



Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

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Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee consider vast array of topics at latest meeting

The latest meeting of Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) Committee on 29 October 2020 demonstrated the wide variety of topics that are considered in a district plan. The Committee considered material from cultural landscapes and historic heritage to infrastructure resilience, agriculture and medium density housing.

Poutini Ngāi Tahu representatives, Paul Madgwick and Francois Tumahai, were joined by Poutini Environmental Planning Manager, Philippa Lynch, in presenting Cultural Landscapes to the TPP Committee.

Ms Lynch explained that the traditions of Poutini Ngāi Tahu tupuna (ancestors) are embedded in the landscape, and that cultural landscapes are usually living, working landscapes which have both a historical and contemporary connection.

“Protection of Poutini Ngāi Tahu cultural landscape values involves acknowledging the past but also enabling the ability for present and future generations to connect with these landscapes,” Ms Lynch said.

She also stressed that an important component of understanding cultural landscapes is that they are not areas that are locked up to preserve the past.

“The history and tradition needs to be recognised and the associated values maintained, but the relationship of Poutini Ngāi Tahu with these landscapes will continue and develop, and new cultural landscapes can also be created,” Ms Lynch concluded.

Te Tai o Poutini Plan Principal Planner, Lois Easton, explained that provisions for Poutini Ngāi Tahu cultural landscapes will be made in the Poutini Ngāi Tahu section of the Plan as well as having policy woven through the zone and district wide matters chapters.

The Committee discussed in detail draft policies for historic heritage. They stressed the importance of having the right policy and future rules for relocation or repositioning, and demolition or destruction where appropriate, of heritage items. Westland Mayor Bruce Smith, recommended that Committee members discuss important heritage issues with their Councils and Boards, and bring this feedback to the planners for inclusion in further policy development.

There are also opportunities for the community to provide feedback on how to manage historic heritage on the West Coast. A questionnaire can be filled out directly on the TPP website at

tpp.westcost.govt.nz under "Have Your Say". The TPP team can also be contacted by the public at any time to discuss these matters via info@tpp.nz

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