

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

ENV-CHC-000112

IN THE MATTER OF an appeal under clause 14 of Schedule 1 and section 274
of the RMA

BETWEEN **WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Appellant

AND **TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE**
Respondent

**NOTICE BY GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WISH TO BE A PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS**

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NOTICE BY GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

To: The registrar at the Environment Court, Christchurch
And to: The Appellant.
And to: The Respondent

Grey District Council (**GDC**) wishes to be a party to an appeal by Westland District Council against the decision of the Te Tai o Poutini Committee on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**TTPP**).

Nature of interest

1. GDC is a local authority under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
2. GDC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
3. GDC is interested in all the proceedings, and as particularised in Appendix 1 (attached).
4. GDC is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) ensuring that the TTPP is workable for GDC as a local authority and that it assists GDC in carrying out its functions under the RMA; and
 - (b) ensuring the TTPP recognises that:
 - (i) The West Coast has a unique environment that is characterised by about 85% of land in the region managed by the Department of Conservation. This unique context means that appropriate use and development, particularly in the remaining areas, needs to be enabled to provide for the region's social, economic and cultural wellbeing.
 - (ii) The Grey District needs sustainable infrastructure and services that enable communities to be thriving, resilient and connected.
 - (iii) The TTPP should enable the use and development of natural and physical resources while ensuring protections are appropriate for the West Coast.
 - (iv) The TTPP should not create pressures on affordability of housing, farming, industry and infrastructure, as well as other developments and uses through disproportionate or unworkable standards for development and use in the region.

- (v) The West Coast region is highly susceptible to the impacts of climate change and natural hazards, which require ensuring the protection of infrastructure and development.

Relief sought

5. GDC supports the relief as specified in Appendix 1. GDC's reasons for supporting a relief as specified in Appendix 1 are:
 - (a) the relief will promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources within the Grey District, and is therefore consistent with Part 2 and other provisions of the RMA;
 - (b) the relief will meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations;
 - (c) the relief will enable the social, economic and cultural wellbeing of the people of the Grey District;
 - (d) the relief will facilitate the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources;
 - (e) the relief will avoid, remedy or mitigate actual or potential adverse effects on the environment;
 - (f) the relief is the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of the RMA and/or objectives of the TTPP in terms of section 32 of the RMA;
 - (g) the relief will ensure the TTPP is workable for GDC as a local authority and that it assists GDC in carrying out its functions under the RMA; and
 - (h) the further specific reasons where set out in Appendix 1 (without limiting the general reasons above).

6. GDC's reasons for conditionally opposing a relief are set out in Appendix 1. Where GDC has conditionally opposed a relief, GDC may revisit its position and support the relief if the matters signalled in Appendix 1 are addressed by the appellant (to GDC's satisfaction). GDC, however, reserves the right to oppose the relief for the general reasons set out at paragraph 5.

Alternative dispute resolution

7. GDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 2 February 2026



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Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Christchurch.

Appendix 1: Grey District Council's interest in the appeal of Westland District Council

#	TTPP Provisions	Relief sought by the appellant	Grey District Council's position	Further Reasons for Grey District Council's Position
1.	GRZ and RLZ	<p>To ensure a more consistent framework for managing stormwater effects and give clearer expectations to applicants and councils, the provisions of the GRZ and RLZ should be amended to introduce explicit stormwater standards for general activities in GRZ and RLZ (for example, within GRUZ–R1 and RLZ–R1/R3) requiring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="622 635 1406 751">i. stormwater from buildings, accessways and hardstand areas be collected, treated and disposed of in accordance with NZS 4404:2010 and/or relevant Council Engineering Standards; and <li data-bbox="622 788 1406 879">ii. where reticulated stormwater networks are available (and have capacity), development connects to them, otherwise, compliant onsite systems are provided 	Support	
2.	Various	Any alternative, consequential, or additional amendments necessary to address the concerns raised in this notice of appeal be made to the Plan or any other relevant provisions, including any required changes to planning maps.	Conditionally oppose	GDC is generally supportive of consequential relief required but is unable to support relief in general and unspecified terms. GDC may revisit its position if specific wording (satisfactory to GDC) is provided during the appeal process.