



# THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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### **Vote 2022 – get your nomination in!**

Nominations for the upcoming Local Government election are open until midday (12pm) on Friday 12 August.

“Don’t miss out, nominate soon,” encourages Heather Mabin, West Coast Regional Council Chief Executive. “If you, or someone you know is intending to stand for a position on Council, their nomination must be received on time.”

Ms Mabin noted the need for sound governance for the region into the future.

“Council has a significant workload planned for the coming years as well as the increased Central Government legislation and reform we have coming our way. We need passionate locals, who believe in their communities, to step forward and contribute to leading the way for the Coast.”

The West Coast Regional Council is the smallest in New Zealand with a staff of 66 FTE. Relatively isolated, the region faces other unique challenges by way of approximately 86% of the region administered by the Department of Conservation and Land Information NZ, yearly rainfall totals ranging between 1,746mm to 11,228mm and a very small and sparse population covering a vast area stretching some 600kms.

“Our challenges have led to some of our key achievements and advantages as a region,” said Ms Mabin. “We are blessed with an abundance of freshwater, an environment many would envy as well as robust relationships with our Iwi partners Poutini Ngai Tahu, our District Councils and many other organisations here on the Coast.”

The Council meets 11 times a year, with additional key committees established for Resource Management, Risk and Assurance, Infrastructure Resilience and Te Tai o Poutini Plan (the combined district plan for the West Coast).

“Our Councillors play an important role for our region and our communities. This is your chance to make a stand for our region.”

The Candidate Information Booklet, Pre-election report and nomination forms are available on Council’s website [www.wcrc.govt.nz](http://www.wcrc.govt.nz) and click on the VOTE 2022 in the spotlight topics. Nomination documents can be submitted to the Buller District Council, Westland District Council, West Coast Regional Council or emailed to [nc@wcrc.govt.nz](mailto:nc@wcrc.govt.nz)

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