

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH
I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND appeals under clause 14 of the First
Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN W J CURRIE

(ENV-2025-CHC-100)

(and all other appellants listed in
the Schedule attached)

Appellants

AND TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN
COMMITTEE

Respondent

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
(10 March 2026)**

Introduction

[1] This Minute relates to 36 appeals under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to the proposed Te Tai O Poutini Plan. The Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee (the Committee) consists of the Buller District Council, the Grey District Council, the Westland District Council and the West Coast Regional Council.

[2] Counsel for the Committee filed a memorandum on case management on 3 March 2026 which addressed issues of jurisdictional matters, topic allocation,



future legislative change, proposed mediation groupings and timeframes for mediation.

Jurisdictional matters

[3] The memorandum raised the issue of scope regarding some appeals and s274 notices. Counsel advises liaising with the relevant parties and, if the matter cannot be resolved, then seeks to file strike out applications by 2 April 2026.

[4] Counsel notes that several appellants incorrectly named the respondent, however this has been corrected already in the court records.

Topic allocation and proposed mediation timings

[5] Appendix B of the memorandum sets out a proposed order of topics and timings for proposed mediation. The Committee also intends to commence informal discussions and has highlighted those appeals in the memorandum. This appears to be a pragmatic approach.

Mediation logistics

[6] The mediations will be held primarily on the West Coast with the exact location/s to be confirmed. Environment Commissioner Kate Wilkinson will be the lead Commissioner. The mediations manager is Jennifer Gerritsen and her email address is: Jennifer.gerritsen@justice.govt.nz

Future legislative changes

[7] Parties have raised concerns regarding future legislative changes. Counsel for the Committee seeks for the appeal process to continue.

Directions

[8] Accordingly, I direct:

- (a) any applications for strike out of any appeal or s274 party is to be filed by **Thursday 2 April 2026**;
- (b) the topics identified in the table at paragraph [22] of the memorandum (and as particularised in more detail in Appendix B) are to be scheduled for mediation after **Monday 4 May 2026** in the sequence identified in that table;
- (c) any party may apply for alternative directions regarding topic allocation and sequencing (following consultation with other parties);
- (d) parties may seek leave to appear at mediation remotely;
- (e) mediation agendas are to be provided to the mediator by the Committee (after consulting with the other parties) five working days prior to the mediation for each topic;
- (f) I confirm the approach to the filing of position papers for mediation and that directions may be sought for “will say” statements to be filed prior to mediation on application by any party;
- (g) a reporting memorandum (preferably joint) is to be filed by the parties to each mediation topic within 10 working days of the conclusion of the mediation for that topic; and
- (h) leave is granted to any party to seek other (or amended) directions.



K G Reid
Environment Judge

Issued: 10 March 2026

SCHEDULE – LIST OF APPELLANTS

ENV-2025-CHC-100	W J Currie
ENV-2025-CHC-101	Chorus New Zealand Limited & others
ENV-2025-CHC-102	Scenic Hotel Group Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-103	Birchfield Coal Mines Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-104	New Zealand Coal and Carbon Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-105	Young
ENV-2025-CHC-107	CMP Kokiri Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-108	Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-110	Federated Farmers of New Zealand
ENV-2025-CHC-111	Director-General of Conservation
ENV-2025-CHC-112	Westland District Council
ENV-2025-CHC-113	Robinson
ENV-2025-CHC-114	Haddock Group Properties Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-115	Tauranga Bay Holdings Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-116	Te Kinga Estates Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-117	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated
ENV-2025-CHC-118	WMS Group (HQ) Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-119	Molloy
ENV-2025-CHC-120	Tranter & others
ENV-2025-CHC-121	Bathurst Resources Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-122	Groundswell New Zealand
ENV-2025-CHC-123	Manawa Energy Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-124	KiwiRail Holdings Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-125	Buller Conservation Group
ENV-2025-CHC-126	Bradley
ENV-2025-CHC-127	Stuart
ENV-2025-CHC-128	McIntosh
ENV-2025-CHC-129	Boyd & Others
ENV-2025-CHC-130	Grey District Council

ENV-2025-CHC-131	Buller District Council
ENV-2025-CHC-133	Westpower Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-134	Te Runanga o Makaawhio & others
ENV-2025-CHC-135	Johnston
ENV-2025-CHC-136	Coates & Others
ENV-2025-CHC-138	Ridgeline 3 Investments Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-139	Transpower New Zealand Limited