



Project Manager Update

1 February 2025 – 28 February 2025

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Accomplishments this Period

- Consideration as to whether the current TTPP Committee Standing Orders, Deed of Agreement and Code of Conduct should be published on the TTPP website is sought.
- The Joint Witness Statement on Ecosystems and Biodiversity was produced for the Hearings Commissioners following caucusing with identified submitter planning and legal staff.
- The final section 42a report was completed for Variation 2 – Coastal Hazards and was sent to submitters ahead of the hearing in the week of 17 March.
- The Hearing Panel will also hear from the Westport Master Planning staff on 17 March.
- Final hearings information is as follows:
 - Reconvening the Rural and Settlement Zones Hearing in Westport on 17 March.
 - Variation 2 – Coastal Hazards 17 -19 March 2025 in Westport and 20 - 21 March in Hokitika. Additional days have been set aside on 24 and 25 March for online hearings if required.
- The Hearing panel issues Minutes throughout the hearing and report writing process to update information about hearings and schedule changes, and to request further information to aid their decision making.
- The following Minutes have been issued since the last Report:

Minute Number	Topic
58	Extension to Ecosystems and Biodiversity Caucusing
59	Noise Hearing

- All hearing panel Minutes can be found here: [Hearing of Submissions - Te Tai o Poutini Plan | West Coast District Plan \(ttpp.nz\)](https://www.ttpp.nz/hearing-of-submissions-te-tai-o-poutini-plan-west-coast-district-plan)
- An update on TTPP has been provided for a report to the West Coast Regional Council Resource Management Committee.

Plans for Next Period





- First Recommendations Reports received for comment
- Technical Advisory Team meeting
- Prepare for planner workshop on TTPP implementation and guidance requirements
- Ongoing planning for appeals

- Update WCRC Resource Management Committee

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 and weather events	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	A realistic budget was 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		On track for 14 January 2026
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
Hearings for Te Tai o Poutini Plan	March 2025	17 March reconvening Rural and Settlement Zones hearing. Coastal Natural Hazard to be heard 18-21 March. Dates to continue hearing online available if required on 24 and 25 March.
Decisions Te Tai o Poutini Plan Appeals/Mediation	September 2025 2026	Indicative time only Indicative time only. Any parts of the Plan not appealed are operative from the end of the Appeal Period.
Environment or High Court	2026 onward	Indicative time only.
Ongoing Decision Making for TTPP	2025 onward	TTPPC is a permanent Committee. Once the Plan is adopted the ongoing Committee role includes monitoring implementation and the need for any amendments, undertaking plan changes and reviews, or ensuring these are undertaken as required.