



THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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New CEO appointed for Regional Council

The West Coast Regional Council has appointed Mike Meehan as its new Chief Executive.

Mr Meehan is currently employed as the Planning and Operations Group Manager at the Regional Council. He will replace Chris Ingle, who resigned in May to move to the Bay of Plenty.

Regional Council Chairman Andrew Robb said Meehan's Council experience, passion for the region and ability to build relationships with the myriad groups of people Council deals with on a day to day basis will be invaluable for the organisation moving forward. "Mike has proven himself consistently over the years he has been employed here, and the Councillors and I appreciate his practical approach to managing issues. We look forward to exploring future opportunities for the region with him."

Mr Meehan started with the Regional Council in 2004 as a Compliance Officer before becoming team leader of the group in 2008. In 2010, he was promoted to the Planning and Operations Group Manager.

He said he was looking forward to the challenges that went hand-in-hand with being such a unique region.

"There is a lot currently happening on the West Coast" said Mr Meehan. "I'm excited at the opportunities arising from the work underway with the Local Government Commission and the Regional Growth Study."

"I believe the key to our success is our strong experienced team and we will continue to work hard on behalf of the communities we serve."

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