



Submission on the Proposed Regional Coastal Plan 2016

Return your signed submission to the West Coast Regional Council by 5.00pm, Monday 21 March 2016

Submissions may be:

- a) Posted to: Proposed RPS, West Coast Regional Council, PO Box 66, Greymouth 7840
- b) Delivered direct to the West Coast Regional Council at 388 Main South Road, Greymouth
- c) Emailed to rcp@wrc.govt.nz
- d) Sent by facsimile (03) 768 7133

PART A: Submitters contact details

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PART B: Trade Competition

As per Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement that:

- a) Adversely affects the environment
- b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Please tick the sentence that applies to you:

- I **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission; or
- I **could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. *If you have ticked this box, please select one of the following:*
 - I **am** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission.
 - I **am not** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission.

Signature: _____
[Signature of person making submission, or authorised to sign on behalf of person making the submission]

Date: 19 March 2016

(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means)

PART C: Request to be Heard

- I **do not** wish to be heard in support of my submission; or
- I **do** wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,
- I would be prepared to consider presenting my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any Hearing.

<p>The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:</p>	<p>My submission is that: <i>(State concisely whether you support or oppose each separate provision being submitted on, or wish to have amendments made, and the reasons for your views)</i></p>	<p>I seek the following amendments from the West Coast Regional Council: <i>(Give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be, the easier it will be for the Council to understand your concerns.)</i></p>
<p>Natural Coastal Hazards</p>	<p>While there is appreciation of Coastal Hazard areas, there is little information about reducing or minimising the hazards in the zones. The West Coast has a risk of events such as Tsunami, earthquake induced subsidence, liquefaction and therefore changes to coastal sediment balances. These natural events have not been considered in the plan and need to be.</p>	<p>There has been substantial research in recent years towards the risk of natural disaster on the West Coast. The Coastal Zone is the most dynamic and vulnerable areas to change post disaster. The Council needs to provide clearer guidance for increasing resilience to coastal areas. This could include planning for what to do post disaster (management plans) and must include promotion of pre disaster resilience (development planning and hazard minimisation structures).</p>
<p>Coastal Protection structures</p>	<p>The entire coastline of the West Coast is known to be 'wild' and very active. Basically every coastal settlement is marked as a "Coastal Hazard Zone", yet under general RMA terminology, avoidance of coastal protection structures is recommended. With appropriate mitigation measures, these kind of protection structures will have a less than minor effect on the natural beach environment, while hugely increasing the benefit to townships.</p>	<p>There needs to be more open-minded policy towards gaining Resource Consents for people in Coastal Hazard Zones. If it is too difficult, or costly for locals to get permission for coastal protection, the outcomes may be ad-hoc structures (which can make the problems worse), or abandonment of homes. A generic type of consent needs to be provided to give guidance to locals, and so structures are up to regional standard.</p>

Attach further sheets as required

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