panel. I have contacted the Steering Group (CEs and Poutini Ngāi Tahu Chairs) to discuss a process for making recommendations to the Committee.
- The next TTPP Committee meeting is proposed for 28 February 2023 at Buller District Council, subject to completion of the summary of submissions.

Plans for Next Period





- Respond to queries
- Summarise submissions

- Assess expressions of interest for hearing panel Chair
- Develop draft 2023/24 budget
- Update coastal research
- Update WCRC Resource Management Committee
- TTPPC meeting proposed for 28 February 2023 at Buller District Council

Key Issues, Risks & Concerns

Item	Action/Resolution	Responsible	Completion Date
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
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. Work with contractors to expedite work.	Project Manager TTPP Committee	Ongoing
Time and Cost of Appeals Process	Realistic budget set for best case costs. Awareness that contentious issues such as SNAs, natural hazards, mineral extraction and landscape provisions could see an extended appeals process, increasing costs to reach operative plan status	TTPP Committee TTPP Steering Group Project Manager	Ongoing
Community concerns over proposed Plan content	Respond to queries by phone, email and public meetings. Update information.	TTPP Committee Project Manager	Ongoing

Status

Overall		
Schedule		Proposed Plan Notified. Summary of submissions underway.
Resources		Future budgets required to cover hearings and mediation
Scope		Schedule 1 processes leading to updates to Plan to achieve operative status

Schedule

Stage	Target for Completion	Comments
Te Tai o Poutini Plan Notified	14 July 2022	This will be the “Proposed” Plan
Summary of Submissions	February 2023	
Further Submissions	March 2023	Submissions must be summarised and published and then there are 10 working days for further submissions
Pre-hearing meetings /Mediation	April/May 2023	Indicative time only
Hearings Te Tai o Poutini Plan	From July 2023	Indicative time only.
Decisions Te Tai o Poutini Plan	2024	Indicative time only
Ongoing Decision Making for TTPP	2024 onward	TTPPC is a permanent Committee. Once the Plan is adopted the ongoing Committee role includes

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		monitoring implementation and the need for any amendments, undertaking amendments and reviews, or ensuring these are undertaken, as required.
Appeals and Mediation Te Tai o Poutini Plan	From mid-2024	Indicative time only. Any parts of the Plan not appealed are operative from the end of the Appeal Period.
Environment or High Court	2024-2025	Indicative time only.



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