



Te Tai o Poutini PLAN

A combined district plan for the West Coast

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, PAROA AT 1.30 PM ON 19 NOVEMBER 2025

Present

R. Williams (Chairman), Mayor T. Gibson (GDC), Mayor H. Lash (WDC), Mayor C. Russell (BDC), Cr A. Cassin (WCRC), Kaiwhakahaere P. Madgwick (Makaawhio), Cr L. Webb (BDC), Cr A. Gibson (GDC), Cr G. Maitland (WDC)

In attendance

Matt Smith (WCRC), J. Armstrong (TPPP Project Manager), Joanne Soderlund (GDC), Simon Pickford (BDC), Carissa du Plessis (BDC), Lois Easton (Kereru Consultant on behalf of WCRC), Doug Bray (WCRC), Chu Zhao (WCRC).

Welcome

Apologies

Kaiwhakahaere F. Tumahai (Ngāti Waewae), Cr C. Smith (WCRC),

Moved (Chair Williams / Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick)

That the apologies be accepted.

Carried

Confirm minutes of the previous meeting held 18 - 24 September 2025

Mayor Gibson pointed out that their motion was supported by Kaiwhakahaere Tumahai as well on Page 25 of the agenda.

Moved (Chair Williams)

That the minutes of the meeting held 18 -24 September 2025 be amended as discussed and confirmed.

Carried

Matters arising from previous meetings

None raised



Report and Presentation - Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee Roles and Responsibilities

J. Armstrong provided information on the legal establishment of TTPP under an Order in Council in 2019, and the processes that have been undertaken to reach public notification of the TTPP decisions version on 10 October 2025. She also explained the current appeals stage and outlined the Committee's role both during appeals and in the future.

Chair Williams suggested adding confirmation of the standing orders and code of conduct to the agenda for the 12th December meeting.

L. Easton briefly presented some relevant sections of the RMA relating to the TTPP, the hierarchy of legal requirements and what the TTPP covers. She then showed the committee the full plan and maps from the website.

L. Easton presented the timeline for TTPP. She noted that we are in the appeal period now, which closes on 8 December.

Chair Williams asked how long the mediation would take.

L. Easton answered that they will be looking at the second quarter of 2026 for the mediation, and it really depends on how many appeals are received. She recommended trying to get as many issues settled as quickly as possible. She added that if any issues cannot be resolved at mediation, court hearings will probably be at the end of 2026, or early 2027.

L. Easton noted that once all appeals are resolved the TTPP is fully operative, replacing the current Buller, Grey and Westland district plans. Amendments through plan changes and variations can commence ahead of a fully operative Plan and some may start as early as 2026.

Moved (Chair Williams / Cr Maitland)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

Report – Next Steps for Appeals and Mediation

L. Easton presented on the appeals process, mediation agreements and next steps.

Chair Williams commented that the committee will consider matters relating to appeals and delegation at the February meeting.

L. Easton agreed that she would bring the relevant position papers to the Committee at the February or early March meeting. She commented that the Environment Court is likely to process mediation quickly, and it is important for the Committee to be clear on their positions.



Moved (Cr Maitland / Cr Webb)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

Report – Minor Error Corrections to TTPP Decision Version

L. Easton noted that the report identifies some minor errors in the plan which have been corrected. Further minor errors have since been identified and more will no doubt come to light as the Plan is used. A report is expected to be brought to the next Committee meeting in December seeking approval of the correction of further minor errors.

Moved (Cr Webb / Cr Gibson)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*
2. *That the Committee resolves to retrospectively approve the correction of minor errors and make changes of minor effect in accordance with Clause 16(2) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, as identified in the table within this report and as publicly notified on 12 November 2025.*

Carried

Financial Report 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025

J. Armstrong presented financial performance report for the first quarter of the 2026 financial year to 30 September 2025 and gave an explanation of the budget items.

Cr Gibson asked if there is any idea how long the appeals will take?

J. Armstrong said they are hopeful the appeals will be completed in 2026, and the committee will have an opportunity to consider their positions once they see what the appeals are.

Cr Cassin noted that when adding the year-by-year column left to right in Table 3, the total doesn't come to \$8.6 million.

J. Armstrong said she will talk to the finance department about it.

Moved (Chair Williams / Cr Cassin)



1. *That the Committee receive the report*

Carried

Project Manager's Report

The report was taken as read.

Moved (Chair Williams / Mayor Russell)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

Meeting ended at 3.24pm.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman

February 10, 2026

Date