

22 April 2021

Dear Submitter

UPDATE ON PROPOSED WEST COAST REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN

Further to my letter dated 10 December 2020, staff held two workshops with Councillors and Poutini Ngāi Tahu representatives in February and March 2021 to consider options for progressing the proposed Regional Coastal Plan (pRCP or the Plan). At the Council's Resource Management Committee meeting on 13 April 2021, it was resolved to continue work on the pRCP but realign timeframes in light of the upcoming new Natural and Built Environments Act (NBEA) which will replace the Resource Management Act, and give priority to addressing national direction for freshwater and indigenous biodiversity until the NBEA comes into effect. The Government is aiming to have the new NBEA in place by December 2022, and we will have clearer direction then on how to progress the proposed Regional Coastal Plan.

If you have any queries, you are welcome to contact the Council's Planning Team Leader, Lillie Sadler, at ls@wcrc.govt.nz or phone 021 190 6676.

Yours faithfully

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