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Submission points

Plan section	Provision	Support/oppose	Reasons	Decision sought
Historic Heritage	Historic Heritage	Amend	<p>We are requesting something like an extended version of the registrations currently held by the Denniston Historical Area (noted at HH5 in the present version of the District Plan), or HH45 listing the Waiuta Historic Area. Similarly, the Reefton historic area is substantially dealt with via a number of individual listings (HH28-HH41). We believe the area of note can be listed in the HH List by reference to a geologically defined area: the “Greymouth Coalfield” (see map below). Anchored within the area delineated by the Greymouth Coalfield are some acknowledged historic taonga and monuments – the Brunner Mine site (HH53-57) in the south on the eastern side of the Southern Paparoas, and north to Blackball (HH48-52), and on the western side of the Paparoas, the Rūnanga Miners’ Hall (HH47) up to the Strongman Mine memorial. The towns involved would include Dobson, Stillwater, Blackball, Taylorville, Runanga, Dunollie and Rapahoe - as well as the sites of several old towns such as Rewanui, Wallsend and Brunnerton. We also note that as a “Coalfield” is defined geologically as an area in which coal measures have been found, it is a scientific delineation that avoids the complications that can arise when defining areas in terms of land tenure.</p> <p>The idea is two-fold: To initiate a survey/study of the natural and built heritage of the area by Heritage NZ, evaluating it as a joined-up, holistic whole – in the way the Ruhr Region in Germany promotes and looks upon itself as an “industrial cultural landscape”, and the “Coal Region” is identified in eastern Pennsylvania, USA. This exercise would enrich the geological definition of the initial listing we are proposing. To add another evaluation lens to any proposals for large developments that may have substantial impact on the built or natural heritage within this zone. We understand that a notation on the list of West Coast Historic Heritage Items and Areas and Archaeological Sites will not impose any sort of new preservation order over such an extensive area - which includes land variously controlled by the State, iwi and private owners – other than where that status already attaches to sites specifically acknowledged as having national heritage status (e.g., the Brunner site, Rūnanga Miners’ Hall, and Blackball sites with Heritage NZ listings). It is envisaged that this listing will mean that subsequent proposals for substantial new developments in the area should then be required to give some consideration as to how they might affect the “Heritage Dimension” of the Historic Mining Area of the Southern Paparoas. Similarly, future, and existing proposals might be promoted by reference to the “Heritage Dimension” of the new Historic Mining Area of the Southern Paparoas; for example, the establishment of a network of 26 or so Southern Paparoa walking/cycling trails based on historic mining infrastructure tracks, rail and tramways which have stood the test of time (as initially proposed c2015).</p> <p>We believe that there is significant community interest in recognising and creating this Greymouth Coalfields Heritage area. One of the manifestations of this support is that Shantytown recognises its importance and are in the planning stages of building a “Discovery Hall” to exhibit the components of the Greymouth Coalfields in a way that will encourage people to go out and visit the actual locations. This helps connect people with their place. It repurposes or heritage assets by encouraging visitors to stay longer thereby creating economic benefits for the community through heritage.</p> <p>Greymouth Coalfields Map: submission form will not let me attach or copy in the map of the area</p>	<p>We are requesting that a "Historic Mining Area of the Southern Paparoas' be listed as one of the West Coast Historic Heritage Items and Areas and Archaeological Sites (aka the HH list), in what has to date been Schedule 1, Part 4 of the Te Tai o Poutini District Plan.</p>
Historic Heritage	HH	Amend	<p>These places have been identified and used by the community as historic heritage sites for many years. Some have been recognised as nationally important and so physically maintained and promoted by DOC. They are also important tourism assets that are a part of the visitor experience. They play a big part in attracting visitors to the area and generating economic benefit.</p>	<p>We would like to see the following places added to the list of Heritage sites</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Coal River Heritage Park https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/50000-grant-recognises-excellence-coal-river-park https://www.google.com/search?q=Coal+River+Heritage+ParkNelson Creek Domain Gold Mining area https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/west-coast/places/greymouth-area/things-to-do/tracks/nelson-creek-walks/Gows Creek 1.2km gold mining tunnel https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz34698/Gows-Creek/West-CoastWoods Creek https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/west-coast/places/greymouth-area/things-to-do/tracks/woods-creek-track/Greymouth Railways Signal Box Built 1904 https://www.flickr.com/photos/philbraithwaitenz/9098846058 https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Signal_Box_Greymouth.NZ_(13595863765).jpg https://westcoast.recollect.co.nz/nodes/view/26436
Historic Heritage	Historic Heritage	Amend	<p>There appears to be no guidelines that provide instruction for adding Heritage items or defining what a Heritage item is. Guidelines would save a lot of time in that people would then know what is accepted as heritage places.</p>	<p>That the Plan Include a statement that provides guidelines on how and when heritage sites / buildings can be added to the Plan.</p> <p>A definition of what attributes are required before a site or building would make it onto the plans Heritage List</p>

Historic Heritage	Historic Heritage	Amend	Its not viable for our community to put sufficient resources in place right now to protect all assets immediately but if we start with a little now this will build to create a resource that is cost effective and have significant community benefits. This fund recognises that there is a cost to Heritage Building and site owners to maintain them in a way that protects the Heritage values, This cost often provides a benefit to the community but not to the owner.	That the Plan requires councils to provide for a Heritage Protection Fund and a Long Term Heritage Assets Maintenance Plan so that identified Heritage assets are not left to Demolition by neglect.
Historic Heritage	Historic Heritage	Amend	<p>The Heritage Areas that we enjoy now and the community benefits from were created because the effects of some human activity in the past were allowed to remain unaltered after they were finished with or abandoned.</p> <p>Some current mining activity may provide for future heritage assets if "remedial" works did not completely eradicate signs of the activity. The current policy is to destroy any signs of a human activity in some places so that there will, in the future, be a period that is missing any representation of current endeavors. There will be no Heritage from this current time.</p> <p>Or a new building could be identified now as being a significant representation of its type and purpose so that it gets identified as being worthy of keeping in its current "look" for the future. The owner of such an identified building should be provided with a benefit that enables them to keep the building maintained in its heritage character or part of the rates from such a building can be held over for the buildings maintenance by future owners..</p>	That the Plan promotes the identification of human activity in the now that will become Heritage assets in the future.

Documents included with submission

Document name	Greymouth Coalfields map
File	greymouthcoalfieldsmap.jpg
Description	Map of proposed Greymouth Coalfields Heritage Area

