



THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Taylorville Resource Park

The Grey District Council and West Coast Regional Council undertook a site visit of the Taylorville Resource Park yesterday morning.

Peter Haddock, Deputy Chair of the West Coast Regional Council, noted the concern that had been raised by the District Council and the Greymouth community about the Resource Park's proximity to the Council's water treatment plant.

"The site visit was very informative," said Mr Haddock. "The construction and operation of the various cells for the management of waste product is exceptional and operating in accordance with the conditions of their consent."

Discussed on site were the robust processes in place for the management of leachate, as well as the hard papa base below the cells and that this area slopes away from Grey River.

"This information put my mind at rest further as even if there was any potential breach of the liner to the cells, the direction of groundwater and any potential contaminants would be away from the Grey River."

"Regular monitoring of surface and groundwater is undertaken by the Resource Park," said Mr Haddock. "And with the water treatment site, which is a closed system that cannot be contaminated and the bores for the water supply approximately 450m upstream of the site, I do not have any concerns."

"It is easy to understand why these concerns have been raised due to the proximity of the resource park and the water treatment plant. Safe drinking water is a critical resource to all of us. I am pleased the District Council elected members and staff have been able to have a good look at this and understand the various reasons why there is no need for concern."

Mr Haddock noted that Council will look at how affected party approval is determined for consents such as these.

"While the Grey District Council wasn't considered an affected party during the processing of this consent, we will take a look at our processes and see where we can work more closely together in the future."