

Te Tai o Poutini Plan Introductory Planning Statement Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori

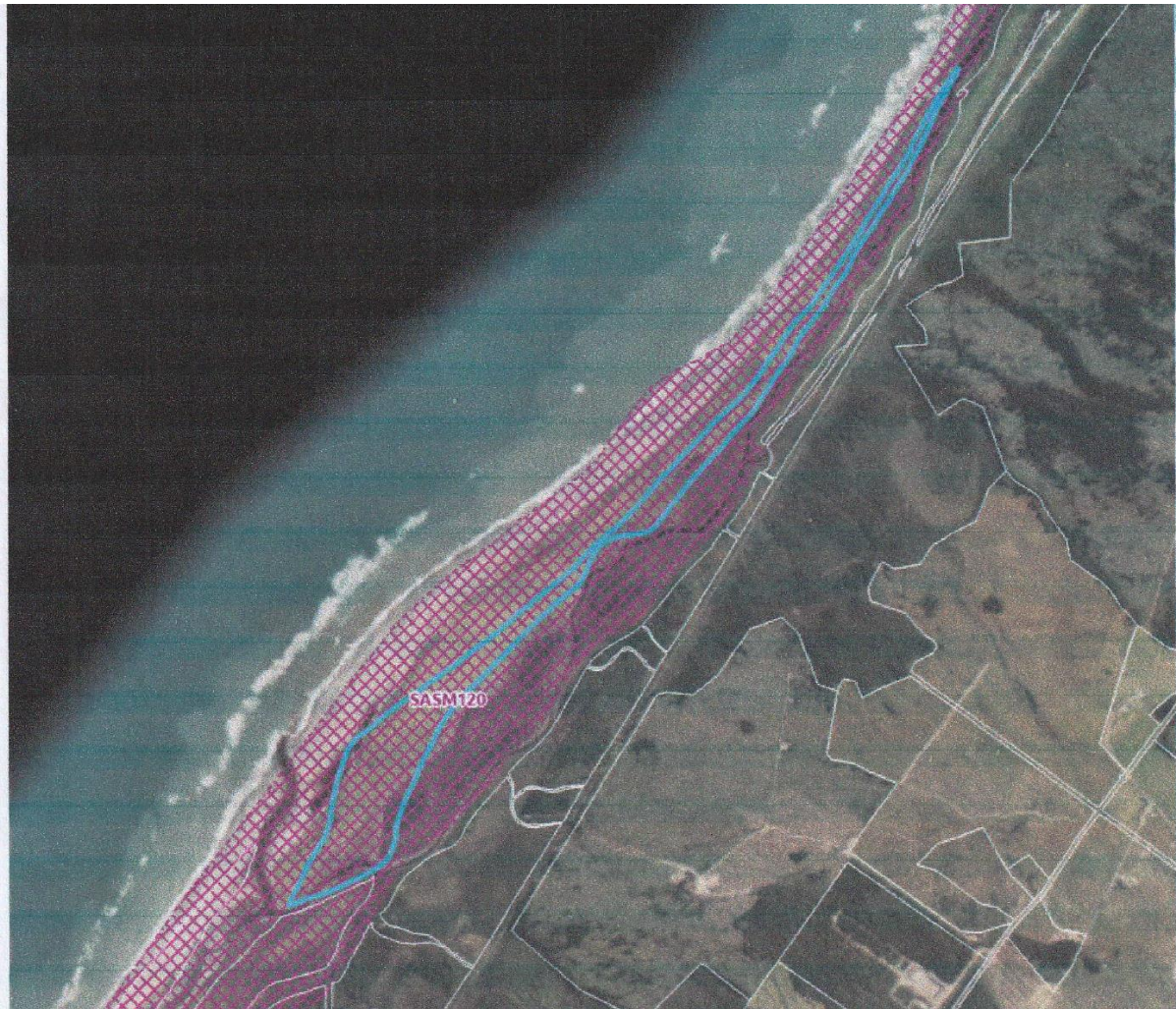


Te Tai o Poutini
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A combined district plan for the West Coast

Introduction to the Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori Topic

1. Tēnā koutou. My name is Lois Margaret Easton. I have been the principal planner during the period of development of Te Tai o Poutini Plan. I have been the lead planner for the sites and areas of significance to Māori topic. My credentials are outlined in the relevant s42A reports and I will not repeat these here.
2. This topic is one of the topics within Te Tai o Poutini Plan where this matter was not well addressed in the operative plans. Neither the Westland or Grey Operative District Plans include any sites and areas of significance to Māori, and the Buller District Plan identifies some sites of Māori origin as historic heritage but these were not mapped, and rule requirements were unclear.
3. Ngāi Tahu were engaged by the planning team to undertake an assessment of sites and areas of significance to Māori for inclusion in TTPP. This was a long and complex exercise because it required the pulling together of a significant number and type of historical records, as well as recording oral histories and associated information. All the mapping work for sites and areas of significance to Māori was also undertaken by Ngāi Tahu and the shape files were supplied to the TTPP team for inclusion in the proposed Plan. Due to the amount of work involved, and the decision to shorten the timeframe for production of the proposed Plan, the shape files were not available for inclusion in the pre-notification draft.
4. Letters were sent to all landowners with sites and areas of significance to Māori at the time of Plan notification, to make them aware of the identification and the opportunity to submit on this.
5. It became evident however that in the transfer of the Ngāi Tahu shape files to TTPP a GIS error had occurred and some of the shapes were incorrect.
6. Legal advice was sought on this, and where the criteria for a minor amendment to the Plan were met, this was undertaken to correct the maps. The minor amendment was incorporated into the Plan on 16 September 2022. All landowners affected by the minor amendment were sent individual letters and maps of their property with any changes shown.
7. During the process of checking the maps and preparing the minor amendment, Ngāi Tahu also identified some mapping errors that did not meet the legal requirements of a minor amendment. The information on these mapping errors is included in the submission of Ngāi Tahu to the sites of significance to Māori topic.
8. Alongside the sites and areas of significance to Māori two overlays – a Pounamu Management Area and an Aotea Management Area have been included in the chapter. These overlays cover the areas where Pounamu and Aotea, culturally significant resources for Poutini Ngāi Tahu, are located. They are large areas and widespread across parts of the West Coast, with Pounamu principally found in the Grey and northern Westland Districts and Aotea found in South Westland.
9. The mapping for these two overlays was also provided by Ngāi Tahu.
10. I now turn to the written evidence provided ahead of this hearing.
11. Firstly in relation to the tabled evidence of Submitter S469 Lyn McIntosh re SASM 120. I have reviewed the information that has been sent out and the maps that were included when Mrs McIntosh was written to as part of the minor amendment process. Mrs McIntosh owns multiple land titles and properties that were affected by SASM 120. The northern land parcels were part of the minor amendment and the SASM was pulled back to the Totara Lagoon. As a consequence it overlaps perhaps a few metres over Mrs McIntosh's property. This was referred to in the correspondence to Mrs McIntosh and the map included showing the changes. Unfortunately I believe there was an error and one of the land titles for the southern part of her property which still has SASM 120 mapped on it, was referred to in the letter. The map that was included in this letter, did not show this land title being affected by the minor amendment – because it was remaining on the property. SASM 120 is known as Totara Lagoon but the mapped SASM still includes the sandspit adjacent to the lagoon (partly owned by Mrs McIntosh) as shown in the map below.



12. While it may not be clear in the tabled information, one of the principal concerns that Mrs McIntosh has conveyed to me about the SASM identification is the future potential for additional rules to be placed over the property. She understands that currently the rules do not affect her farming activity, but is concerned that in an environment of increasing regulation, that additional rules will arise.
13. In relation to the evidence of Manawa Energy Paragraph 3.11 with regard to the electricity generation schemes in SASM – I support the proposal in paragraph 3.13 that the words and Regionally Significant Infrastructure are added to Rule SASM – R9.
14. In relation to the evidence of Westpower re the matters raised under 10.3 of Mr Kennedy's evidence I support the proposal to include f a new matter "v. maintaining existing underground lines and cables" provided that: a. The area of land disturbed is limited to what is necessary to maintain the lines or cables" and that standard 2 apply to this new matter.
15. In relation to the evidence of Ngāi Tahu. In paragraph 78 of the evidence of Rachael Pull it is noted that Ngāi Tahu submitted to amend the permitted activity rules for three SASM locations. The removal of listing SASM17 (Kawatiri South Bank Native Reserve) from SASM-T2 and the addition of listing SASM62 (No. 31 Māwhera Native Reserve) to SASM-T8 was accepted. However, the removal of listing SASM22 (Ōkari Lagoon) from SASM-T1 was not considered in the s42A report as part of submission S620.116. I also support this part of the submission and the removal of listing SASM22 (Ōkari Lagoon) from SASM-T1). In summary I support the remedy's sought in paragraph 81 of this evidence, being:
 - That SASM22 (Ōkari Lagoon) is removed from table SASM-T1.

- That SASM127 (Ulipa), SASM133 (No.19 Ōkarito Native Reserve Māori Reserve) and SASM135 (Ōkārīto (No. 18 Koamaru Native Reserve)) is added to table SASM-T1.
 - That SASM163 (Māori Beach Kāinga) and SASM216 (Ōtukoro Historic Reserve / Ōtukoro Iti, Kahurangi) is added to SASM-T2.
16. Regarding definitions, Ms Pull proposes that “minerals” be included in the definition of cultural materials. I support this amendment.
 17. Ms Pull recommends replacing Network Utilities with Regionally Significant Infrastructure in the relevant policies and rules. I do not support this because the definition of Regionally Significant Infrastructure does not include the local road network – which is in fact one of the main types of infrastructure that is found in SASM. As discussed under the evidence of Manawa Energy above, I support the *addition* of Regionally Significant Infrastructure, where appropriate, but not the *replacement* of the term network utilities with regionally significant infrastructure.
 18. At this point there are no other specific matters where I would alter my recommendations in relation to the s42A report.
 19. Thank you