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Dear Submitter

PROPOSED WEST COAST REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN

In January 2016, the West Coast Regional Council notified a proposed West Coast Regional Coastal Plan (pRCP or the proposed Plan). You are receiving this letter because Council records show that you made a submission or further submission on that Plan in 2016.

Council did not proceed to hear submissions on the Plan back in 2016 because it was reviewing the West Coast Regional Policy Statement (RPS) at the same time. Several submitters suggested Council ought to complete the review of the RPS first. Council agreed because the RPS is a higher order planning document which the proposed Plan must give effect to under the Resource Management Act 1991. The review of the West Coast RPS was completed in June 2020.

Council now wishes to progress its review of the proposed Plan. However, we are aware that substantial time has lapsed since submissions closed and things have happened in the interim, including the review of the RPS. We are currently considering several options to progress the proposed Plan and address the matters raised in submissions and further submissions. We are aiming to have a decision on this matter in February 2021, and will then advise submitters of the next steps for the proposed Plan process. In the meantime, submitters are invited to contact Council if they have any concerns with, or consider they are disadvantaged by, the delay. Please advise Council of any concerns about the delay by Wednesday 23 December.

Correspondence should be emailed to the Council's Planning Team Leader, Lillie Sadler, at ls@wrc.govt.nz. You are welcome to contact Lillie if you wish to discuss this matter or the hearing process on 03 744 7323.

Yours faithfully

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