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

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

**TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2019**

**The programme for the day is:**

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**10.30 a.m:**

**Resource Management Committee Meeting**

**On completion of RMC Meeting:**

**Council Meeting**

**Councillor Workshop:**

**Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance**

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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**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 March 2019**

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 12 FEBRUARY 2019, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.****PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

M. Meehan (Chief Executive), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the first meeting for the year.

**1. APOLOGIES**

**Moved** (Robb / Archer) *That the apology from N. Clementson be received.*

*Carried*

**2. MINUTES**

**Moved** (McDonnell / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 11 December 2018, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. PRESENTATION**

Today's presentation has been postponed to the March meeting.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Due to Cr Clementson's absence there was no report.

**5. REPORTS****5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP****5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to this report in H. Mills's absence. He advised that the hearing panel for Plan Change 1 reconvened on 31 January.

M. Meehan reported that the Grey Freshwater Management Unit held their third meeting recently. He stated that work is progressing well with the group.

M. Meehan advised that the NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity is likely to have a different impact on the West Coast compared to other regions. He stated that a detailed analysis is yet to be done on this but can be provided for a future meeting.



M. Meehan expressed his disappointment with the theft of hydrology equipment from the Mokihinui River and the Te Kuha site on the Buller River. He stated that this equipment is critical for flood warning purposes, investigations are underway to ascertain what can be done to prevent future thefts.

Cr McDonnell expressed concern regarding the Summary of the Draft NPS on Indigenous Biodiversity as he this could create SNA and scheduled wetlands. M. Meehan advised that this matter will need to be incorporated into the One District Plan process.

J. Douglas asked when the FMU for Westland will be commencing. M. Meehan agreed to follow up on this matter with H. Mills.

Cr Archer spoke of the draft NPS on Indigenous Biodiversity and stated that the reason why no SNA's have been identified on the West Coast so far is because there has been no conversation. He feels that a five year timeframe has been put in place where all SNA's are meant to be identified and included in planning documents. Cr Archer warned that those sitting around the district council tables will face the vitriol of landowners who are going to have to give up their land when already there is around 84% of the region already locked up in conservation land, leaving 16%. Cr Archer queried how the government is going to be able to incorporate this into plans within the timeline with appeals and counter appeals. Cr Archer stated that individual landowners' rights to their land are going to be totally eroded, customary rights will be no more. Cr Archer is concerned that the costs will fall onto individual ratepayers. Cr Archer stated that he is violently opposed to the NPS the way it is proposed to be adopted. Cr Archer feels that Council should reinstitute strong opposition based on the fundamental issues, without compensation or land swap for landowners, or let central government politicians face up to their communities. Cr Robb agreed with Cr Archer and stated that they have both had first hand experience with this via Plan Change 1. Cr Robb stated that landowners did not understand the process as they thought the regional council had implemented the plan and taken their land off them. Cr Robb stated that Council needs to submit on what comes out of central government.

Further discussion took place on the theft of flood warning equipment. M. Meehan answered questions regarding the security of sites and the possible use of cameras. M. Meehan stated that these areas need to be accessible.

Cr Birchfield agreed with Cr Archer's comments regarding the NPS on Indigenous Biodiversity

**Moved** (Archer / Challenger) *That this report be received.*

*Carried*

### **5.1.2 CONTACT RECREATION WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE**

M. Meehan spoke to this report.

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

*Carried*

### **5.1.3 ONE BILLION TREES FUND REPORT**

N. Costley circulated an updated version of this report. She advised that for this council the main area of focus will be partnership grants as there are opportunities for community working groups and rating districts. N. Costley advised that staff will be working with organisations on the West Coast to ensure that this is dealt with efficiently and that Council is kept up to date with progress in this area. N. Costley answered questions from Councillors. Cr Ewen stated that he feels the government's timeframe is unattainable.

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

*Carried*

### **5.1.4 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT ACCESSIBLE TE TAI POUTINI WEST COAST STRATEGIC PLAN**

N. Costley spoke to this report and stated that it follows on from the presentation to the December Council meeting. Cr Ewen asked if there are any costs to Council. It was noted that there are no costs at this stage. Cr Archer stated that this strategy is a statutory requirement which has been in place for many years.

**Moved** (Archer / McDonnell)

*That Council endorse the Draft Accessible Te Tai Poutini West Coast Strategic Plan.*

*Carried*

### 5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that four site visits were carried out, 15 non-notified resources consents were granted, three changes to consent conditions, and two limited notified resource consent were granted during the reporting period. H. McKay advised that one of the limited notified resource consents granted was for Westland District Council's new and upgraded oxidation ponds at Franz Josef, with work now progressing.

Cr McDonnell asked for further information regarding the consent process for RC-2018-0120 to undertake vegetation clearance work within Schedule 2 Wetland at Whataroa. H. McKay offered to provide additional information on this matter. M. Meehan advised that consents have been granted for similar cases. H. McKay agreed to follow up on questions relating to RC02116-V1.

**Moved** (Archer / Birchfield) *That the February 2019 report of the Consents Group be received.*

*Carried*

### 5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that 84 site visits were carried out during the reporting period, which covers two months.

H. McKay advised there was an aerial flight covering the Westland area to check on whitebait stand compliance. Of the 523 stands inspected, there was no non-compliance's detected.

H. McKay reported that 29 complaints / incidents were reported with 19 of these resulting in site visits.

H. McKay reported that one formal warning and two abatement notices were issued during the reporting period.

H. McKay clarified that 16 work programmes were received and 13 work programmes were approved and three bonds were received during the reporting period.

J. Douglas asked if there has been any progress with identifying those responsible for the cull of Canadian Geese at Okarito and if the rotting carcasses have been disposed of. H. McKay responded that she has not had any reports from staff regarding identifying those responsible, she advised that the carcasses have not been removed.

H. McKay answered questions from Cr Ewen regarding water sampling and disturbed mining areas. H. McKay explained the pathways used with regard to disturbed mining areas to ensure compliance.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Ewen) *That the February 2019 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

*Carried*

### GENERAL BUSINESS

The meeting closed at 11.08 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 12 March 2019  
 Prepared by: Lillie Sadler – Planning Team Leader  
 Date: 27 February 2019  
**Subject: Planning Report**

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Update on RPS Appeals process

The first of two Environment Court mediation sessions to address appeals on the proposed Regional Policy Statement will be held in Greymouth on 11-14 March. This session will cover appeals on Chapters 4-6 (Resilient and Sustainable Communities, Resource Use and Development, Regionally Significant Infrastructure), and possibly Chapters 8 and 9 (Land and Water, Coastal Environment) if time permits. The second session is tentatively scheduled for 27-30 May, and will address appeals on Chapters 2 and 7 (Significant Resource Management Issues, Biodiversity and Landscapes).

Update on Plan Change 1

Subsequent to the reconvened hearing on 31 January 2019 the Department of Conservation (DOC) has requested that the Hearing Panel agree to a caucus between the Wetland Assessor and the DOC Ecologist, to discuss the seven wetland boundaries where DOC disagree with the Wetland Assessors recommendations.

Grey FMU Group update

The Grey FMU Group had its fifth meeting on 26 February 2019. The Group was introduced to water quantity concepts and discussed the compulsory values from the NPSFM. The Group also considered the implications of these water quantity values on the Grey Valley water takes, and balancing them with other identified community values within the catchment.

Buller FMU Group

Applications for the Buller FMU Group close on 19 April, a public information meeting will be held in Westport on 10 April 2019.

Hokitika FMU Group

Note that the draft Terms of Reference for the Hokitika FMU Group will be put forward at the April Council meeting for approval.

Envirolink funding application

The Envirolink link application for funding to explore a new flood warning system for the Buller River has been successful. The grant is worth \$20,000 and NIWA will complete the work before 30 June 2019.

Hydrology

There was one flood alarm in the reporting period.

Site	Time of peak	Peak level (mm)	Peak Flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Warning Issued	Alarm threshold
Waiho River @ SHB	22/02/2019 03:15	7352 mm	n/a	22/02/2019 02:45	7200

On 22 January 2019 all of the flood warning equipment for the Mokihinui flow recorder was stolen. Much of this equipment has no other application than the recording and storing of water level data. The site experienced similar thefts in 2017. The equipment has been replaced. On 31 January 2019 most of the flood warning equipment for the Te Kuha site on the Buller River was stolen. The value of the equipment stolen and damage done is approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000. Security options for both sites have been investigated and will be implemented in March.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the report is received.*

Hadley Mills  
**Planning, Science and Innovation Manager**

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting - 12 March 2019  
 Prepared by: Emma Perrin-Smith, Senior Surface Water Quality Technician  
 Date: 28 February 2019  
**Subject: CONTACT RECREATION WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE**

The West Coast Regional Council carries out regular sampling for faecal indicator bacteria (*E.coli* or Enterococci) at popular contact recreation sites over the summer period, from November through to March. The table below presents the results of sampling so far this season.

SITE	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Dec	Dec	Dec	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan	Feb	Feb	Feb
Carters Beach at campground beach access	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
North Beach at tip head road steps	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Buller River at Shingle Beach	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*
Buller River at Marrs Beach	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*
Rapahoe Beach at end of Statham St	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Seven Mile Creek at SH6 Rapahoe	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Nelson Ck at Swimming Hole Reserve	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*
Grey River at Taylorville Swimming Hole	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*
Cobden Beach at Bright Street West end	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Blaketown Beach at South Tiphead	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Lake Brunner at Cashmere Bay Boat Ramp	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Lake Brunner at Iveagh Bay	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Lake Brunner at Moana	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*	😊*
Karoro Beach at Surf Club	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Hokitika Beach at Hokitika	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Kaniere River at Kaniere Kokatahi Rd	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Lake Mahinapua at Shanghai Bay	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	
Arahura Rv @ SH6	😊*	😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*		😊*	

Rainfall past 24hrs	Rainfall past week		Category
*	•	0-10 mm	minimal
*	•	10-30 mm	light
*	•	30-60 mm	moderate
*	•	>60 mm	high
😊		< 260 E. coli; < 140 Ent	very low risk
😊*		260-550 E. coli; 140-280 Ent	low risk
😊*		> 550 E. coli; > 280 Ent	moderate to high risk

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the report is received.*

Hadley Mills  
 Planning, Science and Innovation Manager



## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee Meeting – 12 March 2019  
 Prepared by: Nichola Costley – Manager Strategy and Communications  
 Date: 1 March 2019  
**Subject: Variation 5 to the West Coast Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 – 21**

### **Purpose**

To amend the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) pursuant to section 18D of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) by adding a Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment into the programme of activities for the Grey District Council.

### **Overview**

The Regional Transport Committee (RTC) may prepare a variation to its RLTP during the six years to which it applies if the variation addresses an issue raised by a review; or good reason exists for making the variation.

A variation may be prepared by the RTC at the request of an approved organisation of the NZ Transport Agency or on the RTC's own motion.

The provisions of the LTMA that apply to the preparation of a full RLTP apply with the necessary changes to a variation of an RLTP. Consultation is not required for any Variation that is not deemed significant in the criteria set out in the RLTP.

The RTC may recommend that the West Coast Regional Council vary the RLTP, however final approval of the variation is determined by the Council.

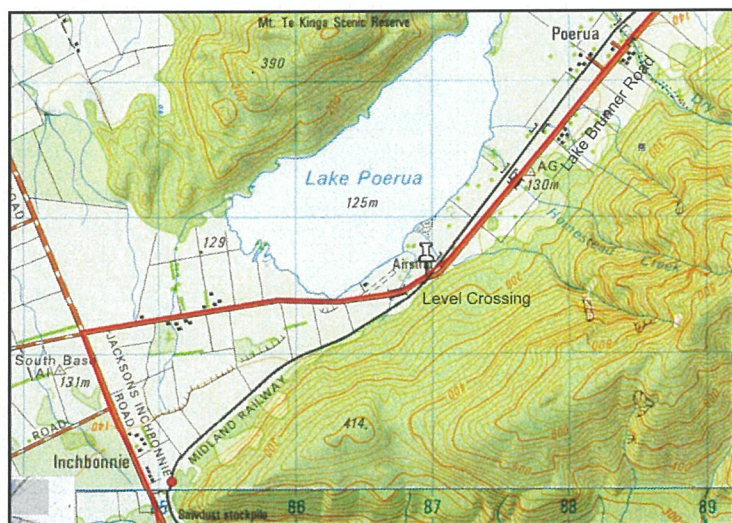
### **Background**

The ownership and management of railway level crossing warning devices lies with KiwiRail. KiwiRail are undertaking a nationwide programme of work to improve safety at level crossings. A front-loaded programme has been agreed with the NZ Transport Agency for the 2018-21 National Land Transport programme (NLTP) to a maximum level of \$500,000 per annum.

Within this agreed national programme, there is one proposal for the West Coast:

- Grey District Council – Lake Brunner Road \$10,000 (2020/21). This is to complete a Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment. The assessment calculate the level of risk at the crossing and recommend safety treatments necessary to mitigate the risk to predefined acceptable levels (refer map)

The new work will be completed under Work Category 321 'New Traffic Management Facilities' with a 100% Funding Assistance Rate.



This project strongly aligns with the RLTP priority of *a safe transport network increasingly free of death and serious injury.*

National Land Transport Funding has been agreed by NZTA for the 2020/21 financial year; however the activity needs to be added to the RLTP prior to it being included in the NLTP.

This variation will cost \$10,000 (funded by KiwiRail) in total and is not significant. Public consultation is not required.

**Regional Transport Committee support**

The RTC accepted the following recommendations:

*That the West Coast Regional Transport Committee:*

- (i) Note that Lake Brunner Road Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment is proposed as a variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan*
- (ii) Determine that the requested variation is not significant*
- (iii) Recommends this variation to West Coast Regional Council.*

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. That Council approves the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 – 21 for the inclusion of the Lake Brunner Road Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment; and*
- 2. That Council submits the variation to the West Coast Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 – 21 to the New Zealand Transport Agency.*

Nichola Costley

**Manager Strategy and Communications**

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**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 12 March 2019  
 Prepared by: Karen Glover – Consents and Compliance Administration Officer  
 Date: 28 February 2019  
**Subject: CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

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**Four Consents Site Visit were undertaken 31 January to 28 February 2019**

01-02-2019	PA to be lodged - Onsite wastewater discharge, Kotuku	To undertake a site visit to assess the proposal against Rule 79 of the Regional Land and Water Plan.
13-02-2019	RC-2019-0007 - D Russ, Alluvial gold mining activities, Goldsborough	Site visit to assess the application for renewal of an alluvial gold mining operation.
22-02-2019	RC-2019-0012 - AJ Gillman, Alluvial gold mining activities, Kaniere	Site visit to assess the application for renewal of an alluvial gold mining operation.
27-02-2019	PA to be lodged - Onsite wastewater discharge, Welshmans	To undertake a site visit to assess the proposal against Rule 79 of the Regional Land and Water Plan.

**12 Non-Notified Resource Consents were Granted 30 January to 28 February 2019**

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CONSENT</b>
RC-2018-0012 West Coast Regional Council Waiho River	To disturb the bed and banks of the Waiho River to undertake river training and diversion works.  To temporarily and permanently divert water into a new channel of the Waiho River.
RC-2018-0052 West Coast Regional Council Rapahoe Beach	To alter the foreshore/seabed by depositing virgin excavated natural material, Rapahoe Beach.  To deposit virgin excavated natural material in the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) associated with beach nourishment, Rapahoe Beach.
RC-2018-0062 AJ Gillman Moeraki River, Westland	To disturb the bed of the Moeraki River for the purpose of log removal.
RC-2018-0087 FA & SR van der Sluys Utopia Road, Westport	To alter the foreshore/seabed to construct and maintain coastal protection works at the Orowaiti Lagoon.  To occupy space in the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) with coastal protection works at the Orowaiti Lagoon.  To construct coastal protection works (rock wall and groynes) in the CMA at the Orowaiti Lagoon.  To deposit material (rock) in the CMA associated with coastal protection works at the Orowaiti Lagoon.
RC-2018-0115 Housing West Coast Ltd Tasman View, Greymouth	To undertake earthworks within the Greymouth Earthworks Control Area associated with the deposition of demolition waste / clean fill to land, Tasman View.
RC-2018-0119 JN Allen Dunganville, Maori Creek Road	To undertake earthworks associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 60480, at Dunganville.  To take and use water for alluvial gold mining activities within MP 60480, at Dunganville.  To discharge sediment-laden water to land in circumstances where it may enter water, namely Maori Creek and its tributaries, associated with alluvial gold mining within MP 60480.

RC-2019-0003 Oparara Valley Project Trust Oparara Valley, Buller	To undertake earthworks within and outside riparian margins, Oparara Valley.  To disturb the dry bed of Oparara River to extract gravel for track construction purposes.  To disturb the bed of the Oparara River to extract rock and construct track structures.  To discharge treated sewage effluent to land, Oparara Valley.
RC-2019-0006 Avery Bros Ltd Buller River at Organs Island	To disturb the dry bed of the Buller River at Organs Island for the purpose of removing gravel.  To disturb the wet bed of the Buller River at Organs Island for the purpose of removing gravel.
RC-2019-0008 West Coast Regional Council Bradshaws Lagoon, Westport	To discharge contaminants associated with tracer dye to water namely Bradshaws Creek, Bradshaws Lagoon and its tributaries.
RC-2019-0009 JW Findlay Punakaiki	To discharge treated onsite sewage wastewater from a domestic dwelling to land at Lot 1 DP 758 in Punakaiki.
RC-2019-0010 Westreef Services Ltd Springs Junction	To discharge sewage effluent including greywater from the Springs Junction public toilets to land at Section 10 and Parts 8-9 Block XII Rahu Survey, Springs Junction.
RC-2019-0011 Westreef Services Ltd North Beach, Westport	To disturb the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) for the purpose of removing sand/gravel, North Beach, Westport.

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#### Change to and Reviews of Consent Conditions were Granted 30 January to 28 February 2019

<b>CONSENT NO. &amp; HOLDER</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF CHANGE/REVIEW</b>
RC09122-V1 PNJ McHugh & MA Court 12 Mile, north of Greymouth	To change conditions relating to the coastal protection structure at 12 Mile, Coast Road.
RC-2016-0109-V1 B.B.C Excavation Ltd Fairdown, Westport	To change conditions relating to new mining areas within MP53398 at Fairdown.
RC-2017-0092-V1 Fitzherbert Investments Ltd Arthurstown, Westland	To increase the rehabilitated disturbed gold mining area and the bond, Arthurstown.

#### One Limited Notified and Notified Resource Consents were granted 30 January to 28 February 2019

RC-2018-0098 Westreef Services Ltd Powerhouse Road, Westport	To undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance associated with quarrying activities, Powerhouse Road, Fairdown.  To undertake flipping/contouring associated with the rehabilitation of quarrying activities, Powerhouse Road, Fairdown.
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#### Public Enquiries

44 written public enquiries were responded to during the reporting period. 39 (89%) were answered on the same day, and the remaining 5 (11%) within the next ten days.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the March 2019 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Heather McKay

**Consents & Compliance Manager**



Prepared for: Resource Management Committee – 12 March 2019  
 Prepared by: Heather McKay – Consents & Compliance Manager  
 Date: 28 February 2019  
 Subject: **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

### **Site Visits**

A total of 61 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period, which consisted of:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of Visits</b>
Resource consent monitoring	0
Mining compliance & bond release	22
Complaint/Incident related	15
Dairy farm	24

- A total of 20 complaints/reported incidents were received, with 15 resulting in site visits.

### **Non-Compliances**

Note: These are the activities that have been assessed as non-compliant during the reporting period.

A total of eight non-compliances occurred during the reporting period.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Action/Outcome</b>	<b>INC/Comp</b>
Discharge to water	Complaint received that someone has discarded dead Kahawai fish into a creek.	Seddonville	The offender was unknown and there were no avenues of enquiry open.	Complaint
Discharge to water	Complaint received that a storm drain smells of effluent	Punakaiki	The site was investigated and samples obtained. The samples show that the drain contains waste water as it is high in ammonia and e coli. The source has not yet been located, but is likely from a septic tank.	Complaint
Earthworks	Complaint received that someone has dumped hard fill off the edge of North Beach Road.	North Beach, Cobden	The site was investigated and established that clean fill had been dumped off the side of the road into a hole then levelled out. A technical non-compliance as the earth works is within 50 metres of the CMA. The person responsible is unknown.	Complaint
Rubbish dumping within the CMA	Compliance staff located rubbish that had been dumped at North Beach	North Beach Cobden	There was no identification amongst the rubbish. A contractor was engaged to remove the rubbish.	Incident
Rubbish dumping	Complaint received that someone has dumped two TVs into a creek.	Runanga	The TVs were located and removed from the creek by Council staff.	Complaint

Dairy Effluent	A compliance inspection was undertaken at a dairy farm and it was found that the treatment ponds were overgrown with vegetation and unmaintained which is a breach of consent conditions.	Granite Creek	There was no discharge from the ponds at the time of the inspection. The farmer was requested to undertake remedial work. The site will be inspected again once the work has been completed.	Incident
Dairy Effluent	A compliance inspection was undertaken at a dairy farm and it was found that the effluent storage pond had a discharge to land from a break in the pond wall.	Kowhitirangi	The farm manager has arranged for remedial work to be undertaken on the ponds. The farm owner was issued with an infringement notice and the farm manager received a formal warning.	Incident
Dairy Effluent	A follow up compliance inspection carried out at a dairy farm to ensure that remedial work had been undertaken on the dairy effluent system.	Kowhitirangi	The farm manager had emptied the effluent storage pond as directed however the storm water drain still contained some dairy effluent. The farm manager was issued with a formal warning.	Incident

### **Other Complaints/Incidents**

Note: These are the other complaints/incidents assessed during the reporting period whereby the activity was not found to be non-compliant or compliance is not yet established at the time of reporting.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Action/Outcome</b>	<b>INC/Comp</b>
Black Sand Mining	Complaint received that a black sand miner was causing erosion of the beach dunes.	Charleston	The site was investigated and found that the miner had been extracting in the correct area which is below the high tide and low tide. The operator was compliant with their consent	Complaint
Stock access to water	Complaint received that stock access to a creek has pugged and damaged the banks.	Seddonville	Enquiries are ongoing	Complaint
Gold Mining	Complaint received that a gold miner was mining outside of their consented hours.	Kaniere	The site was visited and the miner explained that they were not mining but were doing some maintenance of machinery.	Complaint

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Discharge to water	Complaint received that the Okari River was in a higher flow and discoloured with sediment for approximately one hour.	Okari	The complaint was reported the day after the event. The area was investigated and enquiries were able to confirm that the river had been in a higher flow but the source was not located.	Complaint
Discharge to land	Complaint received that a truck carrying offal has lost some of its load on the State Highway.	Inangahua	Phone enquiries established that it was cleaned up by the truck driver and a roading contractor.	Complaint
Discharge to air	Complaint regarding the discharge from burning materials.	Dobson	Enquiries established that the person was burning cardboard at a residential property. There was no breach of the regional rules.	Complaint
Discharge to air	Complaint regarding the discharge from burning materials.	Greymouth	The site was visited and established that the person was burning materials at a residential property. There was no breach of the regional rules. However the person was advised to have more regard for the neighbour's.	Complaint
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Gold Mining	Complaint received regarding the noise from a gold mining operation.	Kaniere	The site was visited and the miner was reminded of their consent conditions. The miner will investigate options to mitigate noise from the operation. There were no issues at the time of the inspection.	Complaint
Discharge to land	Complaint received that there was 1080 laid in Anzac Park.	Greymouth	The site was investigated and established that pest control had been undertaken for rabbits and that it was not 1080, noting that the control of the use of 1080 is not through the Resource Management Act.	Complaint

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Dairy Farm: discharge of dairy effluent to land from effluent storage pond	Kowhitirangi
Dairy Farm: discharge of dairy effluent to a storm water drain	Kowhitirangi
Dairy Farm: Stock access to water within the Lake Brunner catchment	Rotomanu

**Infringement Notices:** There were four infringement notices issued during the reporting period.

Activity	Location
Gold Mining: two notices for the discharge of sediment, one notice to the company and one notice issued to the director.	German Gully
Burning Rubbish: discharge to air from a trade and industrial premises, burning plastics and rubber.	Greymouth
Dairy Farm: discharge of effluent from an effluent storage pond	Kowhitirangi

**Abatement Notices:** There were two abatement notices issued during the reporting period.

Activity	Location
Gold Mining: abatement notice to cease the discharge of sediment.	German Gully
Burning Rubbish: cease the discharge to air from burning prohibited items	Greymouth

### **Mining Work Programmes and Bonds**

The Council received the following 21 work programmes during the reporting period. Twenty of the work programmes have been approved and the remaining programme has been recently received.

Date	Mining Authorisation	Holder	Location	Approved
31-01-19	RC-2014-0129	Moore Mining Limited	Reefton	Yes
31-01-19	RC-2017-0151	Moore Mining Limited	Reefton	Yes
31-01-19	RC-2016-0063	Moore Mining Limited	Reefton	Yes
31-01-19	RC-2016-0126	Moore Mining Limited	Reefton	Yes
31-01-19	RC-2016-0083	Moore Mining Limited	Reefton	Yes
31-01-19	RC02055	Moore Mining Limited	Reefton	Yes
31-01-19	RC01285	Moore Mining Limited	Reefton	Yes
31-01-19	RC10217	Moore Mining Limited	Reefton	Yes
31-01-19	RC13010	Moore Mining Limited	Reefton	Yes
31-01-19	RC-2014-0183	Moore Mining Limited	Reefton	Yes
01-02-19	RC-2017-0170	Goldriver Mining Limited	Butlers	Yes
01-02-19	RC11001	Phoenix Mining Limited	Marsden	Yes
01-02-19	RC12035	MS Moore Contracting Ltd	Buller River	Yes
01-02-19	RC-2015-0133	Griffiths Mining Ltd	Sergeants Hill	Yes
04-02-19	RC-2015-0112	Goldriver Mining Ltd	Waimea Creek	Yes

12-02-19	RC-2016-0015	Ross Beach Mining Ltd	Goldsborough	Yes
14-02-19	RC10273	Blacktopp Mining Ltd	Marsden	yes
15-02-19	RC-2016-0034	Amalgamated Mining	Notown	In progress
19-02-19	RC13016	Da Ba Jin Kuang Ltd	Cape Terrace	yes
22-02-19	RC00323	Oceana Gold (NZ) Ltd	Reefton	Yes
27-02-19	RC96051	Birchfield Coal Mines Ltd	Giles Creek	Yes

**Three bonds were received during the reporting period**

<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
RC-2015-0132	Phoenix Minerals Ltd	Callaghans	\$40,000
RC09084	Gold Stone Mining Group Ltd	Humphreys Gully	\$100,000
RC-2018-0119	Jeffrey Allen	Dunganville	\$10,000

**The following bond is recommended for release**

<b>Mining Authorisation</b>	<b>Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason For Release</b>
RC09084	Xin Xin Mining	Humphreys Gully	\$100,000	New bond lodged by new consent holder

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the March 2019 report of the Compliance Group be received.
2. That the \$100,000 surety bond for RC09084 held by Xin Xin Mining Ltd is released.

Heather McKay  
**Consents and Compliance Manager**

# **COUNCIL MEETING**

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## 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 March 2019** 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 12 FEBRUARY 2019,  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,  
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.08 A.M.****PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk).

**1. APOLOGY:**

**Moved** (Robb / Archer) *That the apology from N. Clementson be received.*

*Carried*

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** (Birchfield / Archer) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 11 December 2018, be confirmed as correct, with the amendments listed below, made.*

*Carried*

**Matters arising**

Cr Ewen stated that he had no concern regarding the Terrafirma report being in the tender documents but he was concerned that Mr Ellis's report was not included in the tender documents.  
Cr Challenger drew attention to the incorrect numbering in the minutes.

**3.1.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 21 DECEMBER 2018**

**Moved** (McDonnell / Archer) *that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated 21 December 2018, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**REPORTS:****4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

R. Beal reported that the sending out of the survey to Carters Beach ratepayers was delayed as investigations on the suitability of material from Holcim Cement Works for coastal protection work was

completed. R. Beal advised that investigations revealed that the material is only suitable for fill behind an armoured seawall.

R. Beal reported that the resource consent for beach nourishment at Rapahoe has been issued, and the design for a low cost protection option has been completed.

R. Beal advised that the tender for the sale of Blackball and Kiwi quarries has been extended as no tenders were received.

M. Meehan advised that it has been difficult to maintain the access ramps on the Hokitika Seawall following weather events. He advised that this matter may need to be discussed with the Hokitika Seawall Committee to ascertain how they wish to deal with this.

Cr Ewen asked which section of the seawall at Punakaiki has slumping occurred. R. Beal confirmed that this is at the southern end. Cr Ewen stated that this is the area NZTA carried out work. He stated that the rating district should not be paying for any repair work in this area if it was caused by NZTA works.

M. Meehan answered questions relating to the material from Holcim.

**Moved** (Challenger / Archer) *that the report is received.*

*Carried*

#### **4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that the total revenue for the six months is just over \$5.5M and total expenditure is \$6.4M, with an operating deficit of \$835,000. R. Mallinson advised that the deficit is almost totally attributable to the decline in the investment portfolio value during November and December (\$311,000) which was on top of previous substantial declines in value during September and October. R. Mallinson advised that general funded activities and tracking close to budget for the six month period.

Discussion took place on the investment portfolio. R. Mallinson advised that he is hopeful of at least a two percent rebound during January. He stated that JB Were are keeping in close contact with him. R. Mallinson advised that he will be carrying out some research going back to the creation of the portfolio back to the early 2000's and will bring a report on this to a future council meeting. It was agreed that a long term view of the investment portfolio needs to be taken. M. Meehan stated that the investment portfolio has been a huge benefit to the community over the years in keeping rates rises down and funding work.

It was agreed that R. Mallinson would not bring a monthly report to the March Council meeting as he is heavily involved with Annual Plan work. It was noted that Councillors will still receive the monthly investment portfolio report.

R. Mallinson reported that documents for the transition to the Local Government Funding Agency will require signing following today's meeting. He advised that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman were to sign but due to Cr Clementon's absence another Councillor will be required to sign. Discussion took place and it was agreed that Cr Archer would carry out this task.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Challenger)

1. *That the report be received.*
2. *That Council appoints Cr Andrew Robb and Cr Terry Archer to sign the various documents required to be signed by "two elected members".*
3. *That the Corporate Services Manager, Robert Mallinson, be authorised to sign the "Register and Paying Agent Services Agreement".*

*Carried*

#### **4.3 SIX MONTH REVIEW – 1 JULY 2018 – 31 DECEMBER 2018**

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that the majority of targets are either in progress or achieved. He stated that the timeline for the Audited Annual Report was not met.

M. Meehan drew attention to the performance target not being achieved for macroinvertebrate health index at five sites out of 29. M. Meehan advised that H. Mills' team will be looking into this along with the Freshwater Management Groups who will also look closely at this data.

M. Meehan answered questions from Councillors relating to water quality. M. Meehan advised that the State of Environment four yearly report will be complete in a month's time and will provide in depth information and further information should be to hand by April.

Cr Ewen stated he would like to know the names of the sites where water quality has declined. M. Meehan agreed to provide this information.

R. Beal answered questions relating to the delivery of various vector control contracts, which are often weather dependent.

Cr Archer advised that the hearing for Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Land and Water Plan reconvened and has now been adjourned.

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

*Carried*

## 5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report. He advised that the Terms of Reference were set at the first meeting of the Transitional Board for the One District Plan.

The Chairman reported that work is progressing very well with the Grey Mawhera Freshwater Management Group.

The Chairman provided an update on the Regional Sector Group Sub Water Group meeting, he stated that Minister Parker is engaging with the sector. The Chairman advised that there are nine seconded staff from the Ministry for the Environment working for this group.

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

*Carried*

## 6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to his report. He advised R. Beal and his staff are pursuing a project in the Lake Brunner catchment in conjunction with Predator Free 2050, DoC and various other agencies which potentially has huge benefit to Council and the community.

M. Meehan reported that the meeting with Department of Internal Affairs, Westland District Council and MBIE staff is looking at options for a long term approach for Franz Josef.

M. Meehan reported that the recent CEG meeting went very well with West Coast CDEM working very well. He stated there are good systems in place. Some staff are currently in Nelson assisting with the fire event.

M. Meehan reported that there is a lot of work being put into the RSG Water Sub Group to ensure that good information is in front of the right people.

Cr Challenger asked M. Meehan if he is aware of what Westland District Council's view of the long term plan for Franz Josef is. M. Meehan responded that during last year's LTP process Council proposed that a holistic rating district be formed but this did not get across the line. M. Meehan advised that Westland District Council supports this approach and there is strong support for this but in there are funding constraints. M. Meehan advised that Westland District Council has set up a Governance Group for Franz Josef which includes all agencies currently involved, including representatives from this Council. He stated that any proposals are put to this group for discussion, then onto the community for consultation. Extensive discussion took place, M. Meehan advised this will be discussed further at the end of today's meeting.

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

*Carried*

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ewen brought up the matter of whether or not the DoC is looking a wetlands extension to pakihi land. Cr Ewen stated this has implications of biodiversity as pakihi land has a lot of corrals on it as

such land cannot be utilised without DoC consent. Cr Archer stated that this matter has not been raised in terms of DoC representatives at the Plan Change hearing. M. Meehan advised Cr Ewen that his query may be better directed via the NPS Biodiversity submission.

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date

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**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 12 March 2019  
Prepared by: Michael Meehan – Chief Executive  
Date: 3 March 2019  
Subject: **Franz Josef Westland District Council Request**

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**Background**

Franz Josef is a small township within the 2.6 million hectare UNESCO World Heritage site, Te Waipounamu on the West Coast of the South Island. Franz Josef is unique in New Zealand. Situated on the Alpine Fault and next to the Waiho River, the area is subject to significant risk. However, it is these natural features that have made Franz Josef a nationally significant tourist destination.

Significant discussion has taken place over the last four decades regarding the future of Franz Josef in relation to the natural hazard challenges it faces. This has focussed on the Waiho River aggradation and flood risk alongside the alpine fault line which runs through the township. Both of these hazards pose devastating threats to the economy of Franz Josef and the West Coast. Several major reports have been completed, which detail the risk associated with natural hazards and resilience, along with physical works to attempt to mitigate some of these risks. The biggest obstacle to moving forward with recommendations that arise out of these reports is funding.

Franz Josef is an internationally recognised tourist destination where you can still access this phenomenal glacier by air or foot and is one of six "icons" throughout the region that Tourism West Coast markets to the world. This has led to significant challenges as visitor numbers have grown exponentially and are expected to grow further.

Franz Josef is unique with an extremely high local resident to tourist ratio (2.9 visitor nights per day, per resident) and with the extraordinary natural hazard challenges it faces. The estimated expenditure in 2016 was \$122m from tourism. In addition to this the State Highway that runs through the township is a vital tourism and roading network for the South Island. Disruption along this network has severe financial implications for the town and wider regional economy.

Over 500,000 visitors stay in Franz Josef each year, requiring significant investments (for example hotels, restaurants and visitor activities).

**Waiho River**

The Waiho River aggradation has been the subject of major reports (*McSaveney and Davies, 1998; Davies and McSaveney, 2001; Davies et al., 2003 and others*) and discussion over the past four decades. Experts contend to alleviate the aggradation the river needs the ability to operate across its normal alluvial fan and stopbanks in key locations should be deconstructed.

Options to mitigate this aggradation have mostly favoured a longer term approach of relaxing (deconstructing) stopbanks to allow the Waiho River to operate on its normal fan. These works require significant planning and engineering to ensure this is a successful long term solution. In addition to this NZTA would need to realign the State Highway to the south to avoid the flood hazard to this important road link.

This approach would ensure that the town and the associated infrastructure on the north side of the Waiho River and the State Highway network has a greatly enhanced level of protection and resilience.

If this work is not undertaken it is likely that in time the Waiho River will again flood the south side and it would be near impossible to shift the river back into the normal channel due to the severe aggradation that has occurred in the active channel. To put this in context in 1982 when the Waiho River cut through

to the south it took contractors 4-6 weeks to get the river back in its normal channel. The normal rate of aggradation is 200mm per year, therefore in 2019 the riverbed level is approximately 7.2m higher than it was in 1982.

Agencies have continued to construct and enhance stopbanks and further restriction in the river fan has occurred overtime, whilst the aggradation has continued.

The Regional Council has consulted on various options relating to flood protection enhancement for the township and Southside properties, most recently the connection of the Southside Milton and Others and Rubbish Dump stopbanks, purchase of the Glacier Gateway Motel and upgrades to the Franz Josef Rating District flood protection assets.

In addition to the above a number of discussions have occurred regarding the area downstream of the township on the north side of the river known as the 55km/hr corner. It is this area that flooded in March 2016 causing damage to private property and Westland District Council infrastructure. This area is not covered by a rating district with consultation in 2015 and more recently 2018 to bring the properties into a holistic scheme and manage the assets in the Waiho River more efficiently and effectively not receiving support from the community.

#### Westland District Council Request

Attached is a request from Westland District Council supported by the Franz Josef Community Council and Franz Inc. to ask the Regional Council to make an application for a \$3.8M stopbank through the Provincial Growth Fund. Further engagement with Westland District Council is required to understand the details of the proposal (this is occurring at the time of writing this report).

It is assumed the request relates to community discussion regarding a proposed extension to the helipad stopbank (not currently a Franz Josef Rating District). This issue has been discussed at length with the community and resulted in a proposed alteration to the Franz Josef Rating District in 2015, which did not receive support. At the time WCRC requested expert advice (attached) that recommended not proceeding with this work due to concerns over potential adverse impacts on infrastructure and property downstream of the proposed extension. Due to this advice and following engagement with experts and the community a different alignment was consulted on, which did not receive community support.

#### Engineering Advice

Expert engineering advice has clearly stated that any further constriction of the Waiho River fan will cause adverse effects in relation to property and potentially accelerate the aggradation in the river. There is potential with any works in a dynamic riverbed like the Waiho River to cause adverse effects for neighbouring properties and key infrastructure. It is crucial to follow engineering advice and to consider a long term approach to the issues faced.

#### Long Term Approach

A long term approach to natural hazards is recommended. In regard to the management of the Waiho River it is recommended that Council supports initiatives which are supported by sound engineering, environmental and other relevant advice. Realistically the only long term approach that achieves this is deconstruction of some of the flood infrastructure that is contributing to the severe aggradation in the Waiho River.

On its own Council does not have the resources to achieve such a radical step change in the way we manage natural hazards. This type of change requires the support of central government and other agencies to achieve a sustainable long term approach, which provides for the region's economic well-being and resilience.

The issues above have been highlighted in many reports, most recently in the Tonkin and Taylor options assessment and cost benefit analysis 2017. The stumbling block to proceeding with any effective solution is funding, as significant funding is ultimately required to effect the change process necessary. This stumbling block has caused great frustration with the community during various rounds of consultation as any decision making is impacted by this barrier.

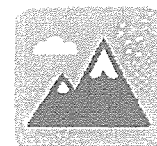
The deconstruction of flood management assets is necessary in the long term as without this action stopbank failure or an avulsion of the Waiho River to Docherty's Creek or the Tatare River is likely to happen in time without any intervention.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. That Council receives the report.*
- 2. That Council does not support any further constriction of the Waiho River fan, unless expert advice supports the work.*
- 3. That Council revisits the 2018/19 Annual Plan proposal to form a holistic rating district for Franz Josef and consults through the 2019/20 Annual Plan process.*
- 4. That Council leads a discussion with central government regarding the long term management of the natural hazard issues, with a focus on a collaborative long term solution.*

Michael Meehan  
**Chief Executive**

# Franz Josef Community Council Inc



7 February 2019

Bruce Smith

Mayor

Westland District Council

Dear Bruce

Letter of Support – Proposed Stopbank Extension

Please accept this letter of support for the proposed stop bank extension at an estimated cost of 3.8 Million.

With our application to the provincial fund being unsuccessful, it is time to urgently address the major element affecting our town. In order to grow our community, we require a safe and vibrant place to work and live. Rather than being reliant of a disproportionate number of seasonal workers, there is the opportunity to grow our town in a sustainable way with full time residents through new activities and investment if this major roadblock was addressed.

The river and its management are a key concern for everyone and this should be urgently addressed to provide a short to medium term solution to allow us to move forward as the major tourist destination of the West Coast.

Please let us know if we can assist any further in progressing this solution

Regards

Craig Rankin

Chairman

On behalf of the Franz Josef Community





7 February 2019

Bruce Smith  
Mayor  
Westland District Council

Dear Bruce

Letter of Support – Proposed Stopbank Extension

Please accept this letter of support for the proposed stop bank extension at an estimated cost of 3.8 Million.

With our application to the provincial fund being unsuccessful, it is time to urgently address the major element that is holding back development in Franz Josef. After talking to numerous potential investors, who have all unfortunately decided not to invest, it is the river rather than any other of the natural hazards we may face in the future, that was the key risk factor that turned them away.

A bold move would be to extend the stop bank in the river. This would provide a short-medium term solution that would provide some certainty for the next 10-20 years. It would allow new investment in our town, further growing our tax and rating bases. This in turn would put us in a better position to be able to fund further work in the future, whether it be river management and other key infrastructure.

While we are probably the most studied town in New Zealand, this has hindered rather than helped our development due to the many differing expert views. Please let us know if we can assist any further in progressing this solution.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Craig Rankin", written over a large, light-colored scribble or background mark.

Craig Rankin

Chairman

On behalf of Franz Inc Members

# Report

**DATE:** 28 February 2019

**TO:** Mayor and Councillors

**FROM:** Chief Executive

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## PROPOSED STOPBANK EXTENSION AT FRANZ JOSEF

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval in principle to support the community of Franz Josef to improve the defence of the Franz Josef Township by proposing further enhancements to the stopbank protection on the Waiho River to the West Coast Regional Council.
- 1.2 This issue arises from an application by the Westland District Council to the Provincial Growth Fund for “Designing the future of Franz Josef - Programme Business Case” which was unsuccessful and recent receipt of letters received via the community to support a new application.
- 1.3 Council seeks to meet its obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 and the achievement of the District Vision adopted by the Council in May 2018, which will be set out in the next Long Term Plan 2018-28. These are stated on Page 2 of this agenda.
- 1.4 This report concludes by recommending that Council receive the two letters of support in principle and forward them to the West Coast Regional Council for consideration.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 An application to the Provincial Growth Fund in June 2018 to support the township of Franz Josef by providing a programme business case which would have provided a pathway forward for the future development of the Franz Josef and potential funding mechanism was unsuccessful.

- 2.2 Westland District Council has an obligation to continue to find a pathway forward and further defence of natural hazards; namely the potential impact by flooding; should be part of any future strategy.

### 3 CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 Two letters have been received from Franz Inc. and Franz Josef Community Council Inc. supporting the extension of the existing stopbank. These letters are attached as **Appendix 1**.

- 3.2 The Council's role in this matter is as the lead in the Governance Group charged with finding a solution to the future of Franz Josef.

### 4 OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 is to receive the report.
- 4.2 Option 2 is to not receive the report.

### 5 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

- 5.1 In accordance with the Council's policy on Significance and Engagement, this decision is regarded as being of low significance and being administrative in nature. No policy decisions or financial commitments are required.
- 5.2 No engagement or consultation is required by Council for the purposes of this report as this will be undertaken by the West Coast Regional Council.

### 6 ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS (INCLUDING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS)

- 6.1 Option 1: That Council receives the report.
- 6.2 Option 2: That Council does not receive the report.

### 7 PREFERRED OPTION(S) AND REASONS

- 7.1 The preferred option is Option 1, that Council receives the report. In summary this would ensure that the letters of support received from the Chairman of the Franz Josef Community Council Inc. and Franc Inc. are forwarded to the West Coast Regional Council in support of the proposed stopbank extension at Franz Josef.

## 8 RECOMMENDATION

- A) **THAT** Council receive the letters of support in principle from the Chairman of the Franz Josef Community Council Inc. and Franc Inc. and forward them to the West Coast Regional Council.

**Simon Bastion**  
**Chief Executive**

**Appendix 1:** Letter from Franz Josef Community Council and Franz Inc.

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## WAIHO RIVER: PROPOSED STOPBANK EXTENSION

In January 2015, after a minor fresh, the Waiho River changed course and began to threaten what is commonly referred to as the 55km corner. Emergency works were undertaken by NZTA with contractors managing to divert the river away from the corner and install a temporary bank and groins running roughly parallel to the State Highway. At the time Gary Williams and myself were asked to assess a range of more permanent options to provide protection to the State Highway as well as the local infrastructure. We presented a number of options along with costs. As a result of this, a refined option alignment (Option C) was presented and costed based on the predicted water levels from the historic Good Earth Matters hydraulic model.

Since January 2015, several local landowners have put forward a proposal to extend the existing Helipad bank by 200-300m, rather than construct the more extensive banks proposed in January 2015. It is understood that the aim of these banks is to provide added protection to the 55km corner, therefore maintaining permanent access to the Franz Josef Township. Advice was given by Gary Williams and myself when this proposal was first put forward, that it would be likely ineffective, as well as having several negative impacts on the river. Despite this, there is still interest among some landowners in pursuing the option.

This memo has been put together in order to outline in more detail the likely effects of extending the helipad bank by 300 m and also makes comment on potential cost savings for the original proposed bank alignment.

The original proposed bank alignment (red), the helipad extension (yellow) and location of the 55km corner is presented in Figure 1 below.





Figure 1 – Location of 55km and recommended stopbank location

In order to gain a greater understanding of the likely flow dynamics of the river with the proposed extension in place, a two-dimensional (2D) hydraulic model has been constructed using topographic data which was collected in January 2015 using a drone. The model has been used to simulate the likely nature of flooding if a flood event was to occur today as well as with the extension in place. The model has allowed for the bank to be extended by 300m along the proposed alignment.

The model results have demonstrated that the proposed bank will be ineffective at preventing the river from attacking the 55km corner. The model results show that the river will now be approaching the 55km corner at an almost 90 degree angle and will likely put significant pressure on the corner. This alignment is potentially worse than the existing scenario.

The model was run for both small and large flood events and the 55km corner was threatened in all scenarios.

The modelling is simplistic to a degree and assumes that the bed of the river is fixed. It needs to be pointed out that in reality the bed is very mobile and it is likely that during a flood event due to the natural fall of the river bed towards the 55km corner, the river will form a more entrenched channel in the direction of the 55km corner, which will further increase the volume of water and potentially the velocity of water which will be attacking the corner. Even if the proposed bank was to be extended further than 300m it is likely that the river will 'roll around' the end of the bank (as has been seen with the existing bank) and the river will still flow in the direction of the 55km corner, due to the natural fall of the river bed towards this location.

Figure 2 presents the modelled flood extent with the Helipad extension in place and Figure 3 shows the natural fall of the river towards the 55km corner.





Figure 2 – Expected flood extent with the proposed Helipad extension in place



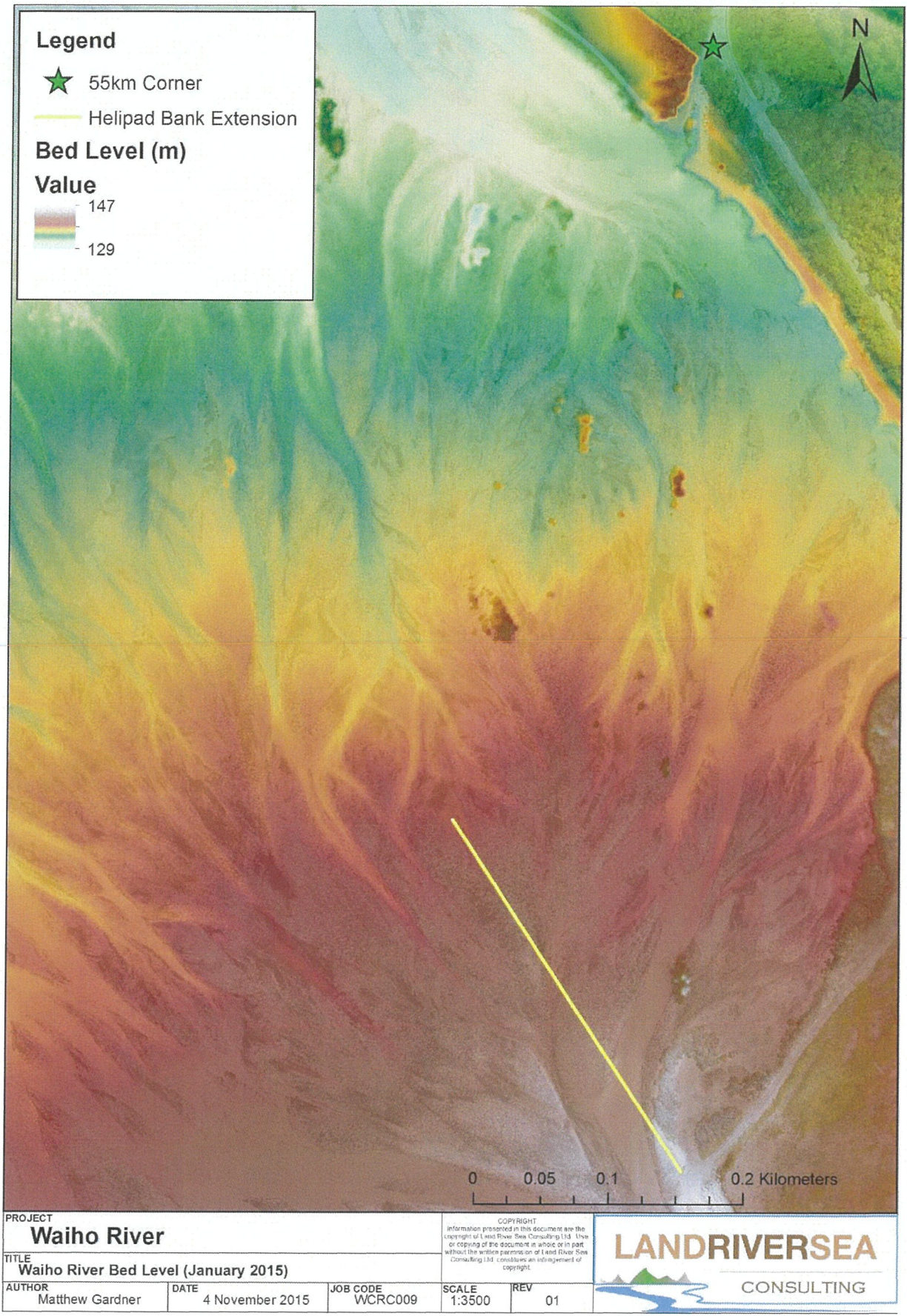


Figure 3 – Waiho River Bed Levels (January 2015)

Due to the proposed alignment of the bank extension, the bank extension will be taking the full pressure of the main braid, causing deep scour to develop along the toe of the bank. This will increase the risk of this bank failing and require significant maintenance after flood events.

The proposed extension will also have several negative impacts on the river system including

- Increasing pressure on the south bank increasing the risk of breach and overtopping and hence threatening the highway on the south side.
- Accelerating the rate of aggradation upstream from this location (further threatening both the north and south banks).

As the bed levels continue to rise between the banks, the bed level differential between the 55km corner will be even greater and hence increase the likelihood for the river to flow towards the 55km corner as well as increasing the velocity of the water, therefore increasing the likelihood that the road will be washed out at the 55km corner.

**I see no advantage from constructing the bank along the proposed alignment, if anything the risk to the 55km corner will potentially be increased.** If anything is to be done it is recommended that the option put forward in January 2015 is adopted, as this option will be more effective and have less of an impact on the river dynamics.

#### ORIGINAL PROPOSED BANK ALIGNMENT

I have used the model to assess the suitability of the proposed bank alignment that was put forward in January (referred to as Option C at the time). At the time stopbank was sized assuming an average height of 4m would be required and that the bank would need to be founded to a depth of 5m. The required bank levels were taken from historic 1D model results from work carried out by Good Earth Matters and were always considered to be conservative, however was the best information available at the time. With the newly available contour information and hence 2D model, I have been able to more accurately assess the necessary height of this bank.

My modelling has shown that the average height of the bank (allowing for freeboard) will need to be in the order of 2.6m rather than 4 m. This can be expected to significantly reduce the estimated cost of this bank.

In order to assess the required founding depth for the stopbank it is recommended that a scientific assessment is made of the likely scour using the modelled flows, depths and velocities from the 2D model which has been built. Gary Williams has extensive experience in carrying out these calculations, and I recommend that he is contracted to carry out the work. It is likely that in an aggrading reach such as this that the necessary depth for founding the bank can be reduced from 5m, however this should be confirmed with engineering calculations. I have spoken to Gary about carrying out this work and he is happy to do it, however is out of the office for the next week.

Once these calculations are completed, we can come back with an updated price for the original proposal for consideration.

Kind regards,



**Matthew Gardner**

**Director, Land River Sea Consulting Ltd**

**CPEng, MIPENZ**

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 12 March 2019  
Prepared by: Michael Meehan – Chief Executive  
Date: 5 March 2019  
Subject: **Transfer of Powers – Navigational Safety**

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**Transfer of Powers to Grey District Council**

Attached is a paper prepared by Grey District Council in relation to a transfer of powers, responsibilities and functions for navigational safety, this sets out the background and reasons behind the request from Grey District Council.

The transfer does not require any funding from West Coast Regional Council and essentially reflects the current arrangements. Staff can work with Grey District Council staff to undertake the necessary consultation in relation to the transfer and undertake the formal process.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. *Council receives the report.*
2. *West Coast Regional Council, pursuant to S.33X of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 read with S.17 of the Local Government Act 2002, transfers to Grey District Council all responsibilities, powers and duties that it has under Part 3A of the former Act as it relates to the Greymouth Port, including, but not limited to:*
  - *The power to appoint a Harbourmaster*
  - *The power to appoint enforcement officers.*
  - *The power to erect, maintain navigational aids in accordance with maritime rules*
  - *The power to make Navigation Bylaws.*
3. *Council undertake any necessary consultation alongside Grey District Council to give effect to relevant legislation.*

Michael Meehan  
**Chief Executive**



## **[1] File – Port: Transfer of Responsibilities, Powers and Duties relating to Navigation Safety from West Coast Regional Council.**

### **1.1 OUTCOME SOUGHT:**

That Council signals its intention to request WCRC to transfer the responsibilities, powers and duties as outlined in Part 3A of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 in relation to the port function to Council per S. 33X of that Act read with S.17 of the Local Government Act 2002 and that Council approves:

- the related consultation documentation.
- the formal notice to the Minister of Local Government.

### **1.2 SIGNIFICANCE:**

A local authority should not accept any transfer of responsibilities, powers and duties unless it, following public consultation using the Special Consultative Procedure, is satisfied that the benefits of such a transfer outweigh the disadvantages.

One of the outcomes hereof will be to consult publicly on the intention.

### **1.3 BACKGROUND:**

The navigation safety function for ports by law rests with Regional Councils as does associated enforcement and making navigation bylaws. This is a remnant of history where regional councils owned ports. The fact that a number of Ports in New Zealand are owned by District Councils makes this awkward and onerous to manage.

The allocation of the navigation safety function which includes the appointment of a Harbourmaster, the passing of Bylaws and associated enforcement is regulated by Part 3A of the Maritime Transport Act 1994. This replaced similar provisions in Part 39A of the Local Government Act 1974. This means that, in the case of Port of Greymouth, West Coast Regional Council may (the Act remains optional) appoint a Harbourmaster, appoint enforcement officers and must make Bylaws. The Act, by S. 33X read with S.17 of the Local Government Act 2002 provides for the ability to West Coast Regional Council to transfer such functions to Council as owner of the port. It is believed that such transfers may have happened at some point in the distant past, probably to the Harbour Board and, given the passage of time, the change in mandating legislation and also the status of the Transferee, it is suggested that it be done afresh and formally based on the attached Deed of Transfer of Responsibilities, Powers and Functions.

Council has already resolved that a Harbourmaster for the port is warranted but that it be combined with the Manager position as a means of keeping cost down.

As stated, a similar arrangement will have been in place under the previous Act. The formal transferring the functions is the only viable option as Council owning and managing the port but WCRC having to attend to absolutely key aspects of it, is inefficient.

Buller Port functions under a transfer of responsibilities, powers and duties arrangement.

Given it to be a reconfirmation and formalisation of earlier arrangements, the customary format issues are not covered. For purposes hereof, the following specific matters require Council decision:

- The principle of accepting a transfer of the responsibilities, powers and duties outlined in Part 3A of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 from WCRC.
- The Summary of Proposal as basis for public consultation on the principle in satisfaction of the Special Consultative Procedure as a requirement for Transfer
- Notifying the Minister of Local Government in satisfying the provisions of S.17 of the Local Government Act 2002.

#### **1.4 SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION:**

That

1. Council confirms the need to be able to undertake all actions relating to the navigation safety function for Port of Greymouth and, as a result:
  - a. notifies its intention to accept a transfer of responsibilities, powers and duties in this respect from WCRC per the attached Deed of Transfer.
  - b. notifies the Minister of Local Government of its intention to accept the duties, powers and responsibilities as outlined in Part 3A of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 in relation to Port of Greymouth.
2. Council notifies WCRC of the intention.

#### **1.5 RECOMMENDATION: (MAYOR-PORT)**

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. **THE PROPOSED DEED OF TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES, POWERS AND DUTIES**
2. **THE SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL**

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**DEED OF TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES  
IN TERMS OF NAVIGATION SAFETY**

This deed was made on ... day of.... 2018

Parties:

The West Coast Regional Council (WCRC)

Grey District Council (GDC)

Whereas:

WCRC is the regional council for the area where the Port of Greymouth (the Port) is located.

WCRC in terms of Part 3A (S. 33A – S.33X) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 is responsible for various functions, duties and responsibilities and have specific powers relating to navigation safety as it relates to the Port

GDC is the owner and, for purposes of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 the statutory authority for the Port.

Historical arrangements whereby GDC has exercised navigation safety functions under transfer from WCRC are unclear if not outdated and require formalization.

The Maritime Transport Act 1994 by S.33X provides for the WCRC to Transfer its function under the Act and for GDC to accept a transfer of such functions, subject thereto that either party must, after public consultation using the Special Consultative Procedure, be convinced that the benefits of the transfer outweigh the negatives.

The Local Government Act by S.17 also provides a mandate for the transfer and acceptance of responsibilities amongst local authorities, subject to public consultation using the Special Consultative Procedure and also the Minister of Local Government

WCRC and GDC, following the consultation procedures as outlined, have agreed that:

- The benefits of the transfer outweigh the disadvantages
- It is appropriate to continue with the transfer and to do so by means of a formal Deed of Transfer

Now Therefore:

1. All previous arrangements mandating GDC to exercise navigation safety functions under transfer of WCRC be rescinded.
2. WCRC, pursuant to S.33X of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 read with S.17 of the Local Government Act 2002, transfers to GDC all responsibilities, powers and duties that it has under Part 3A of the former Act as it relates to the Port, including, but not limited to:
  - The power to appoint a Harbourmaster
  - The power to appoint enforcement officers.
  - The power to erect, maintain navigational aids in accordance with maritime rules
  - The power to make Navigation Bylaws.
3. GDC accepts the transfer as outlined in 1 above.
4. The transfer is on the terms and conditions as detailed in this Deed and is subject to the provisions of both the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and the Local Government Act 2002.



5. For the avoidance of doubt, GDC shall have all the responsibilities, powers and duties as vested in WCRC under Part 3A of the Act as a Territorial Local Authority including, but not limited the power to rover costs per S 33R of the Act
6. GDC shall have no right to call upon the WCRC for any contribution to costs incurred by it in accepting the transfer and exercising the responsibilities, powers and duties transferred.
7. GDC shall in response to a reasonable request made by WCRC provide such information that may be required by WCRC to satisfy any residual responsibility it may retain despite this Deed of Transfer.
8. If WCRC should at any time wish to revoke the transfer as outlined herein it shall do so for cause only and only once it has consulted GDC on such revocation. Any such revocation will be subject to the transfer provisions in Part 3A of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and S.17 of the Local Government Act 2002.
9. If GDC requires any variation to the terms of this Deed or wish to initiate a reversal of the transfer outlined herein, it shall as a first step consult WCRC and this will be subject to the transfer provisions in Part 3A of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and S.17 of the Local Government Act 2002.
10. Unless so relinquished by GDC or revoked by WCRC as provided for herein, the Deed and its provisions remain in force.

This Deed was executed on the date appearing at the head of the Deed.

The Common Seal of  
WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL  
was affixed in the presence of

.....  
Chairman

.....  
Chief Executive Officer

The Common Seal of  
GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
was affixed in the presence of

.....  
Mayor

.....  
Chief Executive Officer

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 12 March 2019  
Prepared by: Paulette Birchfield – Engineer, Brendon Russ - Engineer  
Date: 25 February 2019  
Subject: **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

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**WORKS COMPLETED AND WORKS TENDERED FOR**Coal Creek Rating District

Steegh Contracting Ltd were engaged by Council undertake work on the inlet of the diversion cut in the Grey River at Omoto. The digger was used to loosen up some of the compacted gravels above the inlet and create a low bund to temporarily direct more flow towards the diversion to enable it to keep performing as designed.



Looking upstream along the diversion cut

Vine Creek Rating District

Henry Adams Contracting Ltd were engaged to clean out the lower sections of Vine Creek that had filled up during storms in November 2018. A 25 tonne excavator was used for 115 hours at a total price of \$18,400 (GST Exclusive).

### Wanganui Rating District

Arnold Contracting Ltd were engaged to carry out maintenance works at three locations on the Wanganui River.

Work involving the placement of stockpiled rock into damaged groynes (Site #51 & 56) was completed by Arnold Contracting at a cost of \$560 (GST Exclusive).

Work involving the placement of 381 tonne of rock into damaged groyne (Site #16) was completed by Arnold Contracting at a cost of \$8,763 (GST Exclusive).

Work involving the placement of 512 tonne of rock into damaged areas of rock riprap (Site #89 Hodgkinson Riprap) was completed by Arnold Contracting at a cost of \$12,288 (GST Exclusive).

In the last twenty years, the majority of the Wanganui Rating District assets have been built to a standard based on affordability for the community. Affordability has resulted in the batter slope of the protection works being built at 1:1 instead of being at a recommended 2:1. Steeper faces are more vulnerable during an event such as what we experienced in the November 2018. The steeper faces are incurring higher than expected maintenance and will require ongoing monitoring.

### Rapahoe

Council received a petition of 39 signatories to "Construct a Sea Wall to protect the Rapahoe Beach front" on 9 February 2018. The majority of signatories are property owners immediately adjacent to the coast and to the east of the State Highway in Rapahoe.

Councillor's and Council staff were invited to attend a community group meeting on the 27 February 2018 to discuss the petition and protection options. It was agreed at the meeting that a sea wall was unaffordable and that Council would focus on designing affordable short term protection options that would then be presented to the community for the basis of forming a Special Rating District to fund the agreed works.

A short term protection option has been designed and costed by Council Engineers and the work also incorporates culvert replacement that Grey District Council will fund. The additional costs of the protection works would need to be funded via a Special Rating District the public consultation that is required can be undertaken through the Annual Plan consultation process.

It is proposed that through the 2019/20 Annual Plan process that the concept of a rating district is tested with the community via a written survey that would inform decision making.

## Quarry Rock Movements

1 January 2019 – 31 January 2019

Quarry		Opening Stockpile Balance	Rock Sold	Rock Produced	Closing Stockpile Balance
Camelback	Small/medium	11,943	0	0	11,943
	Large	3,822	0	0	3,822
Whataroa	Small/medium	9,056	0	0	9,056
	Large	7,210	0	0	7,210
Blackball		850	0	0	850
Inchbonnie		16,476	0	0	16,476
Kiwi		0	0	0	0
Miedema		0	0	0	0
Okuru		1,000	0	0	1,000
Whitehorse		1,334	0	0	1,334
<b>Totals</b>		<b>46,002</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46,002</b>

### Sale of Minerals Mining Permits 41295 'Kiwi Quarry' and 50851 'Blackball Quarry'

The second request for tender for the purchase of minerals mining permits 41295 and 50851 closed on 1 February 2019. No tenders were received.

### Blackball Quarry Rehabilitation

A work programme for the rehabilitation of Blackball Quarry will be submitted to Department of Conservation outlining the agreed rehabilitation works to be carried out over the next 12 months. This work will ensure the site is in adequate condition should a decision be made to close the site permanently.

The estimated rehabilitation cost for Blackball quarry is approximately \$24,000.

### Biosecurity

Honshu Butterfly Release for the control of Japanese Honeysuckle:

On 28 February 2019 WCRC staff, DOC, Paroa Community Group, Landcare Research and students of Grey High released approximately 1,000 caterpillars at Paroa Lagoon. These have been released as a control for the invasive weed Japanese Honeysuckle, listed as a Progressive Containment plant in our RPPMP. We hope to establish a local population here with a view to moving the butterfly around the Coast wherever Japanese Honeysuckle is proving difficult to control. This biocontrol was first released in NZ in 2014 and is proving effective in other regions. The project was funded by a curious minds grant organised by Guardians of Paroa and Taramakau Coastal Area Trust with admin support from WCRC and DOC. A short video of the release has been produced for Councils Facebook page.





### **Lakes Surveillance**

In 2018 WCRC approached DOC with a view to establish an effective lakes surveillance programme for the West Coast. The main purpose of the programme is for the early detection of new incursions of freshwater pest plants. Early detection allows the best chance to control should a new incursion occur. This has been highlighted most recently with a small new incursion of *Lagarosiphon* at Kapitea Reservoir, currently being investigated by WCRC staff and DOC.

The co-funded programme has been agreed with WCRC contributing \$10,000 along staff resources to lead the project, DOC's contribution is \$20,000 plus staff support.

A professional dive team from Environment Bay of Plenty has been contracted and will be arriving on the Coast to survey 9 of the highest risk lakes on 25 March. They will be travelling throughout the region for 1 week. This initial work will provide base data and costings, which will help to inform what a future annual programme could look like.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. That the report is received.*
- 2. That staff prepare draft consultation documentation for the purpose of consulting the Rapahoe community on erosion protection options through the 2019/20 Annual Plan process.*

Randal Beal  
**Director of Operations**

Prepared for: Council Meeting - 12 March 2019  
 Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
 Date: 22 February 2019  
 Subject: **Overview of Council Investment Portfolio**

### Background

In 2000 Council received \$7,000,000 as its share of the \$120,000,000 compensation payment from the Crown following the cessation of logging of indigenous timber on the West Coast. The \$7,000,000 was initially placed on Term Deposit until finally placed with a Fund Manager on 30 June 2001.

### Tracking of Performance

The table below highlights the performance and utilisation of the Portfolio over the intervening 17.50 years to 31 December 2018 (rounded figures).

<b>Original Deposit</b>	<b>\$7,000,000</b>
Subsequent deposits	\$1,500,000
Revenue earned by Portfolio	\$10,896,000
Deposits following property sales	
High Street	\$350,000
Tainui Street	\$420,000
Withdrawals to purchase	
High Street	(\$300,000)
388 Main South Road	(\$700,000)
Withdrawals to fund 388 Main South Road build	(\$1,150,000)
Withdrawals to fund Rolleston commercial premises build	(\$1,265,000)
Withdrawal to fund PCR LP capital call	(\$98,000)
Withdrawal to seed Catastrophe Fund	(\$500,000)
Withdrawals to fund Council activities	(\$6,083,000)
<b>Balance @ 31/12/2018</b>	<b>\$10,070,000</b>

The above table doesn't include the Commercial Property Investment at Rolleston now has a value of \$1,480,000 as per most recent market valuation.

### Check on real value of Portfolio

Taking into account inflation over the 17.50 years

Inflation index @ 31/12/18	1025.0
Inflation index @ 30/6/2001	714.6

$$\$7,000,000 * (1025/714.6) = \$10,040,000$$

This means that the real value of the Portfolio has been preserved over the 17.50 year period.

### Returns

In response to a media query, I recently asked JBWere to calculate the performance of a 50/50 Income/Growth Portfolio such as Council has had over the 17.50 years compared to what a cash/Term Deposit portfolio would have achieved.

Council Portfolio has had to weather some turbulent events over the 17.50 years, including:

- Bear markets of 2000/03 (dot.com bust)
- Global Financial Crisis (2007/09)
- European credit crisis (2010/11)
- Last quarter mayhem of 2018

The JBWere table showed that our actual Portfolio returns over the 17.50 year period exceeded those from a Cash/Term Deposit Portfolio by 0.90% per annum.

Over the last 10 years the actual returns exceeded a Cash/TD portfolio by 3.20% per annum.

**Comment**

It is important to take a medium/long term view when assessing the performance of a Portfolio such as Councils, rather than focus on periods of short term losses.

Council has made significant demands on the Portfolio over the 17.50 years of its existence (as indicated in the above table), but has managed to preserve the real value of the Portfolio.

**January 2019 results**

This (main) Portfolio rebounded by 2.44% or \$245,000 during January 2019, bringing the total to \$10,315,000 @ 31 January 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the report be received.*

Robert Mallinson

**Corporate Services Manager**

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting 12 March 2019  
Prepared by: Robert Mallinson – Corporate Services Manager  
Date: 1 March 2019  
**Subject: Local Government Funding Agency Accession & Debenture Trust Deed**

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**Background**

Council was advised on 28 February that it had successfully acceded to the LGFA on 26 February. That means Council can start the transition of borrowing from Westpac to LGFA.

Council appointed Covenant Trustees to be the Trustee required by the Debenture Trust Deed recently signed by Council, the trustees essentially supervise the debt issues by Council.

They require verification of personnel authorized to act on behalf of Council with regard to dealings with them.

I believe that the following persons should be authorised to act on behalf of Council with regard to dealings with Covenant Trustee Services Ltd.

1. Chief Executive- Michael Meehan
2. Chairman - Andrew Robb
3. Corporate Services Manager - Robert Mallinson
4. Management Accountant - Tracy Fitzgerald

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the persons identified in 1, 2, 3 and 4 above be authorised signatories and authorised to deal with Covenant Trustee Services Ltd regarding the Debenture Trust deed and associated responsibilities.*

Robert Mallinson  
**Corporate Services Manager**



**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Prepared for:** Council Meeting- 12 March 2019  
**Prepared by:** Andrew Robb – Chairman  
**Date:** 4 March 2019  
**Subject:** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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**Meetings Attended:**

- I attended the Joint Committee Meeting for West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management on 13 February.
- I attended the Economic Development update hosted by Development West Coast at Shantytown on 13 February.
- I attended the Mayors, Chairs and Iwi Forum on 13 March.
- I attended the Regional Sector Group meeting in Wellington on 15 February.
- I attended the Grey Mawhera Freshwater Management Unit meeting on 16 February.
- The Chief Executive and I met with Hon Damien O'Connor on 28 February.
- I attended the South Island Regional Transport Committee meeting on 4 March in Christchurch.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That this report be received.*

Andrew Robb  
**Chairman**

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Prepared for: Council Meeting – 12 March 2019  
Prepared by: Michael Meehan – Chief Executive  
Date: 4 March 2019  
Subject: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

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**Meetings attended:**

- I attended the Joint Committee meeting for West Coast Civil Defence and Emergency Management on 13 February.
- I attended the West Coast Transition Board meeting on 13 February.
- I hosted the Mayors, Chairs and Iwi forum on 13 February.
- I attended the Regional Sector Group meeting in Wellington on 15 February.
- I met with Mark Davies, Western South Island Operations Director for the Department of Conservation on 20 February.
- I met with Dave Jennings from GNS Science on 20 February.
- I attended the Policy Advisory Group meeting in Wellington on 25 February.
- The Chairman and I met with Hon Damien O'Connor on 28 February.
- I will be attending the West Coast Chief Executives forum in Westport on 6 March.

**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.

35 – 37 8.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 12 February 2019

8.2 Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)

38 – 40 8.3 Rockies Mining Ltd

8.4 Response to Presentation (if any)

8.5 In Committee Items to be Released to Media

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<b>Item No.</b>	<b>General Subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 7 of LGOIMA for the passing of this resolution.</b>
8.			
8.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 11 December 2018		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)
8.2	Overdue Debtors Report (to be tabled)		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a)
8.3	Rockies Mining Ltd		Clause 7 subclause 2 (a) & (2) (f) (ii)
8.4	Response to Presentation (if any)		Clause 7 subclause 2 (i)
8.5	In Committee Items to be Released to Media	Privacy of natural person	Clause 7 subclause 2 (i)

I also move that:

- Michael Meehan
- Robert Mallinson
- Randal Beal
- Hadley Mills
- Heather McKay
- 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.