



## Te Tai o Poutini PLAN

*A combined district plan for the West Coast*

# Sites and areas of significance to Māori information sheet

### ***What is Te Tai o Poutini Plan?***

Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) is the new combined District Plan for the Westland, Grey, and Buller District Councils. It replaces the individual district plans and provides the Objectives, Policies, Rules and Maps for how activities and resources are managed across the three districts.

### ***What are sites and areas of significance to Māori***

Sites and areas of significance to Māori (SASM) are important places providing significant association to cultural traditions, history or identity for Poutini Ngāi Tahu. Poutini Ngāi Tahu is the combined name for the two West Coast Ngāi Tahu rūnanga, which are Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio. SASM include sacred sites and areas, such as burial caves, urupā/cemeteries, battle sites, former kāinga/villages and pā sites, Māori reserves, significant maunga/mountains, pounamu/greenstone trails, nohoanga/campsites and important mahinga kai food gathering areas, including waterways.

### ***Where are sites and areas of significance to Māori located?***

Poutini Ngāi Tahu lived, settled and travelled extensively across the West Coast/Te Tai o Poutini, and have historical and ongoing cultural connections with land and waterways throughout the region. Consequently, there are sites and areas of significance to Poutini Ngāi Tahu identified throughout the West Coast/Te Tai o Poutini region.

Some West Coast/Te Tai o Poutini towns, such as Greymouth and Westport were built on, or near to locations of former Poutini Ngāi Tahu pā and kāinga settlements/villages, so there are a number of sites and areas of significance identified in these urban areas on privately owned land. There are also sites and areas identified on public conservation land, and there are some sites and areas (particularly in coastal locations and in the rural area) on privately owned and Māori owned land.

The sites and areas of significance identified by Poutini Ngāi Tahu have all been mapped in TTPP. Details of how to find the maps is provided at the end of this information sheet.

The TTPP contains a table within Schedule 3 listing all the SASM. This schedule includes the name of the site or area and identifies specific cultural values associated with each SASM. Details of how to find the Schedule 3 table is provided at the end of this information sheet.

### ***TTPP planning rules associated with SASM***

The TTPP contains rules that apply to SASM. It is important to note that not all the same planning rules apply to each site or area. Different rules apply because some types of activities may impact the cultural values associated with a particular site or area, whereas other activities may not.

There are some planning rules in the SASM chapter of the TTPP which require you to obtain a resource consent unless you can obtain a certificate from the relevant Poutini Ngāi Tahu Rūnanga which states your activity will not have adverse effects on the cultural values listed for that SASM. These rules are associated with activities such as earthworks or the installation, alteration or removal of buildings, services and structures, any indigenous vegetation clearance and the installation of a network utility structure.

Early consultation with the relevant Poutini Ngāi Tahu Rūnanga is encouraged as on viewing the specific details of your proposal, the Rūnanga may be able to certify in writing to you and the relevant district council that your proposed activity won't impact on the cultural values associated with the site. This may avoid the need to obtain a resource consent.

You are not required to consult, and should you decide not to, and instead decide to apply for a resource consent, the Council will then contact the relevant Rūnanga during the processing of your resource consent application to find out if your proposal will impact on the cultural values for that site.

In addition to areas and sites of significance to Māori on the land, waterbodies of significance to Poutini Ngāi Tahu have also been identified in the TTPP. Most of these waterbodies have no rules associated with them and there are usually no SASM rule restrictions applying to the land adjacent to these identified waterbodies. There are, however, some rules applying to the use of certain waterbodies if you are proposing to undertake a temporary event on them or are proposing to use motorised watercraft on them.

Please note some SASM, because of their history, may also contain historic heritage and your proposed activity may trigger requirements under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, which makes it unlawful for any person to modify or destroy, or cause to be modified or destroyed, the whole or any part of an archaeological site without the prior authority of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. In these situations, you are encouraged to contact the relevant Poutini Ngāi Tahu Rūnanga as well as Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

### ***Where to get more information***

You can read the TTPP online and view the maps at <https://tppp.nz/>  
The Sites of Significance to Māori Chapter can be found at <https://westcoast.isoplan.co.nz/eplan/rules/0/255/0/0/0/86>

You can view the table which lists all the sites and areas of significance (SASM) within Schedule 3 of the TTPP at <https://westcoast.isoplan.co.nz/eplan/rules/0/255/0/0/0/86>

The application form for the certification request process will be available at

<https://tppp.nz/information sheets/>

Talk to your local Council about how SASM might affect you:

Buller District Council: [planning@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:planning@bdc.govt.nz)

Grey District Council: [GDC\\_Planning@greydc.govt.nz](mailto:GDC_Planning@greydc.govt.nz)

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