



Te Tai o Poutini
PLAN
A combined district plan for the West Coast

Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

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First look at the combined district plan draft coming soon

With the deadline of late January fast approaching for the first look at the draft, work continues at pace on Te Tai o Poutini Plan with the latest October Committee meeting working to confirm natural hazard, coastal environment and mineral extraction rules.

Rex Williams, Chair of Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee, acknowledged the hard work underway to get to this point.

“Committee members, Technical Support Staff and those that hold the pens – our planners, are working extremely hard to bring the final pieces of the exposure draft together. This will be a significant milestone for this project and a chance for our community, industry and stakeholders to see what the combined district plan for the West Coast will look like.”

The purpose of the “exposure draft” is to provide a first look at the draft Plan with the opportunity to provide initial feedback before more targeted consultation starts in late February.

“The exposure draft is about making sure we have got the fundamentals right in the Plan, its workability, and anything else that needs to be considered before we release the proposed plan in July 2022,” said Chair Williams. “To do this, we will be calling on everyone who uses the district plans now to tell us what they think.”

Natural hazard research continues to ensure the most up to date information will be available for the exposure draft. Recent hui with Poutini Ngāi Tahu and District Councils have been held to work through matters of interpretation, risk analysis and the best means to display information.

“This is a Plan for West Coaster’s. Your feedback will help us get a better understanding of your requirements, helping us to align those requirements with the Plan.”

Notification of the release of the exposure draft will be made in January via the West Coast Council’s Facebook pages, websites, and public notice in regional papers.

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