

Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

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Te Tai o Poutini Plan next steps

Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee preparing the combined District Plan for the West Coast, met on 18 April 2023 to discuss the next procedural step in the Plan making process.

The Proposed Plan was notified for submissions in July 2022. Joint Committee Chair, Rex Williams, said the planners and support staff had done a tremendous job processing the submissions.

"We had excellent feedback from the community and various interested parties on the Proposed Plan with 534 submissions received containing 15,205 submission points."

The next stage in the process is for the summary of all the submissions that have been received to be made publicly available. The law allows certain members of the public to lodge further submissions if they have already lodged a submission or have a particular interest in any submission point. The Summary of Submissions and further submission forms will be available on the TTPP website, and at the same locations the Proposed Plan was available at around the region.

"We urge people to ask at their local District Council if they have any questions about the process," said Mr Williams.

Further science on coastal hazards was also presented to the TTPP Joint Committee. This information has been updated since the aerial survey of the ground levels across the coastline of the region were completed in December 2022. This work used LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) which provides highly accurate digital terrain data which can be used for 3D maps and models of the region, this improved from the original ground levels gained from space shuttle data.

"The LiDAR data has provided updated information on coastal inundation. It may mean adjustments to the coastal hazard layer are necessary and the Committee will be working through this over the next few months. The data gathered does not take into account the hazard protection works that are in place or will be upgraded."

More information, including detailed maps and information sheets will be available over the coming months.

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