

## **Opposition to the Notice of Motion to Strike Out my Appeal – John Currie 18 April 2026**

I am unimpressed with the decision of the ttp committee through their lawyers to apply to the Environment Court to have my submission struck out on the grounds that it was outside the time for submissions to be accepted.

My submission was emailed on the 21 November 2024 and was accepted, as I received a submission number (S764) on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2024.

I refer to my submission and the important points that I raised in it regarding the industrial zones around Westport.

Yet instead of analysing and taking into account the important points that I have raised, the ttp committee and their lawyers are prepared to ignore these obvious important points that I have raised and not do the best for this districts industrial future. I see this as poor management planning headed by poor leadership.

As I outlined in my submission the only ideal site for industry is the old cement works site at Cape Foulwind.

Having the old cement works site at Cape Foulwind as the districts main industrial site would meet the ttp objectives. They are not currently being met in the ttp, for example, heavy vehicles driving through the Westport Township to get to the industrial sites, noise from these sites on the very edge of the residential areas. Both the Stafford Street and and Sergeants sites are surrounded by residential lifestyle blocks.

All councils had representatives on the committee creating the ttp.

Even though the process of compiling of the ttp for this districts future was already in progress and the Buller District Council (BDC) knew that the cement works was closing and that this land would be available for the districts future industrial site. They however ignored this important point and allowed subdivision in this area for life style blocks and promoted the old cements works site as light industry in the ttp. Claiming that there would be no heavy industry happening in the districts future.

No thought as to the impact that this would have on the districts future industrial capabilities.

Well; there is now iron sands mining in this area with iron sands being stored on the old cement works site. The company involved has said that they have plans to add value to their product and process the sands before exporting the final product from these sands.

As the old cement works under the ttp is to be classed as light industry, it appears that the mineral sands will not be able to be processed on this site.

Where will they be able to be processed? At the general industrial sites of Stafford Street or Sergeants Hill? Driving of heavy truck and trailer units through residential Westport? But also keeping in mind the problems caused by these same mineral sands when they were being stored on the Westport wharf.

The further the sands are moved from the mining site the more the problems that can be expected.

The tpp is supposed to be the document that propels the districts management of its resources into the future. How can this happen if the glaring abnormalities that I have raised in my submission are ignored. We will end up with a substandard plan that doesn't look after the districts future in industrial activities. To me this means poor planning, poor management and poor leadership.

Case scenario.

Have you ever watched the film "Gallipoli".

The Naval guns were bombarding the Turkish trenches. The Turks were in their bunkers sheltering from the barrage.

The guns were supposed to fire till 1100 hours and then the Australian troops charge the Turkish trenches. But the guns fell silent at 1058.

The Turks immediately filed into their trenches and manned their machine guns.

The officers in the Australian trenches couldn't believe what had happened, so telephoned their leadership to stop the charge.

The whole situation had become unsafe, yet the answer from the leadership was to still charge the Turkish trenches.

We can only speculate what happened next as there were no survivors.

In summary, As in the Gallipoli charge this document is unsafe on the industrial zones around Westport. But the intention is to still carry on with the current plan.

In summary we know its wrong, we have even been shown where it is wrong. But we are still determined to go down the current proposed pathway.

To me at the heart of this tpp, there has been no care for the districts future regarding the industrial zones around Westport, we are going to leave the situation of poor planning, management and leadership in place.

What will the result be if the situation outlined in my submission and this document on the Westport industrial zones is not addressed by the Environment Court?

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