



# Te Tai o Poutini PLAN

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## **NOTES OF MEETING OF TETAIO POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10.30AM ON 11th DECEMBER 2023**

This meeting was structured as a workshop meeting because of a misunderstanding of the quorum requirements of in person attendance.

### **Present**

R. Williams (Chairman), Mayor H. Lash (WDC), Cr A. Cassin (WDC), Cr P. Haddock (WCRC), Cr B. Cummings (WCRC)

Via Zoom - Cr A. Gibson (GDC), Mayor T. Gibson (GDC), Mayor J. Cleine (BDC), F. Tumahai (Ngati Waewae)

### **In Attendance**

D. Lew (WCRC), T. Mehrtens (WCRC), T. Cook (WDC)

Via Zoom - M. Conland (Acting Project Manager WCRC), L. Easton (Kereru Consultant, on behalf of WCRC), K. Sims (WCRC), M. McEnaney (GDC), S. Gibling (BDC), P. Morris (GDC)

### **Welcome**

Chair Williams introduced M. Conland as Acting Project Manager for the TTPP.

### **Apologies**

P. Madgwick (Makaawhio), S. Bastion (WDC)

Moved (Mayor Cleine/Cr Cassin) Carried

### **Confirm previous minutes**

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting to be carried forward.

### **Matters arising from the meeting held on 12th October 2023**

T. Gibson asked if there was an update on hazard mapping for Grey District or the date that it will be completed.

L. Easton commented she has seen a draft report and that the hazard mapping of the Grey District is almost complete.

H. Lash asked if the report covered just the mapping for Greymouth or also the ports that are mentioned in the previous minutes.

L. Easton noted that it is just the mapping for Greymouth that is being updated and they were modelling the hazard from the Taramakau River to north of Cobden.



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Noted the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes will be confirmed at the next Committee meeting in February.

## **Financial Statements – July, August, September, October**

D. Lew commented the financial reporting will be in order by the end of February noting some past staffing difficulties. Some of the financial information the Committee is seeking is a mix of trying to get a financial picture and a historical understanding of what was intended to be coded. D. Lew requests another month to get the finer details on the historic information.

M. Conland commented she was getting up to speed with the financial statements. M. Conland has been working on the expenditure side of things and ensuring the invoices have been coded to the correct GL code.

R. Williams commented there were undocumented coding rules that were agreed regarding the financials at the start of the project. Working together R. Williams, M. Conland and D. Lew they will come out with a statement for the February meeting, explaining how the revenue funding is being done and how the expenses are being allocated, organised and authorised.

D. Lew noted that as expected, Hearing Commissioners are asking for additional work to be commissioned, the work is coming up through the project manager to D. Lew to authorise. The expenditure to date is within budget.

R. Williams commented the Hearing Panel is very aware of the fact they need to be very careful with expenditure. R. Williams also commented on the Chairs Salary, noting that this line item includes the costs for both the Committee chair and the honorarium for the two Poutini Ngāi Tahu kaiwhakahaere participation on the committee.

## **Project Manager Update**

M. Conland noted that there is one more hearing left for this year then there will be a break and hearings will begin again in February 2024. M. Conland noted that some hearings had been held online as no submitters which to attend in person which saved costs in terms of accommodation and travel.

The TTPP website is up to date, and information regarding the hearings is being added as the hearings progress, including S42A reports.

D. Lew noted there is further requirement for additional technical expertise as the hearings go along.

M. Conland noted that despite the change in Government, the hearings process will continue as it is not affected by the proposed repeal of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 (NBEA) and the Spatial Planning Act 2023 (SPA), as the proposed TTPP requirements and process is set out under the Resource Management Act 1991.

M. Conland noted the Coastal Hazard Mapping variation consultation had begun and feedback on the draft variation closes on the 15 December 2023. This feedback will be summarised and brought to the Committee in the February meeting.

Cr. Cassin commented that we should review how we communicate with the community regarding consultation on draft variations.

This report will be noted and formally accepted at the February Committee meeting.



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## Other comments

P. Haddock asked if the hearing schedule would change as a result of the Government's proposal for no new Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and the repeal of the NBEA.

L. Easton reiterated that the repeal of the NBEA will not affect the TTPP due to the TTPP process being under the Resource Management Act which is not being repealed. Regarding SNAs and the NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB) Ms Easton noted that we will wait for more detail regarding any proposed changes and will make changes if needed. L. Easton also noted that the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) has provisions in relation to SNAs and that the TTPP needs to be consistent with the RPS. The TTPP currently includes a policy stating that

SNAs will be identified by mid 2027 – and this is in response to the requirements of the WCRPS – as the NPSIB was not out at the time TTPP was prepared.

P. Haddock commented local media had asked whether there would be a halt to the TTPP process.

J. Cleine commented that the TTPP plan was set up and notified under the RMA.

T. Gibson commented she has also been asked this question through the media.

L. Easton noted that the District Plans were more than 10 years old and needed to be updated under the RMA regardless of the repeal of the NBEA and Spatial Planning Acts. T. Gibson noted that we are already so far through the process and it needs to keep going said that the most controversial thing is SNAs, natural hazards and remapping around the Grey District which the proposed changes may not affect.

H. Lash commented that she agrees with what T. Gibson said that the Plan needs to work for the councils. She noted that we need to assess the changes coming in from the Government and see how these may impact the Plan.

P. Haddock commented that he sees this plan as a plan for the whole West Coast and he thinks it is essential that the process continues.

It was suggested that the Indigenous Biodiversity topic which deals with SNAs could be delayed until later in the hearing schedule to enable more clarity around these provisions to be obtained.

A report of the changes being made by the Government was requested to be included in the agendas of future meetings.

A report in relation to the quorum for Committee meetings is also requested for the February Committee meeting to clarify the situation in relation to members attending in person versus online.

Workshop closed at 11.15am