



Project Manager Update

1 March 2025 – 31 March 2025

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Accomplishments this Period

- Staff responded to two Local Government Official Information Act requests about commissioner costs and number of contractors used on TTPP.
- The final hearing for TTPP Variation 2 – Coastal Hazards was held 18-20 March 2025. The hearing began with a presentation from Dr Cyprien Bosserelle the Hydrodynamics Modeller from NIWA who developed the coastal hazards modelling for TTPP. Dr Bosserelle, responded to submitter and panel queries throughout the hearing. Eighteen submitters spoke in person or online.
- A right of reply report for the Natural Hazards topic (excluding Variation 2 – Coastal Hazards) has been completed by the reporting officer. Unless directed otherwise by the hearing panel, the statement should be the final input on this topic prior to the hearing panel drafting their recommendations report.
- The hearing panel issued Minute 57 on 17 January 2025, requesting further information from parties where the reporting officer had recommended amendments, reductions or deletions of areas in the Mineral Extraction Zone. The deadline for providing this information has passed, and an updated report including new details provided, is expected to be the final input on this topic.
- 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 Minute was issued since the last Report:

Minute Number	Topic
60	Decisions Process

- 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

- Technical Advisory Team meeting
- Workshop for all council and Poutini Ngāi Tahu planners on TTPP implementation and

guidance requirements

- Ongoing work with hearing panel and 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
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.