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I am submitting as an individual.

I would not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

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Yes, I wish to speak to my submission

Yes, I would consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission.

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:

-All sections

My submission:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

My submission is a wish that Te Tai O Poutini Plan forming should not go any further, and its public submission timeline and governance process should be reconfigured, to allow more thorough participation and diversity. We need to ensure it is a plan that is for the highest good for all.

This is also because, as it says on the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Proposed Plan Submission form

"Understanding everyone's perspectives is essential for developing a balanced plan".

So I ask, if it be possible, to pause the making of TTPP until:

1) Further Search Functions are created to make this document more easily searchable- especially on-line

The website video instructions on how to search Te Tai O Poutini Plan online were very clear and good and I enjoyed the map overlays. But as the three plans together makes for such a massive document, it is very difficult to navigate it both in paper copy or on-line, based around topic. And unless you know where to look geographically, or exactly what rules you are looking for, it is tough.

As such a massive document that is potentially going to be in this format for years in the future, if there is to be an on-line search function/index for planners and council staff at the very least, based on keyword or topic. And if others have also found this hard to navigate. Can this be done now, and then further input from others- by submission or other means, be requested?

Halting the plan now as above, to get further input, also may make it a more balanced and robust document, and less prone to legal challenge down the track.

2) Improve Diversity in our decision making, to ensure document is “balanced”

I really appreciate the words and proverb of cooperation and collaboration, about our Kahikatea never standing alone; shared by Rangatira Francois Tumahai and Paul Madgwick of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio respectively.

As the plan covers rules that apply to the whole of the West Coast and all its wonderful facets, is there any way we could widen the range of ages, additional expertise (perhaps through sub committees), and perhaps other genders into the committee mix to also support such a vision, and more participation and collaboration in the plan?

As whether we like it or not, each generation often has its own focuses as well as its blind spots. Is there any way we can make additions, - (youth committee?), who may have a good ‘handle’ on more underrepresented areas of the plan, (such as climate change).

All due respect to the committee, planners and staff, who have worked hard and lended their areas of expertise. Its a huge commitment and a big legacy to leave the West Coast for those constructing Te Tai O Poutini Plan. For that reason alone, committee members, planners and commissioners, no doubt want to get the job “done right”.

Te Tai o Poutini Plan could paint a more diverse picture. The Description of the district reads as a bit of an advertisement for mining for example, - particularly gold mining and its history. Was that its intention?

Te Tai o Poutini is a rich tapestry. As our community was formed and has sustained itself in many ways, - farming and fishing, it could be argued, were just as prominent as mining since the early days, - even the arts in some areas have been prominent (such as the Coast Road and Punakaiki)at times, to sustain residents here.

And, while this is not the Regional plan, – Mother Nature, as well as the climate, it could be argued, underpins all aspects of our life here, and always has done.

By increasing community participation, and adjusting, diversity at governance level, and in our rule making, may give Papatūānuku, a greater respect and prominence in the TTPP.

So please examine if the process can allow for more collaboration, age and gender diversity at the decision -making levels, to ensure this document is as balanced as it can be.