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**AGENDA AND SUPPORTING PAPERS
FOR COUNCIL'S SEPTEMBER MEETINGS**

**TO BE HELD IN THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH**

TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

The programme for the day is:

10.30 a.m:

Resource Management Committee Meeting

On completion of RMC Meeting:

Councillor Workshop

On Completion of Councillor Workshop

Council Meeting

Councillor Workshop:

Regional Policy Statement

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 12 September 2017**

N. CLEMENTSON
CHAIRPERSON

M. MEEHAN
Chief Executive Officer

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 8 AUGUSTS 2017, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.****PRESENT:**

N. Clementson (Chairman) A. Robb, P. Ewen, A. Birchfield, T. Archer, S. Challenger, P. McDonnell, J. Douglas, F. Tumahai

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), R. Beal (Operations Manager), G. McCormack (Consents & Compliance Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), H. Mills (Planning Science & Innovation Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 11 July 2017, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

Cr Archer asked for an update on the proposed One District Plan for the West Coast in view of Buller District Council (BDC) not being on board with this. M. Meehan responded that the resolution from BDC was that by majority they agreed in principle but with some conditions. He stated that the next stage is to provide more detail and to go back to the district councils with a final proposal for approval.

Cr Challenger drew attention to the general business section of the minutes regarding the works at Franz Josef, he asked for an update on progress to date. G. McCormack advised that works commenced on 14 July and he was advised by Westland District Council (WDC) that the works were being carried out under emergency works. M. Meehan stated that initially Council intended to serve an Abatement Notice on WDC, but once it became apparent that WDC was working under the emergency works provision of the RMA, the Abatement Notice was not served. M. Meehan acknowledged that there was a communication gap between WDC and this council and it took a while to unravel what was actually going on. M. Meehan advised that Council's Consents and Engineering staff are working with WDC to assist where we can. It was noted that WDC has seven days from commencing work to notify Council and then 20 days after this to put in a consent application. M. Meehan stated that there was a communication gap, but now that a Consultant and Project Manager have been appointed this has helped immensely. Cr Ewen asked if NZTA had to get consent to do work at the 55 km corner as this is outside the area. M. Meehan confirmed that this work was also done under emergency works, and NZTA is going through a process to bring all works on the Waiho River under one consent. G. McCormack confirmed that this consent is yet to come through. M. Meehan answered further questions from Councillors relating to consents for the Waiho River. G. McCormack answered questions from Cr Challenger regarding charges for consent applications.

Cr Birchfield asked if there has been any progress with the Sawyers Creek project. M. Meehan responded that this project work will be carried out by H. Mills and he will report on this next month.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Clementson reported that he attended the launch of the Economic Development Action Plan on 13 July.

Cr Clementson reported that he and Cr Archer attended a meeting of the Punakaiki rating district on 1 August. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to gain feedback on the changes made to the Annual Plan, including the extension of the seawall and the changes to the rating differentials. Cr Archer stated that he felt the rating district was appreciative of Council taking on board the submissions they made and carrying out the changes to the Annual Plan.

Cr Clementson reported that he and Cr Archer attended the Carters Beach community meeting on 2 August. Cr Clementson advised that there were approximately 140 people in attendance. He stated that the NIWA report on Carters Beach erosion was discussed along with four potential proposals. Cr Clementson stated that a unanimous decision was made to wait and see what happens with designated trigger points, and if the trigger points were met then options and pricing would be discussed at a future meeting. The attendees were also provided with costings for rock walls which will be confirmed by engineering staff. Cr Clementson stated that Buller District Councillor, Phil Rutherford, presented a proposal from the Kawatiri River Trust seeking funding to use rubble from the demolition of the Cape Foulwind cement works to possibly build a rock wall for a raised cycleway, which could incorporate seawall protection. Cr Clementson advised that a decision on this is about 18 months away. Cr Clementson stated that soft engineering options were agreed with no mow zones to allow native grasses to grow, no driftwood collection and to let natural processes restore a dune or a natural bund. Cr Clementson advised that it was agreed that Council will source Envirolink funding to help with natural structures and vegetation work. Cr Archer stated that he feels the community accepted the content of the NIWA report and the community's view is that the erosion cycle has possibly reached the equilibrium. He noted that the community is supportive of trigger points identified in the NIWA report for Council to keep an eye on and to take next steps should the erosion accelerate. Cr Archer agreed with Cr Clementson that this was a very positive meeting.

Moved (Clementson / Robb) *That the report is received.*

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that a final version of the submission on National Planning Standards Discussion Documents, including the feedback from the district councils, was submitted to MfE on 31 July. Cr Archer commented that one solution will not be appropriate for all councils throughout the country. Cr Archer stated that this submission is a very good response and he passed on congratulations to staff for their work on this.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *That the report is received.*

Carried

5.1.2 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that to date there have been no exceedances of the NES for PM₁₀ in Reefton this winter. H. Mills reported that the gaps in data are due to equipment malfunctions. Discussion took place on the new monitoring site. M. Meehan advised that the previous monitoring site has been sold and therefore a new site was sought. M. Meehan advised that MfE were consulted on the move as this is a gazetted air shed. He advised that the

monitoring site needs to be located in the worst possible location. M. Meehan stated that Reefton residents have previously expressed concern about the old site as there were three particularly bad chimneys in this area. He stated that the new site is at the Reefton School and this is a secure site and is not far from the old site. M. Meehan stated that it is hard to say whether the inversion layer has been as predominant as previous years, as in the past there have been between four and 29 exceedances each year since monitoring began in 2006. Cr Clementson stated that it may be that the Reefton community has taken on board some of the education work that has been done in recent years.

Moved (Archer / Challenger)

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

G. McCormack spoke to this report and advised that four site visits were carried out, 12 non-notified consents were processed during the reporting period along with three consent variations. G. McCormack reported that 25 whitebait stand resource consents are yet to be received. He stated that these owners have been written to and phoned and staff have done as much as possible to ensure that these consent holders do renew their consents and that they are not lost to the consent holder. Cr Archer asked G. McCormack if, as previously discussed at last month's meeting, if Council would still consider picking up these outstanding consents. G. McCormack confirmed that this is the fairest way, as they will be easier to reconcile, but he is hopeful that this will not be necessary and that the owners will renew their consents. It was agreed that this is a good common sense approach.

Cr Ewen drew attention to an inaccuracy with the public enquiry section of this report. He stated that he had submitted a written enquiry on 9 June under the LGOIMA regarding the dust management plan at Rapahoe; he did not get the information until 17 July via the intervention of The Ombudsman.

G. McCormack answered further questions from Councillors.

Moved (Challenger / Birchfield)

1. *That the August 2017 report of the Consents Group be received.*
2. *That Council takes over the resource consents for whitebait stands that are yet to have their resource consent renewed.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

G. McCormack spoke to this report and advised that one abatement notice was issued in relation to the discharge of dairy effluent. G. McCormack reported that three mining work programmes were received and one mining bond during the reporting period.

Cr Challenger stated that there has been confusion over who initiated the work that Westland District Council is carrying out in Franz Josef and which rule of RMA the works are being carried out under. M. Meehan noted that communication has been poor with this matter.

Cr Challenger asked how bad the level of non-compliance was for the abatement notice that was issued. G. McCormack responded that this case relates to the size of the dairy herd and the requirement for environmental sampling if there is an increase in herd numbers.

F. Tumahai asked if a note is kept of repeat offenders. G. McCormack advised that each case is dealt with on its individual merits, then back history is checked for formal enforcement action, the environmental impact is then assessed prior to prosecution decisions being made. G. McCormack answered questions relating to historic and repeat offenders and other compliance matters.

Moved (Ewen / McDonnell) *That the report be received.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ewen spoke of questions he had emailed to M. Meehan on 28 April regarding the transfer of mining functions. Cr Ewen stated that he did not get answers to his questions in a timely manner. M. Meehan apologised and stated that G. McCormack had followed up on these matters with Westland District Council. G. McCormack advised that his staff cross referenced consents held by this Council against mining sites that are operational, with consents for mining sites that Westland District Council hold that are operational. He explained the process to the meeting and stated that there are a few that did not have land use consent with Westland District Council, but this might not have been done due to the transfer of function. M. Meehan confirmed that in order to reduce risk, Council did not take any liability on prior to 1 August 2017. Cr Birchfield commented that he supports of the transfer of function; he noted that there is an out clause in the agreement.

G. McCormack answered questions relating to an incident at Ross which is yet to be investigated. Cr Clementson stated that he will be an apology for the September meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.12 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 12 September 2017
Prepared by: Sarah Jones – Planning Team Leader
Date: 25 August 2017
Subject: **PLANNING REPORT**

Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2017

Amendments to the above Regulations were gazetted on 17 August 2017. The amendments include criteria to assist the Environment Court Registrar to decide whether to accept applications for waivers of Court fees by those involved with a Court proceeding. The criteria provide for granting of waivers for those who are unable to pay the fees, or where the proceeding concerns a matter of genuine public interest. Those unable to pay the fees are those on a benefit, New Zealand Superannuation, or who would otherwise suffer undue financial hardship if they paid the fees. A proceeding that concerns a matter of genuine public interest is also further defined in the Regulations. This is potentially relevant to Council's planning, consents and compliance functions as these areas can be subject to appeals to the Environment Court from the public. Staff understand that the provisions for waiving Court fees do not apply to costs arising from the resolution of Court proceedings.

Proposed NES for Marine Aquaculture

The Ministries for Primary Industries and the Environment are proposing a National Environmental Standard (NES) for marine aquaculture to make the replacement of resource consents for existing marine farms and change of farmed species more consistent and efficient, while still allowing local decision-makers to have discretion over some matters. There are two main aspects of the proposed NES:

1. Replacement consents will have restricted discretionary status unless the NES allows for regional coastal plans to have more lenient rules; and
2. All marine farms must provide a biosecurity management plan for monitoring and responding to incursions of unwanted marine organisms, to a level of detail relevant to the size and type of a farm and the degree of risk.

The proposed NES is potentially relevant to the existing marine farm at Jackson Bay if the farm is still operating when the NES comes into effect and the current consents are due to expire. A submission was lodged by the closing date of 8 August 2017, and a copy is attached to this report. While the proposed NES is generally supported, concerns are raised about the cost of assessing biosecurity management plans, and requirements for extra assessments of effects where an existing farm is in an outstanding natural character or landscape area.

NES for Plantation Forestry

The National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry (NESPf) have been finalised, and will come into force from 1 May 2018. They are intended to better protect the environment while also reducing the complexity, inconsistency and operating costs for the forestry industry across regional and district boundaries. The NESPf rules largely permit plantation forestry activities subject to compliance with detailed conditions, including the provision of management plans for earthworks, harvesting, and quarrying erosion and sediment control.

This is by far the most comprehensive NES released to date and it will create extra work for local authorities to implement, with a limited ability to charge for doing so. Aligning the NESPf rules with regional plan rules, as well as determining compliance with requirements for management plans and reporting, will be complicated, particularly in the early stages. Council's submission on the proposed NESPf in August 2015 raised these concerns, however the NESPf has been approved mostly in its proposed form.

The next steps are to establish which of the NES rules prevail over the Regional Land and Water Plan rules, and which of the Plan rules apply. The Ministry for Primary Industries will provide guidance material and workshops to assist with implementation, and Council staff will also be developing in-house guidance. Please contact the Planning section if you need further information. The NESPf can be viewed at the following link:

(<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-producing/forestry/overview/national-environmental-standards-for-plantation-forestry>)

Government freshwater initiatives announcement

Government announced the latest freshwater initiatives last week which included:

- Changes to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater 2014 (NPSFM)
- Publication of implementation reviews of the NPSFM
- Freshwater Improvement Funding for 33 projects around the country

Key changes to the NPSFM 2014 are as follows:

- National swimming targets – the changes to the NPSFM seek to support the national target of making 90% of New Zealand's rivers and lakes swimmable by 2040. During consultation, this aspect of the amendments was the most controversial and well publicised. The national targets are to be included in the NPSFM, giving them legal status. Regional councils must work towards the national targets, by developing regional targets. Regional councils will need to set draft regional targets by 31 March 2018 and final regional targets by 31 December 2018.
- Monitoring requirements – regional councils will be required to monitor progress towards the achievement of freshwater objectives and the extent to which values are provided for. Methods for responding to that monitoring will be established and the monitoring information made publicly available.
- Managing nutrients – to achieve freshwater objectives for periphyton in rivers, the amendments require regional councils to specify appropriate instream concentrations and exceedance criteria for (at least) dissolved inorganic nitrogen and dissolved reactive phosphorus to meet specified outcomes.
- Te Mana o te Wai – the amendments seek to clarify the meaning of Te Mana o te Wai in freshwater management, being the integrated and holistic wellbeing of a freshwater body, incorporating the values of tangata whenua and the wider community. The changes make it explicit that Te Mana o te Wai is to be considered and recognised in the management of freshwater.
- Economic wellbeing – the changes introduce explicit consideration of the economic wellbeing of communities (including productive economic opportunities), as well as the consideration of environmental, social and cultural wellbeing, in managing freshwater within environmental limits.
- Maintaining or improving freshwater quality - new provisions clarify requirements for regional councils about maintaining or improving overall water quality.
- Infrastructure exceptions to national bottom lines - there are minor changes to the NPSFM to clarify how it applies in cases where national bottom lines for water quality are unable to be met because of significant infrastructure (e.g. hydro dams).
- Coastal lakes and lagoons – there is currently some uncertainty in the management of coastal lakes and lagoons (which are sometimes sea water and sometimes fresh water) under the NPSFM. The amendments seek to clarify the requirements for coastal lakes and lagoons.

Reviews have also been carried out looking at how regional councils are progressing towards implementing the NPSFM. The Government's review consists of a National Themes report and 16 individual region summaries with more in-depth information on council programmes including progress, successes, and challenges.

The announcements and reviews are available at the following link:

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/node/23004>

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received.

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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission on Proposed NES for Marine Aquaculture

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Proposed National Environmental Standard for Marine Aquaculture (NES).

Areas of support

The West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) generally supports most of the national environmental standard proposals to make the processing of replacement consents for existing marine farms, and changes of species on existing marine farms, more efficient and streamlined. We specifically support requiring biosecurity management plans for all marine farms, not notifying replacement consents, and allowing Councils to have rules in their coastal plans that are more lenient than the NES. The latter will give the WCRC flexibility to set an activity status that is appropriate to the degree of effects of marine farming on the West Coast.

We also support excluding from the NES an additional requirement to assess effects of existing marine farms on significant indigenous coastal biodiversity, to give effect to Policy 11 of the NZCPS. This approach is pragmatic, and we agree that the other matters of discretion that are proposed adequately address Policy 11.

The Jackson Bay marine farm in South Westland has a current consent that is valid until 2024. If it continues to operate in the future beyond the expiry of the current consent so that a replacement consent is required, the above-mentioned features of the proposed NES will enable such consents to be processed with minimal costs and delays. This is provided that the NES does not require an unnecessarily in-depth assessment of effects of the marine farm on the natural character values of the area, as explained further below.

We agree that biosecurity management plans for all marine farms are important for reducing the risk of harmful marine organisms spreading to other coastal areas. Some of the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) national priority marine organisms have been detected in the Marlborough Sounds and Tasman/Nelson area. There is a high potential for natural dispersal in these areas to marine farms and nearby vessels, as well as a high potential for human-mediated spread due to their ability to attach to boat hulls. We are not aware of marine farm vessels, equipment or stock being brought

to Jackson Bay, however fishing boats from the Marlborough Sounds and Tasman/Nelson come to Jackson Bay during certain fishing seasons, placing the Bay at risk of an incursion.

Regional differences need to be taken into account in any requirement for biosecurity management plans for marine farms. Areas with multiple farms in relatively close proximity have a higher risk of spread of harmful species. Remote, single farms such as the Jackson Bay farm have a comparatively lower risk of harbouring and spreading these species, so we agree with the NES report that the requirements in a management plan need to be scaleable to the size and type of the farm, and the degree of risk.

It would greatly assist the WCRC to have the comprehensive guidance material on assessing biosecurity management plans as outlined in the NES report. This would help to allay our concerns about the potential costs of having to obtain a qualified expert's assessment of a biosecurity management plan for the Jackson Bay marine farm. The WCRC has no in-house expertise in this area, and we want to ensure that the costs of assessing a biosecurity management plan for the Jackson Bay farm are not unnecessarily excessive for the scale and level of risk.

Concern re marine farms in outstanding natural character areas

The NES document asks whether the activity status should be different (to the proposed restricted discretionary status) for replacement consents for existing marine farms in outstanding natural character and landscape areas, and if so, what status they should be. The Jackson Bay marine farm underwent a robust assessment of effects on natural character and landscape values when the consent was first applied for, even though the surrounding area was not identified in the operative Plan as having outstanding values. The farm has not changed in nature, scale or intensity from what was originally granted, and there has been no change to the outstanding natural character and landscape values from when the consent was granted to now. In situations like this, we consider that the restricted discretionary status, or even controlled status, is appropriate. The NES needs to be relevant for all types of marine farms and should not unnecessarily require further assessments of effects on landscape and natural character values when there has been no change.

This ends our submission. We would be happy to answer any questions about our submission.

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Yours faithfully



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WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 12 September
Prepared by: Cameron Doake – Biosecurity Officer
Date: 14 August 2017
Subject: **PROPOSED REGIONAL PEST PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN DECISIONS
REPORT**

Purpose

This report presents the decisions report from the hearing on the Regional Pest Plant Management Plan (RPPMP), and recommends its public release.

Hearing

The hearing for submitters on the RPPMP was held on 2 May 2017. The hearing itself was brief with only two of the six submitters who had indicated a desire to be heard, choosing to do so on the day. One submitter provided some additional comments in writing, which were read out in their absence. Other submitters were either unavailable, or felt their submission has been adequately considered after reading the staff recommendation report. One submitter declined to be heard due to the recommendation on their submission being to reject it. This submitter was encouraged to attend the hearing to further explain their views to the hearing panel, but declined the opportunity.

Good Neighbour Rules

Part of the submission from DoC requested that further consideration be given to assessing the costs and benefits of the proposed Good Neighbour Rules (GNR). This was accepted by Council during the decision making process. Subsequently staff have met with DoC to discuss the proposed GNR's. A report generated through a cost benefit model designed by AgResearch has been provided to DoC detailing the assumptions and reasoning behind the proposed GNR's. This did not lead to any changes to the Proposed GNR's.

Release of Decisions

The Decisions Report is now ready to be released to the public. There is a 15 working day window after releasing the decisions to the public where an application may be made to the Environment Court in respect to any aspect of the RPPMP. As consultation was undertaken by way of public notification of the proposal, and receipt of written submissions, only people who submitted on the plan may make an application to the Environment Court. If no application is made, after the 15 working day window the Council may continue to make the Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That Council receives this report.*
- 2. That Council releases the decisions report to the public*

Randal Beal
Operations Manager



PROPOSED REGIONAL PEST PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016

Decisions Report

Hearing Date: Tuesday 2nd May 2017 10am

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Submitter Number	Submitter	ABR	Wish to be Heard
1	Buller Conservation Group	GROB	Yes
2	Denise Howard	HOWD	Yes
3	The Department of Conservation	DOC	Yes
4	Federated Farmers	FFNZ	Yes
5	Frida Inta	INTF	Yes
6	KiwiRail	RAIK	No
7	Land Information New Zealand (Boffa Miskel)	LINZ	Yes
8	Ray and Carol Newman	NEWR	Yes
9	Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio	MAKT	Yes

General Submissions on the Proposed Plan

Decision Requested: GS 1

Submitter 1 and 5

GROB, INTF

There needs to be photos and explanations of the pest plants in an appendix, similar to what is in chapter 3 in the current plan.

Appendix 1; National Pest Plant Accord, needs to be retained and updated.
Appendix 2; Surveillance plants, needs to be retained and updated.

Decision

Accept in part

Reason

An appendix containing photos of declared pests and control options will be included in the final plan.
Appendix 1: National Pest Plant Accord will be retained and has been updated as part of the review.
Appendix 2: Surveillance is not an allowable pest management programme under the National Policy Direction; therefore they will not be included. However Lagarosiphon and Asiatic Knotweed have been included from the existing surveillance list in to the proposed plan in a Progressive Containment programme. Reed Sweet Grass has not been included.

Decision Requested: GS 2

Submitter 1 and 5

GROB, INTF

There should be reference to general methods, including organic means, of eradicating weeds.

Decision

Reject

Reason

The Proposed Plan is a regulatory document. Preferred methods of pest control are up to the individual landowner/ occupier. Control advice is offered on request.

Decision Requested: GS 3

Submitter 1 and 5

GROB, INTF

The Proposed Plan is overly utilitarian; it needs to be more user-friendly and encouraging for land occupiers to take note of the plan and act on it.

Decision

Accept

Reason

Appendices added to the final Plan as referred to in GS 1 will achieve a more user friendly document.

Decision Requested: GS 4

Submitter 9

MAKT

The Plan does not contain many references to cultural values. We request that cultural values, in particular Te Mana o te Wai, be incorporated throughout the Plan.

Decision

Accept

Reason

It is appropriate that cultural values are included in the plan. Staff will liaise with Te Runanga o Makaawhio to achieve this.

Decision Requested: GS 5**Submitter** 9

MAKT

Council ensure Mana Whenua involvement in setting priorities and designing operations for pest management.

Decision

Noted

Reason

This submission does not relate directly to any section of the Proposed Plan. Te Runanga o Makaawhio have been invited to take part in all pre consultation and the submission process for the Proposed Plan. Further liaison as identified through Decision Requested GS 4 may resolve this.

Decision Requested: GS 6**Submitter**

9

MAKT

The proposed Pest Plant Management Plan stated that Council could support landowners and community groups undertaking pest control. We support such initiatives, however, we would like to know under what circumstances landowners and community groups qualify for funding.

Decision

Noted

Reason

Support includes advocacy and education as well as funding. Council is setting up a small initiatives fund with Weedbusters to help with community group costs associated with pest plant control. More information on this will be available on the council website once this is established.

Decision Requested: GS 7**Submitter** 9

MAKT

Council give cultural, community, and environmental considerations the same weight as economic considerations.

Decision

Reject

Reason

While this submission does not relate directly to any section of the Proposed Plan, would note that the accompanying cost benefit analysis accounted for cultural, community and environmental considerations as well as economic.

Decision Requested: GS 8**Submitter** 9

MAKT

Council work with Mana Whenua to identify pest species of concern or areas of significance to Mana Whenua where pest species are present, and the timing and methods used to address these.

Decision

Noted

Reason

This submission does not relate directly to any section of the Proposed Plan. Te Runanga o Makaawhio have been invited to take part in all pre consultation and the submission process for the Proposed Plan. Further liaison as identified through Decision Requested GS 4 may resolve this.

Decision Requested: GS 9**Submitter** 9

MAKT

We oppose the use of aquatic poisons, in particular Glyphosate. We request that the use of other hazardous substances be minimised by Council and Council contractors and preference be given to natural solutions.

Decision

Noted

Reason

This submission does not relate directly to any section of the Proposed Plan. The Proposed Plan is a regulatory document which makes no mention of the herbicides to be used. Herbicide usage is managed under the Regional Land and Water Plan.

Decision Requested: GS 10**Submitter** 9

MAKT

Timings and techniques that avoid or reduce the impact of operations on mahinga kai, wahi tapu, wahi taonga, and other cultural values be prioritised.

Decision

Noted

Reason

This submission does not relate directly to any section of the Proposed Plan. Further liaison as identified through Decision Requested GS 4 may resolve this.

Decision Requested: GS 11**Submitter** 6

RAIK

Introduce a section on Biological control and add "the West Coast Regional Council will trial, introduce and release biological control agents as a management response for gorse, broom, nodding thistle, and ragwort"

Decision

Reject

Reason

The Proposed Plan is a regulatory document only. Biocontrol is a non-regulatory and long term solution that occurs alongside the regulatory process where practical.

Part Two - Pest Management

Organisms Declared as Pests

Decision Requested: 2.1

Submitter 1 and 5

GROB, INTF

Weeds are spread in a number of ways, not just by allowing them to be grown in a certain place. Ever-increasing numbers of species of weeds are being spread at alarming rates through the district and it is not individual owners that are spreading them. It is more likely to be cartage along roads into and through the district that is introducing and spreading them.

We agree that established pests can be managed to a large extent by individual owners. That includes local territorial authorities which are spreading ever-increasing species of weeds along roadsides as a result of road verge cutting policies. Weeds are being spread into our riverbeds also by non-compliant contractors. Rules in the Land and Water Plan, and also on resource consents do not allow the introduction or spread of weeds in riverbeds, but who is policing that? Contractors are not steam-cleaning their machinery before changing locations, and it is this which is a large factor in weed introduction and spread. There should be another category, 3.3.5: Transport.

Proposed wording:

3.3.5: Transport;

Pest management is the responsibility of machinery operators, including trucks and vehicles moving between locations. It is essential that such machinery is steam-cleaned prior to moving to a new location to prevent the introduction and spread of weeds. This includes council roadside cutting machinery

Decision

Reject

Reason

While it is agreed that machinery can be a vector for the spread of pest plants, machinery hygiene is best managed at an individual contract and/or resource consent level for public spaces and by individual land owners on private land. Note that for some areas there are rules within the regional plans which also address this issue.

Decision Requested: 2.2

Submitter 6

RAIK

We request The Council collaborates with KiwiRail to develop workable and pragmatic plan provisions peculiar to KiwiRail's operational limits and unique circumstances, including an alternate management approach (such as an MOU or a Specific Management Programme/Plan) as an agreed method of compliance with the PPMP.

A key matter in management of pest plants for KiwiRail will be the ability to access the corridor specifically physical access, timing and safety, and the practical issues associated with frequency and interruption of train movements. In this respect the Rail corridor is unique. There is a formal process to access the rail corridor which requires a permit to enter.

Decision

Accept

Reason

Council accepts that Kiwirail has some unique challenges in relation to pest management on its land. Council staff will work with KiwiRail to produce an operational plan that fits both parties' needs. This will be developed outside the process of this Proposed Plan.

Decision Requested: 2.3

Submitter 6

RAIK

KiwiRail supports the application of Good Neighbour Rules (GNR's) as a pragmatic approach to the management of pest plants and seek to retain those as they relate to the Crown, Road Authorities and KiwiRail.

We request consider extending GNR's to other pest plants.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Council has reviewed where Good Neighbour Rules work most efficiently and effectively. For a number of pest plants this management technique is unsuitable.

Decision Requested: 2.4

Submitter 1 and 5

GROB, INTF

The Plan states "Vertebrate management is undertaken outside of council." This is not true. WCRC owns and operates a factory that makes pellets for 1080. WCRC owns Vector Control Services.

Remove reference to "vertebrate management is undertaken outside of council".

Decision

Accept

Reason

The Proposed Plan requires amending to reflect that this activity occurs outside of the RPPMP.

Revised text

Page 12 – Section 4

"Vertebrate pest management is undertaken ~~throughout the region~~ outside of *the Council's RPPMP*".

Decision Requested: 2.5

Submitter 1 and 5

GROB, INTF

There are a number of invasive weeds that are not included.

Include:

- Convolvulus arvensis
- Onion weed/ Allium neapolitanum
- Agapanthus praecox (declared by DOC as an invasive weed)
- Tradescantia fluminensis
- Montbretia (Crocoshmia x crocosmiiflora)

Decision

Reject

Reason

It is impossible to list all invasive species in the Proposed Plan. The submitted species are all widely spread throughout the region and able to be managed by individual landowners/occupiers as they wish. Compared to the other species identified in the Proposed Plan the impacts of these are not to the same extent, therefore a regulatory approach to management is not required.

Pest management framework

Decision Requested: 2.6

Submitter 1 and 5

GROB,INTF

Retain the essence of the present chapter 7. The statements in chapter 7 need to be adhered to/ put into practice by the council to a greater extent. Dropping that chapter does not make the problems highlighted in it go away.

The present plan's chapter 7 is more user-friendly. It says the council will work with community groups in order to help manage pest plant problems. No doubt some weeds are being controlled but others are spreading. 7.3 mentions weed dumping. This is still occurring. More needs to be done on that front. 7.5 says that roading authorities will be encouraged to adopt better practices. I have seen no evidence of this, as more and more species of weeds are transported from one end of the coast's road network to the other.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Chapter 7 in the current RPPMS contains strategic content. The new Proposed Plan is a regulatory document only and as such strategic content is not included. Support includes advocacy and education as well as funding. Council is setting up a small initiatives fund with Weedbusters to help with community group costs associated with pest plant control. More information on this will be available on the council website once this is established.

Exclusion Pests

Decision Requested: 2.7

Submitter 4

FFNZ

FFNZ recommends the inclusion of Chilean Needle Grass as an exclusion pest

1. Chilean Needle Grass is an invasive weed that is unpalatable to stock and digs into livestock pelts, degrading the quality of the meat and causing animal welfare issues.
2. In the South Island, Chilean Needle Grass is known to be in Marlborough and North Canterbury. Both regions have included this pest in their RPMP. While it has not yet been found on the Coast, the seed is very sharp and spreads by sticking to passing objects. The ongoing drought in North Canterbury and movement of stock, feed, vehicles, and machinery has increased the risk of the plant being transported to the region.
3. The plant can be difficult to identify especially when it is not seeding, which means detection may be too late. Prevention through education and awareness is required.

Decision

Accept

Revised text

Table 6-1 Exclusion Pests

<i>Species</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>
Chilean Needle Grass	Chilean Needle Grass is an erect perennial tussock growing to 1 metre tall if ungrazed It produces seeds from three points on the plant: the panicle seed, mid-stem seed at leaf joins and at the base of the plant. Panicle seed is the most obvious and the easiest way to identify the plant. Panicle seed is usually present November-January and, when conditions are suitable, March-May.	<i>Production Pest</i>

Decision Requested: 2.8

Submitter 7

LINZ

LINZ supports the exclusion pests set out in section 6.1, and the proposed objective, measures, and rule. However, LINZ considers that hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*) should also be included as an exclusion pest in section 6.1. Hornwort is an exotic free floating aquatic pest plant not currently known to be present on the West Coast. Its dense growth can outcompete native aquatic vegetation leading to loss of biodiversity, impact on recreational and aesthetic values, and reduce hydro-generation potential through the blocking of intake screens. LINZ considers that there is a risk of hornwort being introduced into the West Coast environment from infested areas elsewhere in New Zealand, through recreational or other vectors. Inclusion of hornwort as an exclusion pest, would place an onus on the Council to undertake surveillance of potential points of infestation, and enable control to take place without landowner consent in the event an incursion is discovered.

Amend section 6.1 to include hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*) as an exclusion pest, with a status of an environmental pest.

Decision

Accept

Reason

With ever increasing tourism on the West Coast the risk of Hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*) being introduced from the North Island is high. Surveillance can be undertaken as part of the wider lake surveillance programme being worked on by Council and The Department of Conservation.

Revised text

Table 6-1 Exclusion Pests

<i>Species</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>
<i>Hornwort</i>	Submerged, free-floating or anchored perennial that grows in water up to 16m deep. Stems are floating or submerged, branched, stiff and brittle. Thin dark green leaves in whorls of 7-12 are densely crowded at the stem tip, increasingly spaced down the stem. No known sites in the South Island	<i>Environmental Pest</i>

Eradication Pests

Decision Requested: 2.9

Submitter 6

RAIK

Amend rule 6.2.1 to read "Landowners and/or occupiers have a responsibility to report any suspected sightings of plants in table 6-2 to the Council."

The principle measures do not reflect the requirements of the Rule.

Reporting of sightings is specified rather than owners and occupiers being required to "destroy" all pests in Table 6-2. It would be more appropriate that the Council undertake eradication works associated with a limited distribution.

Decision

Reject

Reason

In all likelihood the control of plant pests listed under Eradication will be undertaken by Council staff. However in the event this does not happen for any reason, it is appropriate that the responsibility for control lies with the landowner/occupier.

Progressive Containment Pests

Decision Requested: 2.10

Submitter 3

DOC

The Department of Conservation seeks:

The existing Maruia and Haast Progressive Control Areas from the 2010 Strategy are incorporated into the proposed RPPMP with rules requiring control of Gorse and Broom.

Progressive Containment Programmes (both General and Specific) are appropriate and are supported in principle. However, the Department submits that the inclusion of additional species and Specific Progressive Containment Areas would be of value. For example, the Department is concerned that previous RPMS programmes to manage gorse and broom in the Maruia and Haast Valleys will be negatively impacted if all occupiers are not required to comply with the programmes.

Decision

Reject – Note this decision was not unanimous. Councillor Terry Archer did not support the decision due to the previous Regional Pest Management Strategy stating an intention to roll out regulation of gorse and broom to private landowners in the Maruia and Haast Progressive Control Areas in future strategies.

Reason

The existing Maruia and Haast Progressive Control Areas rules only applied to occupiers of Crown land and were not enforceable on private landowners. Crown agencies can undertake weed control on this land at any time, or stipulate weed control as part of a lease agreement. The Department of Conservation is successfully controlling Gorse and Broom within the Maruia and Haast Valleys without regulatory intervention from Council. It is not considered practical to enforce total control of Gorse and Broom on private landowners due to the longevity of the seedbank and absentee owner status of some of the land in these areas. The Good Neighbour Rule requiring a 10m boundary clearance where the adjacent property is managing gorse or broom for production or environmental reasons is enforceable region wide including Maruia and Haast Valleys.

Decision Requested: 2.11

Submitter 3

DOC

The inclusion of another Specific Progressive Containment Area southwest of the Mikonui River as exists in the current strategy, with rules for the following pests:

- German Ivy
- Spanish Heath
- Rhododendron ponticum
- Tradescantia
- Asiatic Knotweed
- Japanese Honeysuckle

Decision

Reject

Reason

The existing Mikonui Progressive Control Area rules only applied to occupiers of Crown land and were not enforceable on private landowners. Crown agencies can undertake weed control on this land at any time, or stipulate weed control as part of a lease agreement regardless of its presence in the Proposed Plan. Over the duration of the current Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy, The Department of Conservation has successfully controlled the submitted plants within the Mikonui Progressive Control Area without regulatory intervention from the Council. Council believes that regulatory efforts are better focussed where rules can apply region wide.

Decision Requested: 2.12

Submitter 3

DOC

It appears that knotweed (Giant and Asiatic) has been omitted from the list of species for Rule 6.3.3 Coast Road Progressive Containment Area, however it was included in this area under the 2010 RPPMS and its inclusion here remains appropriate. Spanish heath was also included in the 2010 RPMS for this PCA but has been omitted from the 2016 proposed plan.

Knotweed (Giant and Asiatic) and Spanish Heath are included as pests in the Coast Road Progressive Containment Area.

Decision

Accept in part

Reason

It is appropriate that Giant and Asiatic Knotweed are included in the Coast Road Progressive Containment Area. However, it is noted that due to the difficult nature of control for this pest, control would be best delivered by Department of Conservation or Council Staff.

Spanish Heath is reasonably well established within the Coast Road Progressive Containment Area and does not warrant inclusion.

Revised text

Rule 6.3.3 Specific rules for Coast Road Progressive Containment Area: Landowners and/or occupiers within the progressive containment zone shown on Map 6-2 must destroy any Broom, Japanese Honeysuckle, *Giant or Asiatic Knotweed*, Himalayan Honeysuckle, Elaeagnus or Banana Passionfruit present on their property.

Decision Requested: 2.13

Submitter 3

DOC

DOC seeks the inclusion of the following invasive species as general Progressive Containment pests:

- Crack willow
- Grey willow
- Holly
- Sycamore
- Rowan
- Cotoneaster
- Wild Cherry
- Bushy Asparagus

Decision

Reject

Reason

The recent discovery of a Bushy Asparagus plant in Westport means it is appropriate for inclusion in the Plan. However, the extremely limited distribution would lend itself better to Eradication than Progressive Containment.

The other submitted species are considered to be either too well established, or able to be managed strategically and do not require regulation. All submitted species are currently subject to successful control programmes by the Department of Conservation without requiring regulatory intervention from Council staff.

Revised text

Table 6-1 Eradication Pests

Species	Description	Status
Bushy Asparagus	<i>Scrambling & climbing plant; can also grow in trees as epiphyte. Slender, extensively branched stems wrap around small trees & saplings. Fine, fern-like foliage, small, delicate leaves attached to hook vines. Tiny white flowers (Sept-Dec). Many round berries ripen green to red-orange.</i>	<i>Environmental Pest</i>

Decision Requested: 2.14

Submitter 3

DOC

The Department seeks that Rule 6.3.4 is deleted and that Rule 6.3.5 is applied to *Egeria*, *Lagarosiphon* and Parrots feather, with the expectation that enforcement will only be undertaken where a lack of control is likely to impact an official control programme or a vulnerable ecosystem or asset.

The proposed rule does not require control of *Lagarosiphon* and *Egeria*. It only restricts disposal and distribution. Disposal and distribution is prohibited by the NPPA and Unwanted Organism status anyway so the Department submits that the inclusion of this rule in the RPMP as it stands is unnecessary. It would be preferable to have a rule for *Egeria* and *Lagarosiphon* that requires control of these species, but which in practice is not enforced unless an official control programme or a vulnerable ecosystem or asset is likely to be affected.

Decision

Reject

Reason

While it is agreed that the proposed rule is also covered by the Unwanted Organism status of both *Lagarosiphon* and *Egeria*, requiring control of a submerged aquatic species by a private Landowner/occupier is unrealistic. By having *Lagarosiphon* and *Egeria* listed as Progressive Containment Pests in the Proposed Plan, Council is empowered to undertake control of these species on private land under Section 114 of the Biosecurity Act 1993. Council may consider using these powers where there is an infestation of *Lagarosiphon* or *Egeria* on private land which threatens to spread to uninfested areas or undermine a Council or Department of Conservation control

programme.

Decision Requested: 2.15

Submitter 4

FFNZ

FFNZ recommends the inclusion of velvetleaf as a progressive containment pest.

Earlier this year it was discovered that New Zealand has a nationwide incursion of velvetleaf. As one property in the West Coast Region has been identified as having velvetleaf, it is appropriate to include this invasive cropping pest in the RPMP and aim to eradicate it from the region. Velvetleaf is classified as an Unwanted Organism under the Biosecurity Act 1993. Unwanted Organisms are capable of causing harm to the environment or human health. With this classification the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) can place specific legal controls on its movement; it is illegal to knowingly communicate, cause to be communicated, release, or cause to be released, or otherwise spread any pest or unwanted organism. FFNZ understands that properties confirmed with velvetleaf are required to have a farm management plan submitted to MPI via Council; also that Council is responsible for checking the compliance of these plans. It can be assumed that other properties in the region have planted fodder beet from the six lines of seed known to be contaminated. Given the long term seed viability of velvetleaf and its impact, it is vital that Council takes the right steps to ensure this pest can be eradicated.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Council considers it unnecessary to include Velvetleaf in the Proposed Plan as it is under a national response programme lead by the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Decision Requested: 2.16

Submitter 7

LINZ

Amend Section 6.3, including table 6-3 to include *Pinus contorta* (lodgepole pine) and other wilding tree species (including *Pseudotsuga menziesii*) as Progressive Containment Pests, with the status of an environmental and production pest.

LINZ supports the Progressive Containment Pests set out in section 6.3 and the proposed objective, measures, and rule. However, LINZ considers that the wilding tree species *Pinus contorta* (lodgepole pine) should be included as a Progressive Containment Pest in section 6.3. *Pinus contorta* is a highly invasive species, with one mature tree known to produce over 15,000 windborne seeds which may travel up to 20km in favourable conditions. *Pinus contorta* can start producing seeds at 5 years of age and quickly colonise large areas, creating dense, closed-canopy monocultures impacting on biodiversity, aesthetic and cultural values and primary industries. LINZ considers the control of *Pinus contorta* to be an important inclusion in this Plan to align with the New Zealand Wilding Conifer Strategy 2015-2030. LINZ considers that controlling the spread of other common wilding conifer species should also be included in the Plan to align with the goals of the New Zealand Wilding Conifer Strategy 2015-2030. In particular managing the spread of *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Douglas fir) from plantation forestry and hedge rows should be included. Douglas fir is relatively shade tolerant allowing it to grow through native vegetation and create further spread. LINZ considers it necessary to include the control of wilding Douglas fir to limit its distribution to purposefully planted stands. Wilding *Pinus contorta* and Douglas fir are present within the West Coast region and have the ability to create significant populations which, if left untreated, can become impracticable to control. The inclusion of these species within the Regional Pest Management Plan ensures that wilding trees spreading into new areas are detected early and procedures are in place to undertake swift control where required. Rule 6.3.1 would allow for timely removal of wilding tree populations, while also allowing exceptions if under an agreed management programme between the Council and occupier.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Currently the small number of Wilding Conifer issues on the West Coast are being managed successfully by the Department of Conservation without requiring regulatory assistance from the Council. Wilding Conifers can be added to the Plan at a later time should issues begin to be experienced within the region.

Decision Requested: 2.17**Submitter** 9

MAKT

In addition to the listed pests we would like to see Wilding Pines managed under the Proposed Plan.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Currently the small number of Wilding Conifer issues on the West Coast are being managed successfully by the Department of Conservation without requiring regulatory assistance from the Council. Wilding Conifers can be added to the Plan at a later time should issues begin to be experienced within the region.

Decision Requested: 2.18**Submitter** 9

FFNZ

FFNZ recommends the inclusion of wilding conifers in the RPMP.

The New Zealand Wilding Conifer Management Group has developed a Management Strategy for wilding conifers. However, as this Strategy is non-statutory, it is appropriate to include wilding conifers in the RPMP to ensure there is regulatory oversight of activities to control these trees. FFNZ understands that the Group is currently producing RPMP rules guidance material. Therefore an indication that this will be included in the future would be helpful. Especially given the Biosecurity Law Reform Act 2012 allows additions of pests/pathway management plans at any time.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Currently the small number of wilding conifer issues on the West Coast are being managed successfully by the Department of Conservation without requiring regulatory assistance from the Council. As mentioned in the submission wilding conifers can be added to the Plan at a later date if required.

Decision Requested: 2.19**Submitter** 2

HOWD

Decision sought: Gunnera Manicata be excluded from plan as I do not believe Gunnera Manicata to be a pest species because of its lack of reproduction (root and seed.)

I have Gunnera Manicata on my property as a feature plant in my landscaped gardens. I manage the planted areas of Gunnera Manicata by seed head removal and destruction, each flowering season. This has been an ongoing practice since 1986 and I have had no 'wilding' plant distribution on our property due to our stringent management programme of this plant. I have a specific clump size/ground area of Gunnera Manicata in my garden plan and in the 30 years I have grown Gunnera Manicata I have only had to remove root multiplication of the plant once (2014) in order to maintain my landscape planting plan. This was managed by root removal, drying in an inside area and burning. I believe Gunnera Manicata is not an invasive species because of its non-vigorous reproduction cycle. I support the listing of Gunnera Tinctoria in the proposed WCRC Pest Plant Management Plan 2016.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Council considers Gunnera manicata to be a pest species. Reproduction mechanism is the same as Gunnera Tinctoria a wide spread pest on the West Coast and therefore is able to cause similar effects.

Decision Requested: 2.20**Submitter** 1 and 5

GROB, INTF

Include all progressive control areas presently in the plan.

There are 5 progressive control areas in the present plan yet only 2 in the Proposed Plan. Is it that the other 3 areas have been controlled therefore do not need that extra policing?

Decision

Reject

Reason

The existing Maruia and Haast Progressive Control Areas rules only applied to occupiers of Crown land and were not enforceable on private landowners. Crown agencies can undertake weed control on this land at any time or stipulate weed control as part of a lease agreement. It is not considered practical to enforce Gorse and Broom control other than the stated Good Neighbour Rules on private landowners due to the longevity of the seedbank and absentee owner status of some of the land in these areas.

Decision Requested: 2.21

Submitter 6

RAIK

Remove Yellow Bristle Grass as a Progressive Containment Pest.

Yellow Bristle Grass has not been included in some RPMPs. This species has been identified as largely infesting roadsides/cuttings and waste ground. Direct control or a regulatory approach has not been considered necessary, appropriate or cost effective.

Decision

Reject

Reason

As well as infesting roadside areas and waste ground Yellow Bristle Grass poses a significant threat to dairy pastures if allowed to establish. Current distribution on the West Coast is limited which lends Yellow Bristle Grass to a Progressive Containment programme.

Decision Requested: 2.22

Submitter 6

RAIK

Amend wording in the objective for Progressive Containment pests and rule 6.3.1 to "Progressive containment seeks to contain, reduce or manage pests over time."

Rule 6.3.1 requires "must destroy" all pests listed in Table 6-3. This creates an unrealistic requirement on owners and occupiers in respect of their presence "must destroy". In effect this is Eradication and more suited to such a category. However, KiwiRail does not consider that option appropriate for the pests identified.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Landowners/occupiers must destroy all pests listed in Table 6-3 in order to achieve the objective of containing infestations to land already infested, and reducing those infestations over time.

Sustained Control Pests

Decision Requested: 2.23

Submitter 4

FFNZ

FFNZ recommends that Canada Geese be included as a sustained control pest.

FFNZ is concerned that Canada Geese has not been included as a species under a control program in the RPMP. Canada Geese were once managed by Fish and Game; however with that control now removed they are not identified in any national management framework. Canada Geese are a major agricultural pest being voracious eaters of pasture, with their excrement fouling both land and waterways. Control of this pest will have environmental as well as production benefits. Two adult Canada Geese eat the equivalent amount of grass per

day of one sheep. Canada Geese has become well established on the West Coast. Although it is now legal to shoot Canada Geese year round, a large proportion of the region is Department of Conservation (DoC) estate and hunting on this land requires a permit, rendering private landowner efforts basically ineffective.

Decision

Reject

Reason

While it is recognised that Canada Geese are a significant pest in some areas of the West Coast, their ability to fly long distances makes Canada Geese difficult to propose regulation for. With the protected status of Canada Geese now removed, farmers are able to control Canada Geese numbers on their property year round, including when they are flightless during their annual moult. Council will investigate opportunities to assist farmers with control of Canada Geese, but the scope of that sits outside this plan.

Decision Requested: 2.24

Submitter 8

NEWR

Decision sought: Gorse and Broom free urban areas.

In our view, Broom and Gorse are currently out of control on the West Coast. Sadly your current management plan is not working and we feel your policy makers have let urban communities on the Coast down.

We wish for the Plan to require landowners/occupiers within urban communities on the West Coast to "destroy all Gorse and Broom on the land they own/occupy."

With increased tourism forecast for the West Coast we want the many worldwide visitors travelling through the many small West Coast towns to leave with a good impression, not of unsightly Gorse or Broom.

The current rule in the Proposed Plan is triggered by neighbour complaint only. This is not socially healthy and restricts any genuine complaint from the wider community.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Gorse and Broom are managed for production and environmental values on the West Coast not aesthetics. Gorse is widespread though out the region and present in most if not all urban areas. Adjoining neighbour complaint ensures only people directly affected by the lack of control can report an issue, avoiding vexatious complaints.

Decision Requested: 2.25

Submitter 7

LINZ

Decision sought: Retain good neighbour rules 6.4.1, 6.4.2, 6.4.3, and 6.4.4 unchanged.

LINZ supports the inclusion of gorse, broom, ragwort, and giant buttercup in the Plan as sustained control pests in section 6.4, and the proposed good neighbour rules. In particular LINZ supports the ability in the good neighbour rules for the timeframe for control to be extended beyond 30 days *"by agreement between the occupier and the Council."* This will provide flexibility in the timing for control works in recognition of budgetary constraints or the availability of contractors. It will also provide flexibility for LINZ in circumstances where it is required to give public notice of control works on some unallocated Crown Land.

Decision

Accept

Reason

The support is noted. The listed Good Neighbour Rules are appropriate.

Decision Requested: 2.26**Submitter** 3

DOC

The Department seeks that the Council give further consideration to assessing costs and benefits as described in my submission.

The Department submits that the Cost Benefit Analysis Report- Sustained Control Pest section (page 56-63) would benefit from further analysis of the perceived costs, benefits and risks of good neighbour rules in meeting the objectives for Sustained Control pests across the four species listed (gorse, broom, ragwort and giant buttercup). In addition, the Department suggests that a separate cost benefit analysis should be completed for achieving the objectives for Progressive Containment of broom. The progressive containment programme and Sustained control/ good neighbour rule have very different objectives and ideally both would have a thorough and separate analysis of costs and benefits.

We also submit that a more detailed analysis of the costs and benefits of good neighbour rules for gorse, broom, ragwort and giant buttercup would be beneficial. In particular further analysis could be undertaken of factors such as seed longevity in the soil (to help inform whether control of weeds a few metres over a nearby boundary will significantly reduce seedling recruitment and resulting impact of the target weed on the neighbour), and seed dispersal distances (to help inform whether the selected boundary control distances are appropriate and will be effective in reducing the impact of the target weed on the neighbour).

Decision

Accept

Reason

Good Neighbour Rules may have financial impacts on existing Department of Conservation work programmes. However on the West Coast this is expected to be minimal.

A tool has been developed by AgResearch and Wildlands consultants to allow Councils to undertake cost benefit analysis work on Good Neighbour Rule in house. Council staff will run through this with Department of Conservation staff as soon as the tool is released.

Decision Requested: 2.27**Submitter** 1 and 5

GROB, INTF

Monitoring should be done independently from Council.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Council is in the best position, and is the most cost effective option, for monitoring the objectives of the Plan.

Part Three - Procedures

Decision Requested: 3.1

Submitter 4

FFNZ

FFNZ supports the proposal to fund pest management through a uniform general rate as per section 9.4.

Pest management and the protection of biodiversity are a 'public good' and have significant benefits for the wider community. The general public benefits from pest management because it contributes to greater native biodiversity and the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and habitats as required by the RMA. This natural heritage is important to the identity of New Zealanders and is globally unique in the high level of endemic species. No one community of people in the region benefits more than the other from biodiversity.

Decision

Accept

Reason

The support is noted. A uniform general rate is an appropriate funding mechanism.

Decision Requested: 3.2

Submitter 6

RAIK

Undertake a cost benefit analysis for the national strategic rail transport network.

Decision

Reject

Reason

The current cost benefit analysis for the Proposed Plan is relevant for the West Coast rail network. The unique nature and access challenges of the Rail Network do not change the qualitative impacts and benefits of pest control.

Decision Requested: 3.3

Submitter 6

RAIK

Amend rule 6.4.4 to a Good Neighbour Rule.

The explanation proposes this but it is not reflected in the rule.

Decision

Reject

Reason

Rule 6.4.4 is not intended as a Good Neighbour Rule. The creeping habit and short seed dispersal mechanism of Giant Buttercup renders it unsuitable for a Good Neighbour Rule.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting - 12 September 2017
 Prepared by: Emma Perrin-Smith, Senior Resource Science Technician
 Date: 31 August 2017
Subject: REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

There have been no exceedances of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 for PM₁₀ in Reefton so far this year (Figure 1).

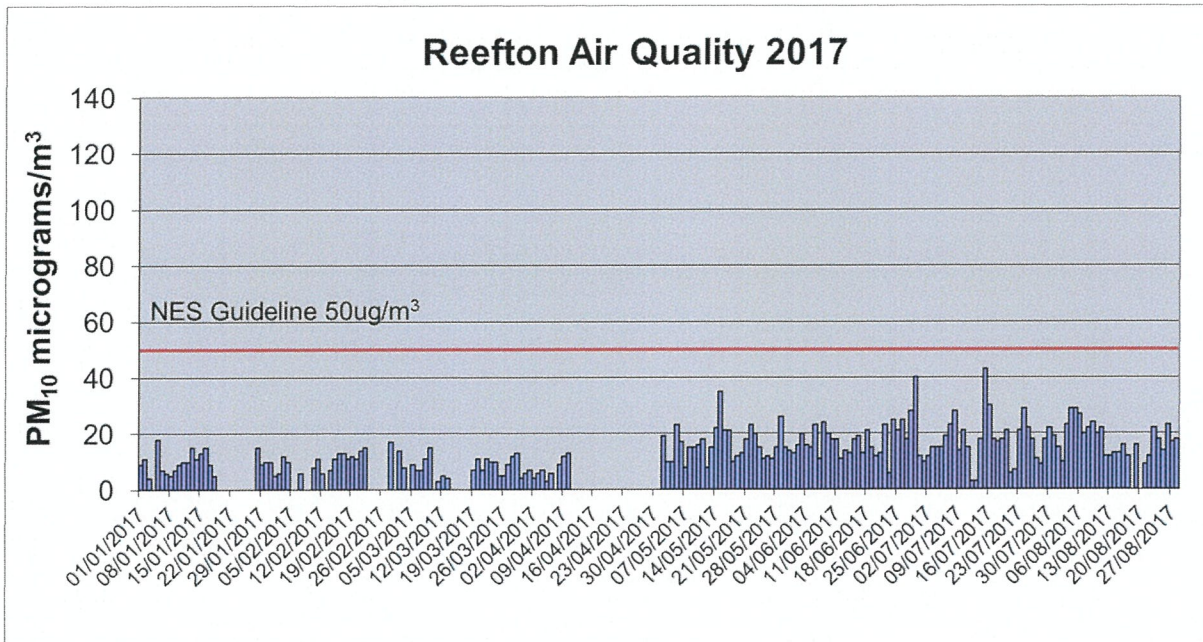


Figure 1. Reefton daily PM₁₀ for 2017 showing exceedances of the NES in red.

This has been the first winter monitoring at the new Reefton air quality site. Further investigation may be required to ascertain whether the lower results this winter were due to meteorological conditions or other factors.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received.

Hadley Mills
 Planning Science and Innovation Manager

5.1.4

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 12 September 2017
Prepared by: Stefan Beaumont – Team Leader Hydrology.
Date: 30 August 2017
Subject: HYDROLOGY & FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

Flood Warning

A moderate heavy rainfall even produced flood alarms from Hokitika to Mokihiui on 17 August. Between 80-160mm of rain fell across the region during the rainfall event.

Site	Time of peak	Peak level	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold
Mokihiui River at Welcome Bay	17/08/2017 09:55	5440 mm	17/08/2017 07:10	4500 mm
Buller River at Te Kuha	17/08/2017 17:10	7815 mm	17/08/2017 11:25	7400 mm
Grey River at Dobson	17/08/2017 17:00	3473 mm	17/08/2017 15:40	3400 mm
Hokitika River at Gorge	17/08/2017 08:00	4097 mm	17/08/2017 04:45	3750 mm

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Hadley Mills
Planning Science and Innovation Manager

5.2.1

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 12 September 2017
Prepared by: Cassidy Rae – Trainee Administrator and Karen Glover – Consents and Compliance Administration Officer
Date: 1 September 2017
Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

Non-Notified Resource Consents Granted 26 July – 29 August 2017

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CONSENT
RC-2017-0036 Whyte Gold Limited	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 41818, at Dunganville. To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP 41818. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely New River and its tributaries, associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 41818. To discharge sediment-laden water to water, namely New River and its tributaries, associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 41818.
RC-2017-0059 Avery Farms 2015 Limited	To undertake earthworks associated with flipping and humping & hollowing, Virgin Flat, Westport.
RC-2017-0078 GM & AM Husband	To discharge sewage wastewater to land from a domestic dwelling and a communal laundry and kitchen facilities at 2-4 The Strand, Okarito.
RC-2017-0080 PM & LM Truman	To discharge treated sewage wastewater to land from a workshop at 9 Stafford Road, Awatuna.
RC-2017-0082 Westroads Limited	To discharge contaminants (dust) to air from an aggregate handling facility, Blaketown.
RC-2017-0083 Mike Greer Homes West Coast Limited	To discharge treated sewage wastewater to land from a domestic dwelling at 281 Rutherglen Road, Rutherglen.
RC-2017-0085 Dead Horse Mining Limited	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 60361, at Dead Horse Creek. To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP 60361. To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely Dead Horse Creek and its tributaries, associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 60361. To discharge sediment-laden water to water, namely Dead Horse Creek and its tributaries associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 60361.
RC-2017-0087 MBD Contracting	To disturb the bed of the Taramakau River downstream of the State Highway 6 Bridge for the purpose of dry river bed reinstatement and associated gravel extraction.

Whitebait Update:

33 whitebait stand resource consent files were also granted during this period. Overall 559 out of 657 (85%) of whitebait stand resource consent files have now been granted. Renewal applications for the Taramakau River and Jacobs (Makaawhio) River were limited notified on 31 August 2017.

We have now received all the renewal applications.

Changes to and Reviews of Consent Conditions Granted 26 July – 29 August 2017

CONSENT NO. & HOLDER	PURPOSE OF CHANGE/REVIEW
RC06206-V6 Solid Energy New Zealand Limited	To change monitoring conditions of fish surveys, Mangatini Stream, Stockton.
RC10262-V3 Utopia Horizon Investments Limited	To authorise the use of a small digger for black sand mining operations at Fairdown Beach.
RC11105-V1 Molloy Farms South Westland Limited	To change conditions to allow for an increase in the dairy cow herd numbers, Harihari.
RC11117-V5 & RC-2016-0034-V2 Amalgamated Mining Limited	To change conditions relating to the maximum unrehabilitated disturbed gold mining area and associated bond, near Notown.
RC-2014-0064-V2 MBD Contracting Limited	To change gravel extraction conditions to compensate for gravel extracted for bridge construction, Taramakau River.

No Notified or Limited Notified Resource Consents were granted between 26 July – 29 August 2017

Public Enquiries

53 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 43 (81%) were answered on the same day, and the remaining 10 (19%) within the next ten days.

RECOMMENDATION

That the September 2017 report of the Consents Group be received.

Gerard McCormack
Consents & Compliance Manager

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 12 September 2017
 Prepared by: Gerard McCormack – Consents & Compliance Manager
 Date: 31 August 2017
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Site Visits

A total of 58 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

Activity	Number of Visits
Resource consent monitoring	22
Mining compliance & bond release	20
Complaint related	16
Dairy farm	0

Out of the 58 total site visits, 47 visits were compliant, 11 visits were non-compliant.

• **Mining visits**

Gold Mining: 20 alluvial gold mining inspections were carried out during the month.

Coal Mining: No coal mining inspections were carried out during the month.

• **Dairy Farms**

No dairy farm inspections were undertaken.

Complaints/Incidents between 27 July 2017 & 31 August 2017

The following six complaints/incidents were received during the reporting period:

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Gold Mining	Complaint received regarding a gold mining operations riparian margin disturbance and earthworks.	Blackwater Creek	The site was investigated which established that the gold mining operation was not consented. Enforcement action was undertaken with the issuing of an abatement notice and three infringement notices.	Complaint
Earth works	Complaint received that earth works on Mount Greenland Road has caused a slip into a creek that is affecting the Ross Township water supply.	Ross	The site has been investigated and enquiries are continuing.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint received that Flowery Creek was discoloured from sediment.	Stafford	At the time the site was investigated the creek had cleared.	Complaint

Activity	Description	Location	Action/Outcome	INC/Comp
Discharge to water	Complaint received that Hou Hou Creek was discoloured from sediment.	Hokitika	The site was investigated and found that the creek was discoloured. However it's likely to have been from a natural event as the creek was in a higher flow and it was also discoloured upstream of the nearby gold mining operations.	Complaint
Discharge of dairy effluent	Complaint received regarding the over application of effluent from a dairy effluent spray irrigator.	Charleston	The site has been investigated and an abatement notice has been issued to cease the discharge.	Complaint
Black Sand Mining Operation	Complaint received that a black sand mining operation is operating without consent.	Ross	The site has been investigated and established that the operator does not have Westland District Council consent. An abatement notice has been issued to cease the activity	Complaint

Formal Enforcement Action

Formal warnings: One formal warning was issued during the reporting period

Activity	Location
Meat works: discharge of effluent in breach of consented limits	Kokiri

Infringement notices: Three infringement notices issued to the same operator

Activity	Location
Gold Mining – unconsented earthworks, river bed disturbance and riparian margin disturbance.	Blackwater

Abatement Notices

Eight abatement notices were issued during the reporting period.

Activity	Location
Dairy – cease discharge of effluent	Kokatahi
Dairy – cease discharge of effluent	Waitaha
Gold Mining – cease the activity as no consent in place	Blackwater
Gold Mining – undertake rehabilitation work	Rimu
Gold Mining – undertake rehabilitation work	Rimu
Black sand mining – 2 notices cease the operation & undertake rehabilitation work	Ross
Gold Mining – cease the discharge of sediment laden water.	Marsden

Mining Work Programmes and Bonds

The Council received the following five work programmes during the reporting period. Two work programmes have been approved. The remaining work programmes require a site visit to be undertaken prior to approval or they have just been recently received.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Approved
07-08-17	RC12240	Kowai Ground Haul Company Ltd	Slab Hut	In progress
08-08-17	RC09053	Westco Lagan	Rimu	Yes
28-08-17	RC09140	Titan Resources Ltd	Bell Hill	Yes
24-08-17	CML37159	Birchfield Coal Mines Ltd	Strongman	In progress
24-08-17	CML37160	Birchfield Coal Mines Ltd	Island Block	In progress

One bond was received during the reporting period.

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC10137	Boatman's Coal Ltd	Boatman's	\$100,000

Two bonds are recommended for release.

Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Amount
RC12228	P D Fitzgerald	Taipo	\$15,000
RC10243	LTM Contracting	Nelson Creek	\$8,000

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the September 2017 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
- 2. That the bonds for RC12228 PD Fitzgerald and RC10243 LTM Contracting are released.*

Gerard McCormack
Consents and Compliance Manager

COUNCIL MEETING

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the West Coast Regional Council will be held in the Offices of the West Coast Regional Council, 388 Main South Road, Greymouth on **Tuesday, 12 September 2017** commencing on completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting

A.J. ROBB
CHAIRPERSON

M. MEEHAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 AUGUST 2017,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 11.13 A.M.****PRESENT:**

A. Robb (Chairman), N. Clementson, P. Ewen, A. Birchfield, T. Archer, S. Challenger, P. McDonnell

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer) R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), G. McCormack (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Beal (Operations Manager), H. Mills (Planning Science & Innovation Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk, The Media).

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Challenger) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 8 August 2017, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

Cr Archer drew attention to page 2 of the minutes and asked if there has been any community discussion on the Granity, Hector, Ngakawau erosion issue as yet. M. Meehan stated that work is being done with BDC staff and the intention is to go back to the community with alternative options which will be discussed at a community meeting in the next month or so.

REPORTS:**4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

R. Beal spoke to this report and advised that works in the Kaniere rating district are 50% complete. He reported that the issue in the Karamea rating district has now been resolved at the rating district's cost. R. Beal reported that the outcomes of the Annual Plan and amendments to the rating classifications were discussed at the recent meeting of the Punakaiki rating district. R. Beal reported that work on the extension of the seawall will commence as soon as the contractor is available. R. Beal reported that he met with GDC's assets team to discuss the NIWA report and the recommendations for the Cobden Lagoon and Range Creek. He advised that GDC are in agreement, but with a slight variation in what is to be done to protect Cobden, which is to update the floodgate rather than a sacrificial bund. Cr Ewen stated that he still supportive of a sacrificial bund for Cobden. R. Beal advised that there are other issues to consider in order for the sacrificial bund to be effective. Cr Birchfield stated that this is discussed at the annual Greymouth Joint Floodwall Committee meeting. M. Meehan suggested that this meeting is brought forward and held after the September Council meeting.

Moved (Archer / Clementson)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That updated costings and methodology for flood protection options for Cobden are presented to the September Council meeting for approval.*

Carried

4.1.2 NEIL'S BEACH RATING DISTRICT SURVEY

R. Beal spoke to this report and advised that positive outcomes were achieved with the teleconference held on 26 July. He reported that the survey results revealed that 70% of respondents were in favour of one classification, 30% not in favour; he stated that the response rate was 78% which is a lot better than previous surveys. Cr McDonnell commented that the meeting was far more positive than previous meetings and the attendees now have a much better idea as to how a rating district works.

Moved (Birchfield / Archer)

1. *That Council amends the classification of Neils Beach Rating District to a ONE classification rating district.*
2. *That a letter is sent to the rating district members with the Council's decision.*
3. *That the report is received.*

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report and advised that this is the 12 month financial report to 30 June. He reported that the surplus is \$840,000. R. Mallinson advised that there was write down of value of rock in the Camelback and Whataroa quarries. R. Mallinson stated that there was no significant portfolio income during June. He advised that the transfer of funds to JB Were is almost complete. R. Mallinson reported that Council has paid significant legal costs defending proceedings between Avery Bros Ltd and F. Inta and he doubts whether these costs (\$40,000) will be recovered. R. Mallinson stated that overall the financial result for the year is very good with short term bank borrowing being reduced from \$1.3M at 30 June 2016 down to \$350,000 as of 30 June 2017. Cr McDonnell asked if it is likely that the costs for general rate funded activities, which blew out \$785,000, are likely to occur year after year. R. Mallinson advised that he has previously advised that he feels Council has been far too optimistic in its budgeting for overhead costs and this has an impact on all activities. He stated that it is essential that Council keeps a close watch on its overheads, but steps have been taken with budgets for the 2017 / 18 year. R. Mallinson noted that there has not been the volume of resource consents processed as in previously years. G. McCormack stated that there will be not the influx of resource consent applications for whitebait stands next year. R. Mallinson answered questions from Councillors relating to budgets, bank borrowing and financial matters. He stated that he will be bringing a discussion paper to a pre long term plan workshop about council finances generally and how they might be made more sustainable long term. The Chairman stated that Council's finances are in good shape, it has been a good year but it is very important that Council gets the level of funding right.

Moved (Clementson / Ewen) *That this report be received.*

Carried

4.2.1 SETTING OF RATES FOR 2017 / 18

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He drew attention to a minor typographical error on page 20. He advised that the rating for Punakaiki, Kaniere and Neil's Beach rating districts reflect the changes made via the annual plan process.

Moved (Archer / Challenger)

1. *Setting of various rates as per 1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (s), (t), (u), (v), (w), (x), (y), (z), (aa), (bb), (cc), (dd), (ee). (ff)*

2. *Adopting due dates for payment.*

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3. *Setting Penalties as per 3 (a), (b)*

Carried

4.2.2 SERVICE DELIVERY REVIEW UNDER SECTION 17A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 (LGA 2002)

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that this is an internal piece of work which is a requirement under section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002. Cr Challenger drew attention to a minor error on page 32. Cr Archer advised that the Mokihinui River has been missed off the service level for flood warning. R. Mallinson commented that the amount of money this Council put into this report is miniscule compared to the amount other Councils in New Zealand have spent.

Moved (Challenger / Birchfield)

1. *That Council receive the report.*

2. *That Council adopt the recommendations contained in the review with regard to the various Council activities.*

Carried

4.2.3 TWELVE MONTH REVIEW – 1 JULY 2016 – 30 JUNE 2017

M. Meehan spoke to his report. He advised that G. McCormack's implementation of tablets for compliance monitoring will lead to long term gains as this is very efficient and allows for a more thorough inspection. M. Meehan stated that staff have been very busy with submissions this year, with a lot of consultation with MfE as most of this work relates to the Freshwater NPS. He stated it has been a busy year for Council Planners working on our own planning documents. M. Meehan spoke of the extra work that is being put in at Marrs Beach and Shingle Beach at Westport in order to meet the target for bathing beach sampling and to improve the water quality. He noted that Seven Mile at State Highway 6 Rapahoe and the Arahura River has also exceeded the sampling threshold at the start of the summer monitoring season. M. Meehan spoke of the performance target for mining work programmes and advised that 48 out of 68 work programmes were processed within the 20 day target but the 20 that weren't processed within the timeframe is due to either lack of information or there was a conflict between the work programme and the consent conditions. M. Meehan stated that he feels this target has been achieved for this reason. M. Meehan stated that overall performance has been very good. Cr Archer agreed with M. Meehan.

Cr Clementson asked if a councillor phones in via teleconference, is this counted as an attendance. R. Mallinson confirmed that this is counted as an attendance, as is any other workshop Council holds which does not fall on a Council meeting day. The Chairman passed on his congratulations to staff on the good work that they do.

Moved (Clementson / McDonnell) *That this report is received.*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report. He stated that following the launch of West Coast Economic Development Action Plan the West Coast, reports and recommendations have shown that there is a more unified approach for economic development and this is a very important function for DWC to bring together and moved forward. The Chairman stated that the West Coast is well positioned to add value to its communities over the next few years.

The Chairman reported that the LGNZ preconference tour to Northland was very interesting and was followed by the LGNZ conference in Auckland. The Chairman reported that he and M. Meehan presented to a workshop on collaboration and the work being done on the West Coast between this council and the three district councils. The Chairman stated that the highlight of the conference was winning the LGNZ Award for Best Practice Contribution to Local Economic Development for the Untamed Natural Wilderness brand.

The Chairman reported that while in Auckland he, M. Meehan, Mayor Smith and key central government agencies met with Tonkin & Taylor to go over the draft report on Franz Josef. He stated that this was a very thorough session and will provide good information for a plan and way forward for Franz Josef. Discussion took place on matters regarding Franz Josef and the hoped for outcomes of the Tonkin & Taylor report. Further discussion took place on economic development opportunities for the region. The Chairman and Chief Executive answered questions from Councillors. Cr McDonnell applauded the work done by those involved in both the West Coast Economic Development Action Plan and the Untamed Natural Wilderness brand and the winning of the award. He stated a lot of effort has gone into this and good results have been achieved.

Moved (Robb / Clementson) *that this report is received.*

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to his report. He stated that the launch of the West Coast Economic Development Action Plan was full day and a very positive day for the region.

M. Meehan reported that M. Davies from DoC and F. Tumahai and S. Wallace from Iwi have now been included in the West Coast Chief Executives forum. He stated that the Chief Executive from Tai Poutini Polytech may also be included in the forum; in order to have a wider group and to get more done.

M. Meehan reported that the South Island Chief Executive’s Forum held on 28 – 29 July was hosted by ECAN. He stated that the function of Harbourmasters and natural hazard work was discussed at the forum. M. Meehan stated that he is looking forward to Council’s Natural Hazard’s Analyst coming on board, as there has been a gap in this area.

M. Meehan reported that work relating to the Economic Development Action Plan including the steering group, One Window for mining, defining what a sustainable fishery for whitebait is, and Franz Josef work is progressing well. He stated that staff will soon start to become involved with these projects.

Moved (Archer / McDonnell) *that this report is received.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Archer stated that in Buller there is significant anxiety with the proposed new medical facilities. Cr Archer stated that he would like to see some support to the local community from Council as there has been virtually no communication or consultation with staff or the community on this. Cr Challenger stated that he supports this, it is related to economic development. He stated that if there are not good medical facilities then people won’t come. Cr Clementson agreed and stated that there has been virtually no communication on this. Cr Archer stated that the lack of communication has really fired up the community. It was agreed that Council would write a letter of support.

Moved (Archer / Clementson)

That Council writes a letter to the Ministry of Health expressing concern about the lack of consultation on the proposed new health facilities for Westport.

Carried

The meeting closed at 12.21 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

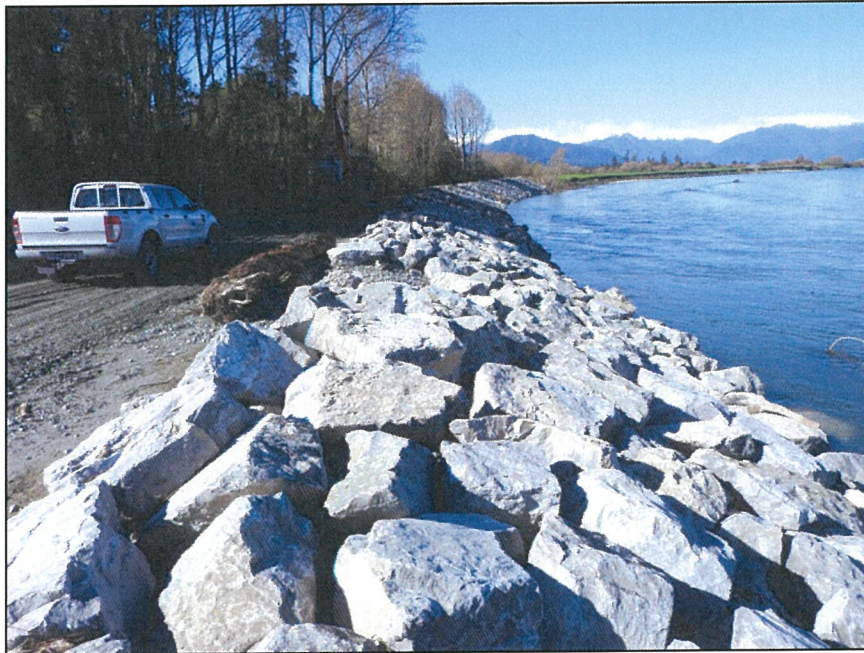
THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 12 September 2017
Prepared by: Paulette Birchfield – Engineer, Brendon Russ - Engineer
Date: 28 August 2017
Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

WORKS COMPLETED AND WORKS TENDERED FOR

Kaniere Rating District

Work involving the construction of 220m of rock riprap (specifically designed to stop erosion rather than providing flood protection) immediately upstream of the Kaniere bridge on the true right bank of the river was won by Henry Adams Contracting Ltd at a cost of \$159,000 (GST exclusive). This work commenced on 17 July 2017. Construction of this project has been completed to a very high standard.



Completed rock work



Flooding on 17 August 2017

FUTURE WORKS

Carters Beach

The Council Engineer is currently working on an application for funding on behalf of the community to assist with the following:

- Planting
- fencing
- carpark
- access tracks to the beach
- signage

If successful with this funding application, the fund will be administered and managed by the Regional Council on behalf of the community. The Regional Council will work closely with the Buller District Council and the Domain Board to establish a Working Group with representatives from all three organisations. The Working Group would also include members of the community, and the Westport Airport Manager.

If the erosion advances to the trigger points identified, Council will convene another community meeting to discuss 'hard engineering' solutions.

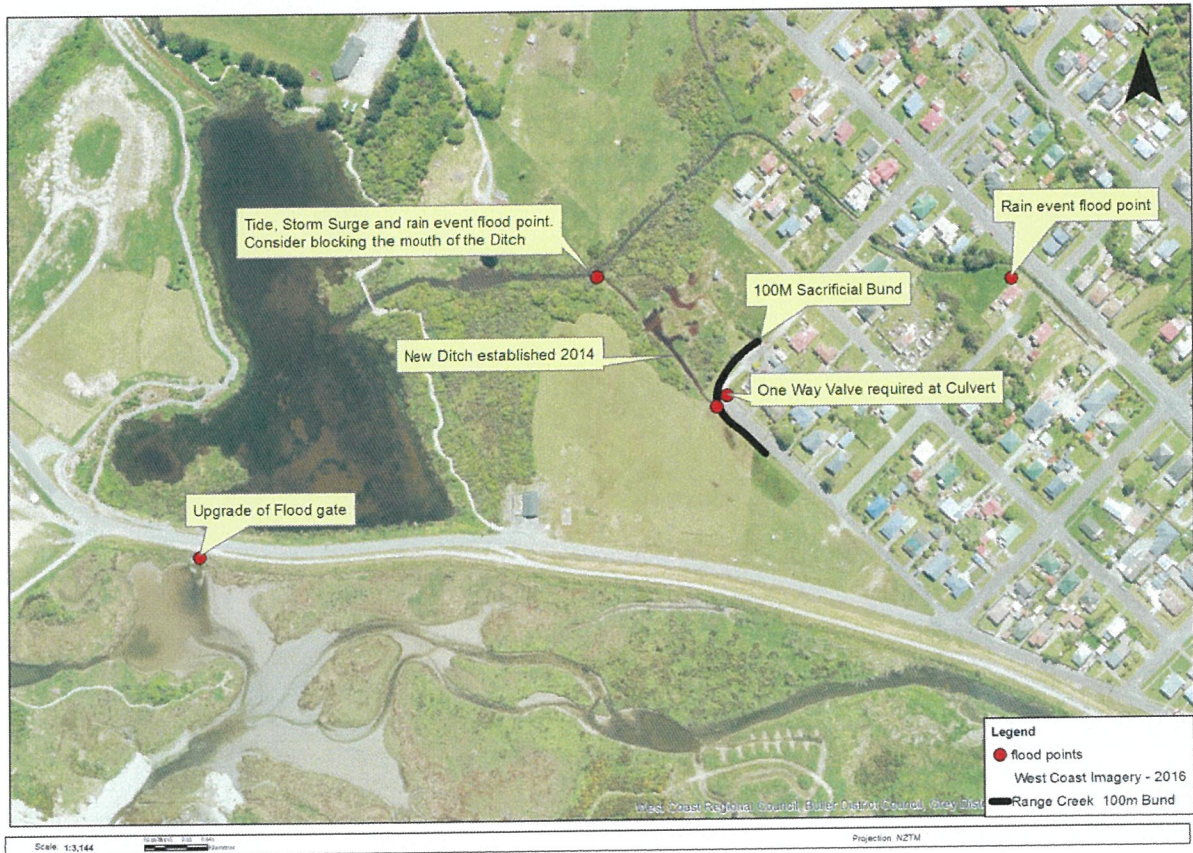
Buller High school Year 13 Geography class will be working with the Council engineers to provide ongoing monitoring of the erosion line.

Taramakau

A multi year tender (3+1+1) is currently being prepared for release for the maintenance works of the Taramakau rating district.

Cobden Lagoon and Range Creek

A combination of events (tide, storm surge and rain events) contribute to the flooding at the Nelson Quay properties. Potential options and costings for mitigation of the effects of flooding in lower Cobden will be discussed at the annual meeting of the Greymouth Floodwall Committee in September, these options will include a smaller sacrificial bund, one way culvert, upgrade of flood gate and blocking the range creek ditch established in 2014. The implemented protection works will have ongoing monitoring to assess their effectiveness at providing protection.



ONGOING WORKS

Punakaiki Rating District

A site meeting at Whitehorse was held with the successful contractor, and Andrew Palmer from Terra Firma Engineering to confirm quarrying methodology for the rock extraction. A start date for the work has not been confirmed.

Granity/Ngakawau/Hector Erosion

A community meeting will be held in the last week of September to explore relocation options.

Buller River Flood Consultation

Advertorials are currently being drafted with the intent to release one advertorial per week for four weeks.

QUARRIES

Taramakau Mining License

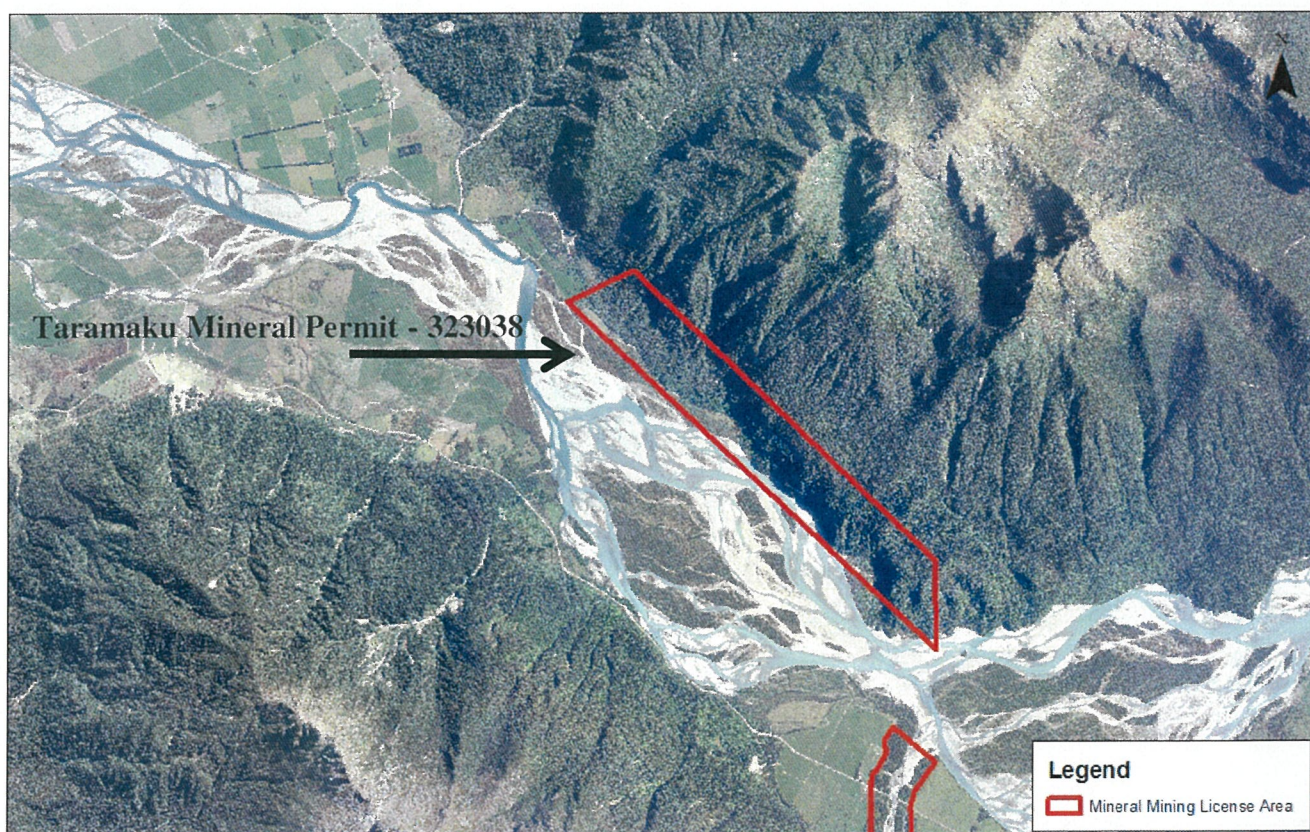
The Minerals Mining License for the Taramakau settlement permit was surrendered on 22 August 2017.

Mineral Mining License 323038 was granted in October 1993, originally held by the West Coast Catchment Board and more latterly the West Coast Regional Council. The mining license was obtained primarily as a potential source of river protection rock for the Taramakau Settlement Rating District. The license is a tier 2 permit covering a total of 173.42 hectares, expiring in October 2018.

An attempt at quarrying on the permit area was carried out some 30 years ago, with no protection rock produced due to access difficulties and insufficient large rock to break down to product of acceptable weight and dimension. During this exploration, large volumes of complying protection rock were discovered and available for removal at local gold claims in the district, thus remaining the main source of protection rock up until very recently.

During land clearance operations of adjacent land, landowners have stockpiled suitable rock for river protection, with this source seen as being more viable than any rock that may be won from the mining license area due to the considerable production effort needed and possible ecological effects of opencast mining in a sensitive area.

The West Coast Regional Council therefore gave notice to New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals of their intention to relinquish the mining license 323038 held on behalf of the Taramakau Settlement Rating District effective from 1 July 2017.



Quarry rock movements for July 2017

Quarry	Opening Stockpile Balance	Rock Used	Rock Quarried	Closing Stockpile Balance
Blackball	1,650	0	0	1,650
Camelback	16,417	0	0	16,417
Inchbonnie	13,108	0	0	13,108
Kiwi	1,696	1,500	0	196
Miedema	0	0	0	0
Okuru	400	0	0	400
Whataroa	17,940	0	0	17,940
Totals	51,211	1,500	0	49,711

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is received

Randal Beal
Operations Manager

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 12 September 2017
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
 Date: 4 September 2017
 Subject: **Corporate Services Manger's Monthly Report**

1. Annual Report 2017

I attach the unaudited Annual Report document for the year to 30 June 2017. It is complete except for the Graphs required under the Financial Prudence Regulations 2014, and the "Major Variance Commentary". These will be circulated when completed.

I reported an operating surplus of \$668,242 to the August meeting. The following adjustments have been made to that figure:

Operating Surplus previously reported	\$668,242
Plus adjustments to accrued revenue	\$9,691
Less adjustment to accrued expenditure (late invoices relating to 16/17)	-\$31,438
Plus Rating District Infrastructure expenditure transferred from operating expenditure to capital expenditure (Punakaiki).	\$47,990
Amended operating surplus	\$694,485

The final audit by Audit NZ commenced 4 September and is scheduled to be completed by Friday 15 September. Receipt of the signed audit opinion will be required in time to enable adoption of the audited Annual Report for 2017 at the ordinary Council meeting on 10 October.

2. Financials 1 July to 31 July 2017.

As in previous years, there is no separate Financial Report for the one month to 31 July 2017. My time over the last four weeks has been committed to finalising the Annual Report, plus nine days annual leave during mid – late August. The next financial report to Council will be for the two months to 31 August 2017 to go to the October 2017 meeting.

3. Investment Portfolio

I attach a statement from JB Were showing the balances held to our account @ 31 August 2017:

Main Portfolio	\$10,768,279
Catastrophe Fund	\$1,029,446

I have not attempted to analyse the portfolio performance for this period, as transfers from Westpac to JB Were occurred over a period of weeks during July and August 2017. This was just a "quick" report that I sought from JB Were. I am working with Tom Phillips of JB Were to better define our actual reporting requirements, which will include proper comparisons by asset class and also overall portfolio performance against the agreed benchmarks, monthly and year to date. I will also be seeking a reconciliation of funds transferred from Westpac to JB Were.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *That the report be received.*
2. *That Council receives the unaudited Annual Report for the 12 months to 30 June 2017.*

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

Holding Report as at 31/08/2017

The West Coast Regional Council (DIMS A/c)

Account: 56745
Advisor: Tom Phillips
Bruce Robertson

Asset	Qty	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Market Price	Trade Currency Market Value	Gain/Loss	Total Cost	Base Currency Market Value	Gain/Loss	Percent
New Zealand Equities										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)										
		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
CEN Contact Energy Ltd	9,840 [9840 NO]	5.263	51,788.88	5.580	54,907.20	6.02%	51,788.88	54,907.20	6.02%	0.51%
JBWTT Devon Trans-Tasman Fund	108,603.0288 [108603.0288 NO]	3.640	395,315.02	3.645	395,879.76	0.14%	395,315.02	395,879.76	0.14%	3.68%
EVO Evolve Education Group Limited	71,000 [71000 NO]	0.845	60,000.00	0.700	49,700.00	-17.17%	60,000.00	49,700.00	-17.17%	0.46%
FBU Fletcher Building Limited	8,080 [8080 NO]	7.931	64,080.60	8.160	65,932.80	2.89%	64,080.60	65,932.80	2.89%	0.61%
FSF Fonterra Shareholders Fund	8,280 [8280 NO]	5.980	49,514.40	6.210	51,418.80	3.85%	49,514.40	51,418.80	3.85%	0.48%
IFT Infratil Ltd	18,540 [18540 NO]	3.062	56,765.96	3.150	58,401.00	2.88%	56,765.96	58,401.00	2.88%	0.54%
MEL Meridian Energy Ltd	12,640 [12640 NO]	2.865	36,213.60	2.950	37,288.00	2.97%	36,213.60	37,288.00	2.97%	0.35%
MET Metlifecare Ltd	5,250 [5250 NO]	5.689	29,865.95	6.100	32,025.00	7.23%	29,865.95	32,025.00	7.23%	0.30%
MPG Metro Performance Glass Limited	11,250 [11250 NO]	1.410	15,862.50	1.110	12,487.50	-21.28%	15,862.50	12,487.50	-21.28%	0.12%
TGH Tegel Group Holdings Ltd	15,700 [15700 NO]	1.290	20,253.00	1.240	19,468.00	-3.88%	20,253.00	19,468.00	-3.88%	0.18%
ZEL Z Energy Limited	3,730 [3730 NO]	7.900	29,467.00	7.720	28,795.60	-2.28%	29,467.00	28,795.60	-2.28%	0.27%
Total NZD	(Exchange Rate 1.0000)		809,126.91		806,303.66	-0.35%	809,126.91	806,303.66	-0.35%	7.49%
TOTAL							809,126.91	806,303.66	-0.35%	7.49%
Australian Equities										
AU Australia (AUD)										
		(AUD)	(AUD)	(AUD)	(AUD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
ANZ ANZ Banking Group Ltd	2,980 [2980 NO]	29.327	87,393.43	29.400	87,612.00	0.25%	93,320.05	97,025.18	3.97%	0.90%

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AMC Amcor Ltd	2,460 <small>[2460 NO]</small>	15.580	38,327.85	16.110	39,630.60	3.40%	40,927.43	43,888.58	7.24%	0.41%
BHP BHP Billiton Ltd	3,410 <small>[3410 NO]</small>	25.693	87,611.66	27.380	93,365.80	6.57%	93,552.80	103,397.18	10.52%	0.96%
BTT BT Investment Management Ltd	3,510 <small>[3510 NO]</small>	10.881	38,192.58	10.600	37,206.00	-2.58%	40,783.24	41,203.47	1.03%	0.38%
BLD Boral Ltd	7,280 <small>[7280 NO]</small>	6.837	49,776.07	6.670	48,557.60	-2.45%	53,151.83	53,774.71	1.17%	0.50%
CTX Caltex Australia Limited	1,620 <small>[1620 NO]</small>	31.432	50,919.81	33.390	54,091.80	6.23%	54,373.59	59,903.51	10.17%	0.56%
CBA Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1,350 <small>[1350 NO]</small>	83.928	113,303.22	75.800	102,330.00	-9.68%	120,986.40	113,324.50	-6.33%	1.05%
JBH JB Hi-Fi Limited	1,450 <small>[1450 NO]</small>	25.848	37,479.93	23.130	33,538.50	-10.52%	40,021.80	37,141.93	-7.20%	0.34%
MQA Macquarie Atlas Roads Group	4,530 <small>[4530 NO]</small>	5.679	25,723.90	5.680	25,730.40	0.03%	27,468.72	28,494.92	3.74%	0.26%
NAB National Australia Bank Ltd	2,530 <small>[2530 NO]</small>	30.012	75,929.87	30.200	76,406.00	0.63%	81,079.87	84,615.19	4.36%	0.79%
ORA Orora Limited	9,120 <small>[9120 NO]</small>	2.822	25,732.60	3.100	28,272.00	9.87%	27,478.21	31,309.59	13.94%	0.29%
QBE QBE Insurance Group Ltd	4,250 <small>[4250 NO]</small>	12.255	52,083.96	10.440	44,370.00	-14.81%	55,617.47	49,137.19	-11.65%	0.46%
RIO Rio Tinto Ltd	570 <small>[570 NO]</small>	66.246	37,760.38	67.840	38,668.80	2.41%	40,321.15	42,823.44	6.21%	0.40%
SHL Sonic Healthcare Ltd	2,260 <small>[2260 NO]</small>	22.576	51,022.00	21.900	49,494.00	-2.99%	54,482.54	54,811.72	0.60%	0.51%
SKI Spark Infrastructure Group	15,110 <small>[15110 NO]</small>	2.524	38,134.11	2.700	40,797.00	6.98%	40,720.96	45,180.30	10.95%	0.42%
SUN Suncorp Group Ltd	4,410 <small>[4410 NO]</small>	14.580	64,297.80	13.030	57,462.30	-10.63%	68,703.54	63,636.14	-7.38%	0.59%
SYD Sydney Airport Holdings Ltd	5,610 <small>[5610 NO]</small>	6.845	38,400.80	7.400	41,514.00	8.11%	41,005.64	45,974.33	12.12%	0.43%
TAH TABCORP Holdings Ltd	6,020 <small>[6020 NO]</small>	4.239	25,521.30	4.110	24,742.20	-3.05%	27,252.58	27,400.54	0.54%	0.25%
TLS Telstra Corporation Ltd	18,460 <small>[18460 NO]</small>	4.175	77,078.00	3.670	67,748.20	-12.10%	82,307.34	75,027.18	-8.85%	0.70%
TCL Transurban Group	4,410 <small>[4410 NO]</small>	11.486	50,654.78	12.160	53,625.60	5.86%	54,090.65	59,387.22	9.79%	0.55%

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					Market Value	Gain/Loss		Market Value	Gain/Loss	
WES Wesfarmers Ltd	620 <small>[620 NO]</small>	41.177	25,529.80	42.620	26,424.40	3.50%	27,260.99	29,263.48	7.35%	0.27%
WBC Westpac Banking Corporation	2,770 <small>[2770 NO]</small>	31.740	87,921.18	31.270	86,617.90	-1.48%	93,883.91	95,924.27	2.17%	0.89%
WPL Woodside Petroleum Ltd	1,730 <small>[1730 NO]</small>	29.974	51,854.74	28.830	49,875.90	-3.82%	55,372.28	55,234.65	-0.25%	0.51%
Total AUD (Exchange Rate 0.9030)			1,230,649.77		1,208,081.00	-1.83%	1,314,162.96	1,337,879.21	1.80%	12.42%
TOTAL							1,314,162.96	1,337,879.21	1.80%	12.42%
Offshore Equities										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)										
GTF Global Themes Fund	868,814.3781 <small>[868814.3781 NO]</small>	2.549	2,214,864.68	2.541	2,207,831.10	-0.32%	2,214,864.68	2,207,831.10	-0.32%	20.50%
Total NZD (Exchange Rate 1.0000)			2,214,864.68		2,207,831.10	-0.32%	2,214,864.68	2,207,831.10	-0.32%	20.50%
AU Australia (AUD)										
MAGGF Magellan Global Fund	81,790.3840 <small>[81790.3840 NO]</small>	1.911	156,260.53	1.905	155,769.79	-0.31%	166,968.47	172,505.95	3.32%	1.60%
Total AUD (Exchange Rate 0.9030)			156,260.53		155,769.79	-0.31%	166,968.47	172,505.95	3.32%	1.60%
TOTAL							2,381,833.15	2,380,337.05	-0.06%	22.11%
New Zealand Bonds										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)										
ANZ024 ANZ Bank Limited 5.43% 27/02/2019	115,000 <small>[115000 NO]</small>	106.067	121,977.05	104.053	119,661.29	-1.90%	121,977.05	119,661.29	-1.90%	1.11%
ANBHB ANZ Bank Limited - Capital Notes 7.2%	70,000 <small>[70000 NO]</small>	1.047	73,294.57	1.053	73,710.00	0.57%	73,294.57	73,710.00	0.57%	0.68%
BNZ100 BNZ MTN 4.426 18/06/2020	140,000 <small>[140000 NO]</small>	103.311	144,635.40	104.393	146,150.76	1.05%	144,635.40	146,150.76	1.05%	1.36%
CNU010 Chorus Limited 4.12% 06/05/2021	95,000 <small>[95000 NO]</small>	1.011	96,015.55	1.015	96,386.05	0.39%	96,015.55	96,386.05	0.39%	0.90%
GB0521 NZ GOVT 6% 15/05/2021	130,000 <small>[130000 NO]</small>	114.321	148,617.30	115.296	149,885.19	0.85%	148,617.30	149,885.19	0.85%	1.39%
ANB120 ANZ Bank NZ Ltd % 02/09/2021	100,000 <small>[100000 NO]</small>	99.684	99,684.00	99.654	99,653.90	-0.03%	99,684.00	99,653.90	-0.03%	0.93%
ABB050 ASB Bank Ltd 5.25% 15/12/2026	250,000 <small>[250000 NO]</small>	1.024	256,122.63	1.049	262,126.25	2.34%	256,122.63	262,126.25	2.34%	2.43%
ABB060 ASB 4.20% 24/02/2022	100,000 <small>[100000 NO]</small>	103.096	103,096.00	102.817	102,816.50	-0.27%	103,096.00	102,816.50	-0.27%	0.95%

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					Market Value	Gain/Loss	Total Cost	Market Value	Gain/Loss	Percent
WP0622 WBC 3.775% 07/06/2022	500,000 <small>[500000 NO]</small>	100.151	500,755.52	102.219	511,094.00	2.06%	500,755.52	511,094.00	2.06%	4.75%
BNZ389 BNZ 3.856% 27/07/2022	700,000 <small>[700000 NO]</small>	100.000	700,000.00	100.870	706,092.10	0.87%	700,000.00	706,092.10	0.87%	6.56%
TRP040 Transpower 4.069% 16/09/2022	27,000 <small>[27000 NO]</small>	103.081	27,831.87	105.111	28,379.97	1.97%	27,831.87	28,379.97	1.97%	0.26%
CEN040 Contact Energy Limited 4.63% 15/11/2022	102,000 <small>[102000 NO]</small>	1.035	105,573.06	1.048	106,894.67	1.25%	105,573.06	106,894.67	1.25%	0.99%
IFT240 Infratil Ltd 5.65% 15/12/2022	100,000 <small>[100000 NO]</small>	1.019	101,922.91	1.024	102,364.10	0.43%	101,922.91	102,364.10	0.43%	0.95%
TPW150 TrustPower Ltd 4.01% 15/12/2022	174,000 <small>[174000 NO]</small>	0.988	171,995.09	1.005	174,794.83	1.63%	171,995.09	174,794.83	1.63%	1.62%
BNZ110 BNZ 4.102% 15/06/2023	75,000 <small>[75000 NO]</small>	99.995	74,996.25	102.129	76,596.60	2.13%	74,996.25	76,596.60	2.13%	0.71%
AIA210 Auckland International Airport 3.97% 02/11/2023	94,000 <small>[94000 NO]</small>	100.719	94,675.86	103.387	97,183.40	2.65%	94,675.86	97,183.40	2.65%	0.90%
MEL040 Meridian Energy Ltd 4.88% 20/03/24	73,000 <small>[73000 NO]</small>	104.184	76,054.32	106.697	77,888.81	2.41%	76,054.32	77,888.81	2.41%	0.72%
Total NZD <small>(Exchange Rate 1.9000)</small>			2,897,247.38		2,931,678.44	1.19%	2,897,247.38	2,931,678.44	1.19%	27.23%
TOTAL							2,897,247.38	2,931,678.44	1.19%	27.23%
Offshore Bonds										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
TGFI Nikko Global Bond Fund	387,829.8049 <small>[387829.8049 NO]</small>	1.152	446,600.00	1.158	449,029.35	0.54%	446,600.00	449,029.35	0.54%	4.17%
PCGBNH Pimco Global Bond Fund (NZD Hedge)	10,345.7530 <small>[10345.7530 NO]</small>	43.209	447,030.00	43.550	450,557.54	0.79%	447,030.00	450,557.54	0.79%	4.18%
RGFI Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund - NZD Hedged (PIE)	353,345.4083 <small>[353345.4083 NO]</small>	1.191	420,900.00	1.194	421,859.08	0.23%	420,900.00	421,859.08	0.23%	3.92%
Total NZD <small>(Exchange Rate 1.0000)</small>			1,314,530.00		1,321,445.97	0.53%	1,314,530.00	1,321,445.97	0.53%	12.27%
TOTAL							1,314,530.00	1,321,445.97	0.53%	12.27%
Alternative Investments										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
SLSF Salt Long Short Fund	88,159.8966 <small>[88159.8966 NO]</small>	1.493	131,644.56	1.501	132,345.64	0.53%	131,644.56	132,345.64	0.53%	1.23%

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Total NZD (Exchange Rate 1.0000)			131,644.56		132,345.64	0.53%	131,644.56	132,345.64	0.53%	1.23%
AU Australia (AUD)		(AUD)	(AUD)	(AUD)	(AUD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
ECL0013 Ellerston Australian Market Neutral Fund - Class A	107,680.1960 <small>[107680.1960 NO]</small>	1.143	123,100.00	1.147	123,476.88	0.31%	132,634.73	136,743.44	3.10%	1.27%
GMOSYGA GMO Systematic Global Macro Trust - Class B	61,005.8530 <small>[61005.8530 NO]</small>	1.008	61,500.00	1.024	62,457.79	1.56%	66,363.36	69,168.36	4.23%	0.64%
LMBGO Legg Mason Brandywine Global Opportunistic Fixed Income Trust	96,627.2950 <small>[96627.2950 NO]</small>	1.279	123,550.00	1.280	123,690.67	0.11%	133,125.33	136,980.20	2.90%	1.27%
MQWINGA Winton Global Alpha Fund	53,153 <small>[53153 NO]</small>	1.164	61,850.00	1.166	61,997.80	0.24%	66,700.57	68,658.94	2.94%	0.64%
Total AUD (Exchange Rate 0.9030)			370,000.00		371,623.14	0.44%	398,824.00	411,550.94	3.19%	3.82%
TOTAL							530,468.57	543,896.58	2.53%	5.05%
Property										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
PCT Precinct Properties New Zealand Limited	30,980 <small>[30980 NO]</small>	1.235	38,260.30	1.275	39,499.50	3.24%	38,260.30	39,499.50	3.24%	0.37%
SPG Stride Stapled Group	21,180 <small>[21180 NO]</small>	1.710	36,217.80	1.680	35,582.40	-1.75%	36,217.80	35,582.40	-1.75%	0.33%
Total NZD (Exchange Rate 1.0000)			74,478.10		75,081.90	0.81%	74,478.10	75,081.90	0.81%	0.70%
TOTAL							74,478.10	75,081.90	0.81%	0.70%
Cash										
NZD					(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
NZD Premium Custody Call Account	1,367,224.70	1.000	1,367,224.70	1.000	1,367,224.70	0.00%	1,367,224.70	1,367,224.70	0.00%	12.70%
Total NZD (Exchange Rate 1.0000)			1,367,224.70		1,367,224.70	0.00%	1,367,224.70	1,367,224.70	0.00%	12.70%
AUD					(AUD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
AUD Premium Custody Call Account	4,001.79	1.000	4,001.79	1.000	4,001.79	0.00%	4,310.42	4,431.75	2.81%	0.04%
Total AUD (Exchange Rate 0.9030)			4,001.79		4,001.79	0.00%	4,310.42	4,431.75	2.81%	0.04%
TOTAL							1,371,535.12	1,371,656.45	0.01%	12.74%
GRAND TOTAL							10,693,382.18	10,768,279.26	0.70%	100.00%

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Account: 56746
Advisor: Tom Phillips
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Asset	Qty	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Market Price	Trade Currency Market Value	Gain/Loss	Total Cost	Base Currency Market Value	Gain/Loss	Percent
New Zealand Equities										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)										
		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
CEN Contact Energy Ltd	830 [830 NO]	5.260	4,365.80	5.580	4,631.40	6.08%	4,365.80	4,631.40	6.08%	0.45%
EVO Evolve Education Group Limited	5,110 [5110 NO]	0.861	4,402.20	0.700	3,577.00	-18.75%	4,402.20	3,577.00	-18.75%	0.35%
FBU Fletcher Building Limited	680 [680 NO]	7.960	5,412.80	8.160	5,548.80	2.51%	5,412.80	5,548.80	2.51%	0.54%
FSF Fonterra Shareholders Fund	1,550 [1550 NO]	6.117	9,481.50	6.210	9,625.50	1.52%	9,481.50	9,625.50	1.52%	0.94%
IFT Infratil Ltd	3,290 [3290 NO]	3.108	10,225.04	3.150	10,363.50	1.35%	10,225.04	10,363.50	1.35%	1.01%
MEL Meridian Energy Ltd	2,170 [2170 NO]	2.885	6,261.05	2.950	6,401.50	2.24%	6,261.05	6,401.50	2.24%	0.62%
MET Metlifecare Ltd	690 [690 NO]	5.711	3,940.40	6.100	4,209.00	6.82%	3,940.40	4,209.00	6.82%	0.41%
MPG Metro Performance Glass Limited	2,830 [2830 NO]	1.403	3,971.50	1.110	3,141.30	-20.90%	3,971.50	3,141.30	-20.90%	0.31%
TGH Tegel Group Holdings Ltd	2,990 [2990 NO]	1.262	3,774.10	1.240	3,707.60	-1.76%	3,774.10	3,707.60	-1.76%	0.36%
ZEL Z Energy Limited	520 [520 NO]	7.853	4,083.73	7.720	4,014.40	-1.70%	4,083.73	4,014.40	-1.70%	0.39%
Total NZD	(Exchange Rate 1.0000)		55,918.12		55,220.00	-1.25%	55,918.12	55,220.00	-1.25%	5.36%
TOTAL							55,918.12	55,220.00	-1.25%	5.36%
Australian Equities										
AU Australia (AUD)										
		(AUD)	(AUD)	(AUD)	(AUD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
ANZ ANZ Banking Group Ltd	230 [230 NO]	29.259	6,729.66	29.400	6,762.00	0.48%	7,185.22	7,488.52	4.22%	0.73%
AMC Amcor Ltd	190 [190 NO]	15.655	2,974.40	16.110	3,060.90	2.91%	3,175.87	3,389.77	6.74%	0.33%

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BHP BHP Billiton Ltd	270 [270 NO]	25.619	6,917.00	27.380	7,392.60	6.88%	7,385.27	8,186.87	10.85%	0.80%
BTT BT Investment Management Ltd	270 [270 NO]	10.912	2,946.30	10.600	2,862.00	-2.86%	3,145.85	3,169.50	0.75%	0.31%
BLD Boral Ltd	570 [570 NO]	6.856	3,908.00	6.670	3,801.90	-2.71%	4,172.65	4,210.38	0.90%	0.41%
CTX Caltex Australia Limited	130 [130 NO]	31.489	4,093.60	33.390	4,340.70	6.04%	4,371.03	4,807.07	9.98%	0.47%
CBA Commonwealth Bank of Australia	110 [110 NO]	83.937	9,233.09	75.800	8,338.00	-9.69%	9,859.04	9,233.85	-6.34%	0.90%
JBH JB Hi-Fi Limited	110 [110 NO]	25.880	2,846.76	23.130	2,544.30	-10.62%	3,039.35	2,817.66	-7.29%	0.27%
MQA Macquarie Atlas Roads Group	350 [350 NO]	5.672	1,985.10	5.680	1,988.00	0.15%	2,119.56	2,201.59	3.87%	0.21%
NAB National Australia Bank Ltd	200 [200 NO]	30.025	6,005.00	30.200	6,040.00	0.58%	6,411.62	6,688.95	4.33%	0.65%
ORA Orora Limited	710 [710 NO]	2.828	2,007.80	3.100	2,201.00	9.62%	2,143.80	2,437.48	13.70%	0.24%
QBE QBE Insurance Group Ltd	330 [330 NO]	12.223	4,033.62	10.440	3,445.20	-14.59%	4,306.81	3,815.36	-11.41%	0.37%
RIO Rio Tinto Ltd	40 [40 NO]	66.205	2,648.18	67.840	2,713.60	2.47%	2,827.50	3,005.15	6.28%	0.29%
SHL Sonic Healthcare Ltd	180 [180 NO]	22.600	4,068.00	21.900	3,942.00	-3.10%	4,343.41	4,365.53	0.51%	0.42%
SKI Spark Infrastructure Group	1,180 [1180 NO]	2.525	2,979.30	2.700	3,186.00	6.94%	3,181.07	3,528.31	10.92%	0.34%
SUN Suncorp Group Ltd	340 [340 NO]	14.565	4,952.10	13.030	4,430.20	-10.54%	5,291.42	4,906.19	-7.28%	0.48%
SYD Sydney Airport Holdings Ltd	440 [440 NO]	6.858	3,017.35	7.400	3,256.00	7.91%	3,221.74	3,605.83	11.92%	0.35%
TAH TABCORP Holdings Ltd	470 [470 NO]	4.252	1,998.21	4.110	1,931.70	-3.33%	2,133.54	2,139.25	0.27%	0.21%
TLS Telstra Corporation Ltd	1,440 [1440 NO]	4.185	6,026.85	3.670	5,284.80	-12.31%	6,435.09	5,852.61	-9.05%	0.57%
TCL Transurban Group	340 [340 NO]	11.482	3,904.05	12.160	4,134.40	5.90%	4,168.40	4,578.61	9.84%	0.44%
WES Wesfarmers Ltd	50 [50 NO]	41.155	2,057.75	42.620	2,131.00	3.56%	2,197.40	2,359.96	7.40%	0.23%

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WBC Westpac Banking Corporation	220 <small>[220 NO]</small>	31.725	6,979.48	31.270	6,879.40	-1.43%	7,452.15	7,618.53	2.23%	0.74%
WPL Woodside Petroleum Ltd	130 <small>[130 NO]</small>	30.040	3,905.15	28.830	3,747.90	-4.03%	4,169.32	4,150.58	-0.45%	0.40%
Total AUD (Exchange Rate 0.9030)			96,216.75		94,413.60	-1.87%	102,737.11	104,557.55	1.77%	10.16%
TOTAL							102,737.11	104,557.55	1.77%	10.16%
Offshore Equities										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
GTF Global Themes Fund	64,045.8525 <small>[64045.8525 NO]</small>	2.554	163,559.00	2.541	162,753.32	-0.49%	163,559.00	162,753.32	-0.49%	15.81%
Total NZD (Exchange Rate 1.0000)			163,559.00		162,753.32	-0.49%	163,559.00	162,753.32	-0.49%	15.81%
TOTAL							163,559.00	162,753.32	-0.49%	15.81%
New Zealand Bonds										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
CNU010 Chorus Limited 4.12% 06/05/2021	40,000 <small>[40000 NO]</small>	1.015	40,583.65	1.015	40,583.60	-0.00%	40,583.65	40,583.60	-0.00%	3.94%
ABB060 ASB 4.20% 24/02/2022	100,000 <small>[100000 NO]</small>	102.869	102,868.96	102.817	102,816.50	-0.05%	102,868.96	102,816.50	-0.05%	9.99%
WP0622 WBC 3.775% 07/06/2022	100,000 <small>[100000 NO]</small>	100.765	100,764.56	102.219	102,218.80	1.44%	100,764.56	102,218.80	1.44%	9.93%
BNZ389 BNZ 3.856% 27/07/2022	100,000 <small>[100000 NO]</small>	100.000	100,000.00	100.870	100,870.30	0.87%	100,000.00	100,870.30	0.87%	9.80%
Total NZD (Exchange Rate 1.0000)			344,217.17		346,489.20	0.66%	344,217.17	346,489.20	0.66%	33.66%
TOTAL							344,217.17	346,489.20	0.66%	33.66%
Offshore Bonds										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
TGFI Nikko Global Bond Fund	37,360.3091 <small>[37360.3091 NO]</small>	1.151	43,000.00	1.158	43,255.77	0.59%	43,000.00	43,255.77	0.59%	4.20%
PCGBNH Pimco Global Bond Fund (NZD Hedge)	996.1790 <small>[996.1790 NO]</small>	43.185	43,020.00	43.550	43,383.60	0.85%	43,020.00	43,383.60	0.85%	4.21%
RGFI Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund - NZD Hedged (PIE)	34,015.1179 <small>[34015.1179 NO]</small>	1.191	40,500.00	1.194	40,610.65	0.27%	40,500.00	40,610.65	0.27%	3.94%
Total NZD (Exchange Rate 1.0000)			126,520.00		127,250.01	0.58%	126,520.00	127,250.01	0.58%	12.36%

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Asset	Qty	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Market Price	Trade Currency Market Value	Gain/Loss	Total Cost	Base Currency Market Value	Gain/Loss	Percent
TOTAL							126,520.00	127,250.01	0.58%	12.36%
Alternative Investments										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
SLSF Salt Long Short Fund	8,312.7956 <small>[8312.7956 NO]</small>	1.501	12,480.00	1.501	12,479.17	-0.01%	12,480.00	12,479.17	-0.01%	1.21%
Total NZD	<small>(Exchange Rate 1.0000)</small>		12,480.00		12,479.17	-0.01%	12,480.00	12,479.17	-0.01%	1.21%
AU Australia (AUD)		(AUD)	(AUD)	(AUD)	(AUD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
ECL0013 Ellerston Australian Market Neutral Fund - Class A	9,709.5871 <small>[9709.5871 NO]</small>	1.143	11,100.00	1.147	11,133.98	0.31%	11,959.75	12,330.24	3.10%	1.20%
GMOSYGA GMO Systematic Global Macro Trust - Class B	5,753.3970 <small>[5753.3970 NO]</small>	1.008	5,800.00	1.024	5,890.33	1.56%	6,258.66	6,523.19	4.23%	0.63%
LMBGO Legg Mason Brandywine Global Opportunistic Fixed Income Trust	9,170.3430 <small>[9170.3430 NO]</small>	1.279	11,730.00	1.280	11,738.77	0.07%	12,639.18	13,000.01	2.85%	1.26%
MQWINGA Winton Global Alpha Fund	5,059 <small>[5059 NO]</small>	1.163	5,885.00	1.166	5,900.68	0.27%	6,347.50	6,534.66	2.95%	0.63%
Total AUD	<small>(Exchange Rate 0.9030)</small>		34,515.00		34,663.76	0.43%	37,205.10	38,388.09	3.18%	3.73%
TOTAL							49,685.10	50,867.26	2.38%	4.94%
Property										
NZ New Zealand (NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
PCT Precinct Properties New Zealand Limited	4,760 <small>[4760 NO]</small>	1.255	5,974.90	1.275	6,069.00	1.57%	5,974.90	6,069.00	1.57%	0.59%
SPG Stride Stapled Group	1,970 <small>[1970 NO]</small>	1.705	3,359.70	1.680	3,309.60	-1.49%	3,359.70	3,309.60	-1.49%	0.32%
Total NZD	<small>(Exchange Rate 1.0000)</small>		9,334.60		9,378.60	0.47%	9,334.60	9,378.60	0.47%	0.91%
TOTAL							9,334.60	9,378.60	0.47%	0.91%
Cash										
NZD		(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)	(NZD)		(NZD)	(NZD)		
NZD Premium Custody Call Account	172,930.61	1.000	172,930.61	1.000	172,930.61	0.00%	172,930.61	172,930.61	0.00%	16.80%
Total NZD	<small>(Exchange Rate 1.0000)</small>		172,930.61		172,930.61	0.00%	172,930.61	172,930.61	0.00%	16.80%
TOTAL							172,930.61	172,930.61	0.00%	16.80%

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GRAND TOTAL							1,024,901.71	1,029,446.56	0.44%	100.00%

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Prepared for: Council Meeting 12 September 2017
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager
Date: 4 September 2017
Subject: LTP 2018/28 Project Plan

Background

I attach the project plan for the July 2018/June 2028 Long Term Plan. A new LTP is required to be completed every three years.

I am recommending a series of workshops after the October, November and December meetings so that various policies can be reviewed. This is a substantial piece of work requiring input and commitment from senior Council staff and elected members.

RECOMMENDATION

That Councilors agree to the project plan and the associated workshop commitments.

Robert Mallinson
Corporate Services Manager

Long Term Plan (LTP) 2018/28 Timeline

Work Required	
Review of Existing LTP Policies	
Review of Financial Strategy.	<p>Most of these existing LTP Policies can be reviewed in a series of workshops following the October, November and December Council meetings.</p> <p>Recommended order of priorities.</p> <p>October workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Financial Strategy. Review of Revenue & Financing Policies. <p>November workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Significant forecasting assumptions. Review of Significance & Engagement Policies. Review of Rating Remissions & Postponements Policy (incl Maori freehold land). Review of Policy on Development of Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision Making Processes. <p>December workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Policy on Appointments to CO's and CCO's Review of Investment and Borrowing Policies <p>Other Policies</p> <p>These are of a technical nature and will only require minimal input from elected members. I don't think these will need to be workshopped.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of 30 year Infrastructure Strategy. This is not really a big deal for this Council, given that our infrastructure is in the form of protection works. We maintain existing and build new infrastructure only at requested of particular communities. Population pressures requiring new infrastructure are unlikely to occur. Review and update of accounting policies. Review of Policy on Financial Contributions.(This is not a major issue for a Regional Council).
Review of 30 year Infrastructure Strategy	
Review and update of significant forecasting assumptions	
Review and updating of accounting policies	
Review Policy on Appointments to CO's and CCO's	
Review of Revenue and Financing Policies	
Review Policy on Remissions and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold land	
Review Policy on Financial Contributions	
Review of Significance & Engagement Policy	
Review Rating Remissions and Postponements Policy	
Review of Investment Policy	
Review of Borrowing Policy	
Review of Policy on Development of Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision Making Processes	
Review of Performance management Framework	
Review of Performance targets	To be undertaken by each Group Manager by 30 November 2017.
Review of Levels of Service	
Managers / CEO / Councillors should give formal consideration to the matter of Levels of Service for all our activities.	
Review Levels of service for All Groups of Activities	To be undertaken by each Group Manager by 30 November 2017.

Completion of Budget Worksheets for the 10 Year Period July 2018 : June 2028	
Completion of Budget Worksheets for all Groups of Activities	To be completed by budget holders < 24 December 2017.
Updating of Budget Model	
Updating of budget model with 10 year budget estimates	To be completed by Corporate Services Manager by 31 January 2018.
Workshop with Mgmt Team / Councillors	
Workshop Financials and document content with Management Team.	To be completed by 15 February 2018.
Workshop Financials and document content with Councillors	To be completed by 28 February 2018.
Finalise Draft LTP and Consultative Document.	To be completed by 31 March 2018.
Audit NZ Audit of Draft Prior to Adoption by Council and Release for Public Consultation	
Visit by Audit NZ staff to undertake audit of Consultative Document.	To be completed by 15 April 2018
Public Consultation Phase	
Draft LTP and Consultative Document to be adopted by Council, advertised and released for public consultation	To be completed by 20 April 2018
Submissions received	Up till 20 May 2018
Public Hearings	By 31 May 2018
Councillors make decisions following consideration of submissions.	At ordinary June 2018 meeting.
Audit of Final Version by Audit NZ	
Final version audited	By 25 June 2018
Council Adopts Final Version	
Final Version Adopted	By 30 June 2018

Prepared for: Council Meeting- 12 September 2017
Prepared by: Andrew Robb – Chairman
Date: 1 September 2017
Subject: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Meetings Attended:

- I attended a meeting with Hon Simon Bridges Friday 11 August. The Minister was on the West Coast to check progress on the Taramakau Bridge and to discuss transport issues relating to the West Coast. He hosted a luncheon for Governance Group members which myself and the Chief Executive attended. There was also some discussion on the Tonkin & Taylor report on Franz Josef.
- I attended the West Coast Governance Group meeting on 14 August.
- I attended the Mayors and Chairs Forum at Grey District Council on 17 August.
- I met with Toni Brendish, CEO of Westland Milk Products on 25 August to discuss matters relating to economic development.
- I will be meeting with Air New Zealand on 6 September.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Andrew Robb
Chairman

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Council Meeting 12 September 2017
Prepared by: Michael Meehan – Chief Executive
Date: 1 September 2017
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Meetings attended:

- I attended the Governance Group meeting on 14 August.
- I attended the Regional Chief Executive's meeting on 15 August and the Chief Executive's Environmental Forum on 16 August. Both meetings were in Wellington.
- I attended the Mayors and Chairs forum on 17 August which was hosted by Grey District Council.
- I met with Toni Brendish from Westland Milk Products on 28 August.
- I hosted and participated in the One Window Workshop on 29 August.
- I attended the PCR board meeting on 30 August in Greymouth.
- The Chairman and I attended the Regional Sector Group tour and meeting in Auckland on 31 August and 1 September.

Annual Leave

I took six days annual leave during the reporting period.

Use of the Council Seal

The Council Seal was affixed to documents relating to the Escrow agreements for Reddale, Stockton non AMD, Burkes Creek, Deed of Bonding between BT Mining Ltd, Buller District Council and West Coast Regional Council, Deed of Accession and Assumption (Deed of Commitment).

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

Michael Meehan
Chief Executive

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

To: Chairperson
West Coast Regional Council

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, -

Agenda Item No. 8.

26 – 27 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 August 2017

8.2 Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)

28 - 32 8.3 Potential Land Disposal

8.4 Response to Presentation (if any)

8.5 In Committee Items to be Released to Media

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 8 August 2017		Item 1 & 2 protecting privacy of natural persons Section 7 (3) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
8.2	Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)		
8.3	Potential Land Disposal		
8.4	Response to Presentation (if any)		
8.5	In Committee Items to be Released to Media		

I also move that:

- Michael Meehan
- Robert Mallinson
- Gerard McCormack
- Randal Beal
- Hadley Mills
- Nichola Costley

be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge on the subject. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.

The Minutes Clerk also be permitted to remain at the meeting.