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Name	Signature
Main contact: Fiona Wykes	
Secondary contact: Len Shaw	

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COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATION

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Name of your organisation: Wishart Sunset Speedway

Legal status of organisation: Incorporated Society

Postal address:

Email:

[REDACTED]

Postcode: 7825

Contact details:

Main contact: Name Heidi Newland	Position in organisation Secretary	Daytime phone number [REDACTED]
Secondary contact:	Darren Eaves President	

Why was your organisation set up (what are your organisation's main objectives)?

Sunset Speedway was established in 1986, to provide sporting entertainment to Westport. Not only do locals join our club to enjoy racing speedway, it provides entertainment for families in our community. It also boosts our economy when we run race titles. We have been unable to run this season due to lack of insurance. It has been a challenging process to obtain a quote, and we do not currently have the funds to cover the required protection.

What are you seeking funding for? Please summarise and include how was the need identified, what are your key partners, who will benefit, how will it benefit the community or the participants.

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We are seeking funding for our insurance cover. We have sought a quote for public liability, building and vehicle insurance. We formed as a new committee in August 2024. Sunset Speedway had no insurance, which has hindered our ability to have race meets. Our aspirations for the track can not be met without this insurance. We have made 3 previous attempts to gain protection and this is the first broker to obtain success. There is no way we can fund this amount.

How many people will positively be impacted?

When we run our race titles we support local and travelling race car drivers. We can have as many as 100+ travelling drivers/ pit crews / families visit our town. The gate sales can be upwards for 1000+ spectators over the course of the weekend. We support local food vendors to set up at our track. We have a committee of 7 and upwards of 20 volunteers from our community who work at our race meets.

How long will your project/service run? This race season we have 3 CTRA race titles to run, South Island Street Stocks, South Island ¼ Midgets and the South Island Youth Mini Stock title.

Which of the Buller District Community Outcomes will your project contribute towards? If your project does not support a Community Outcome insert NA. Copies of the Community Outcomes can be downloaded from Council’s [website](#) or contact Community Services staff for more information. **Please include how you will evaluate and measure the positive impact for each Community Outcome.** This can be quantitative or qualitative and reporting on these is part of your accountability statement.

<p>Our communities are vibrant, healthy, safe and inclusive- Social</p>	<p>How will your project support this? At Sunset Speedway we aim to provide our community with entertainment and sport. Our club invites all members of Buller and many travelling drivers to enjoy motorsport in our community. We aim for the people of Westport to experience a sense of community whilst spending time having fun with family and friends. As part of our track protocols we have strong health and safety practices, this gives us the opportunity to show and teach our community how to operate and and enjoy motorsport in a safe enjoyable manner. In addition to racing we plan to hold family fun days. To encourage families to come and participate in bike races and fun games. There is potential to partner with Buller sports Alliance to use our grounds to run events. We are in the process of adding disabled toilets to our existing facilities to allow for people with limited mobility to attend our events.</p>
	<p>How will you measure this? We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Measure the increase in club members, noting those who are local and those from away. We will begin our data collection this season and note the increase over coming race seasons. ● We will be able to measure the community who attend by gate sales. We will again begin this with our first race meeting and compare the percentage increase with each additional racemeet.

Your budget

Please identify all the expenses related to this funding application. These can include materials, venue hire, promotion, equipment hire, fees, running costs, and wages.

Your expenses	Detail	Amount (\$)
Insurance:	SmartPak-Buildings and vehicles and liability insurance	\$8, 725.69
Total cost:		\$\$8, 725.69

Please identify all contributions to this project. These can include own funds, income from fundraising events, other grants, ticket sales, sale of artwork, sponsorship, or donations.

Your contributions	Detail	Amount (\$)
NA		
Total contribution		\$
Cost less contribution		\$
Amount you are requesting from this Community Grant		\$

If you are holding funds in your accounts, please outline why these cannot be used for this project or use.

We currently have funds in our account. \$6,534.54 This is needed for week/week maintenance at the track. Diesel/ petrol for lawnmowers and tractors and for the running of our water truck. We need to purchase \$1200 worth of batteries to run our machinery. We also require a generator @\$1600. Therefore our current funds will be stretched as it is.

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No funding has been received from BDC

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Secondary contact: Darren Eaves	

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The Community Outcomes and this plan have been significantly influenced by community visioning processes with input from Councillors, Ngāti Waewae, and Council's Senior Leadership Team.

The result was a set of five goals which are called Community Outcomes. The Community Outcomes align with other Council planning documents (eg, Annual Plan and economic development strategies) which were also established with community aspirations in mind.

SOCIAL Our communities are



vibrant, healthy, safe and inclusive

- Support the implementation of the West Coast Disability Strategy
- Maintain a strategic overview of community wellbeing through community monitoring, and partnering with and advocating for Non-Government Organisations
- Support connectedness and revitalisation through the provision of grants
- Provide quality community facilities that meet current and future needs such as theatres, libraries, and recreation and health facilities
- Improve the district's liveability by supporting safety and access improvements

Social

Cultural

Economic

Environmental





COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATION

The Buller District Council Community Grants Fund is for community groups/organisations that are carrying out projects that align with Council’s Community Outcomes.

Name of your organisation: Waste-Ed with Kate

Legal status of organisation: Limited Liability Company

Postal address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED] Postcode: 3129

Contact details:

Name	Position in organisation	Daytime phone number
Main contact:	Acacia Gilroy	[REDACTED]
Secondary contact:	Kate Fenwick	[REDACTED]

Why was your organisation set up (what are your organisation’s main objectives)?

Specialising in public, corporate, and private waste education, “Waste-Ed with Kate” delivers tailor-made sessions, drawing on common consumer insights to deliver captivating, motivational presentations to create meaningful consumer behaviour change. We pride ourselves on our relatability and a positive approach to the waste problem we face. The Waste Free Period Program is an initiative that educates students who get, or will get, their period on all the different reusable products that are available to them. The program has

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We are proposing to deliver our “Waste Free Period Program” (WFPP) to at least 5 schools in the Buller area (Across 4 Sessions). Alongside the education, we would provide each school with a supply of reusable period products (Reusable Pads, menstrual cups, & and period underwear [if desired]), that would be provided for free to the students who attend the education and would like to give them a go.

The WFPP is an initiative that aims to educate students and staff about the reusable options that are available to manage their period/menstrual cycle. Our WFPP uses an interactive presentation to empower students to embrace their cycle while also encouraging them to make informed decisions when choosing which product is best for themselves and the environment. In this day and age there are more options than ever to manage a period and often these are single-use products, however, this program aims to dive deeper into reusable options.

After the session is completed, we provide students with an anonymous feedback form to complete, which allows us to report back on the impact of the program. Students are also

How many people will positively be impacted?

This can be participants, audiences, clients, people that will use your service, or people who will be impacted This needs to be a number, do not include many, few, don't know. If you don't know exact numbers, please provide an estimate.

400+ (up to 390 students & 10+ Teaching Staff).

How long will your project/service run? Start date: 01 April 2025 Finish date: 01 December 2025

Which of the Buller District Community Outcomes will your project contribute towards?

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<p style="text-align: center;">Social Our communities are vibrant, healthy, safe and inclusive.</p>	<p>How will your project support this? This program plays a large role in normalising menstruation and reducing the stigma that can surrounds reusable products like reusable pads, menstrual cups, and period underwear. By openly discussing periods and reusable products in an interactive and educational setting, the program encourages students and staff to embrace their menstrual cycles confidently. This helps break down taboos and fosters an environment of mutual respect and understanding, where students feel supported in their health and well-being. Normalising the use of reusable menstrual products also shifts societal attitudes</p> <hr/> <p>How will you measure this? After the session is completed, we provide students with an anonymous feedback form to complete, which allows us to report back on the impact of the program.</p> <p>The social impact of this program will be measured through qualitative data received via the post-session survey. This data will indicate to us the student's attitudes towards reusable period products as an option as well as their understanding of the information provided to them.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Affordability Our communities are supported by quality infrastructure, facilities and services that are efficient, fit-for-purpose, affordable and met our current and future needs.</p>	<p>How will your project support this? According to 2017 statistics, there are 1.3m women of menstruating age that are disposing of an average of 348 million tampons per year into our landfills. This equates to 4.9 thousand tonnes of menstrual waste per year. Our education is centred around the use of reusable products, which when used, reduces the amount of waste a user is sending to landfill significantly. Reusable period products, such as menstrual cups, cloth pads, and period underwear, could help reduce council rates by decreasing the amount of waste sent to landfill as well as issues causes by single-use products in the</p> <hr/> <p>How will you measure this? Although we are unable to exactly quantify the number of people who will switch to reusable products or estimate the cost savings to an exact number, we can report back on students intentions to try reusable products.</p> <p>After the session is completed, we provide students with an anonymous feedback form to complete, which allows us to report back on the impact of the program.</p>

<p>Prosperity Our district is supported by quality technology and an innovative and diverse economy that creates opportunities for self-sufficiency, sustainable growth and employment</p>	<p>How will your project support this? Reusable period products create opportunities for self-sufficiency and sustainable growth by reducing reliance on single-use products, and supporting circular economies. Additionally, the long-lasting nature of reusable products promotes sustainable consumption patterns, empowering individuals to take control of their menstrual care while contributing to a reduction in environmental impact. This shift can promote innovation, and support sustainability and social responsibility.</p>
	<p>How will you measure this? After the session is completed, we provide students with an anonymous feedback form to complete, which allows us to report back on the impact of the program. The impacts of this program will be measured through qualitative data received via the post-session survey. This data will indicate to us the student's attitudes towards reusable period products as an option as well as their understanding of the information provided to them.</p>
<p>Culture Our lifestyle is treasured, our strong community spirit is nurtured, and our inclusive and caring communities understand our whakapapa and heritage and support lifelong learning</p>	<p>How will your project support this? Reusable period products encourage a lifestyle that values sustainability and community well-being. Choosing eco-friendly menstrual options supports the health of the environment, reflecting a respect for the land and resources that are integral to our whakapapa and heritage. This commitment to responsible choices promotes lifelong learning, as individuals and communities explore new ways to live more sustainably and support each other in preserving resources for future generations.</p>
	<p>How will you measure this? After the session is completed, we provide students with an anonymous feedback form to complete, which allows us to report back on the impact of the program. The cultural impact of this program will be measured through qualitative data received via the post-session survey. This data will indicate to us the student's attitudes towards reusable period products as an option as well as their understanding of the information provided to them.</p>
<p>Environment Our distinctive environment and natural resources are healthy and valued.</p>	<p>How will your project support this? At the forefront, the program addresses the pressing issue of waste reduction by encouraging the use of reusable menstrual products. Disposable period products, such as tampons and pads, contribute significantly to landfill waste and Wastewater issues with many of these products containing synthetic materials that take thousands of years to decompose. By promoting reusable products, the program helps to divert waste from landfills and reduces the environmental impact of menstruation that is often unforeseen. Furthermore, the program educates students on the correct disposal of single-use items,</p>
	<p>How will you measure this? Although we are unable to exactly quantify the number of people who will switch to reusable products or estimate the waste diversion rate accurately, we can report back on students intentions to try reusable products. A high level estimate based on the products that are resourced through this program is: For a 5-year period, it is estimated that someone will typically use 1,500 individual single use products (whether they use internal or external products). If all 475 products as part of this program are used to their fullest capacity, over a</p>

Your budget

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Your expenses	Detail	Amount (\$)
4 x Waste Free Period Sessions	Waste Free Period Workshop - 4 Sessions Includes per school:	7,560.00
Period Products	Period Products Pads: 350* \$7 Cuns: 125* \$9	10600
Travel Expenses	Travel Expenses recharged to council Estimated on 1 trip down if we were able to	1,200.00
Total cost:		\$19360

Please identify all contributions to this project. These can include own funds, income from fundraising events, other grants, ticket sales, sale of artwork, sponsorship, or donations.

Your contributions	Detail	Amount (\$)
Discount	Sponsored discount on cost of products	7024.62
Total contribution		\$7024.62
Cost less contribution		\$12335.38
Amount you are requesting from this Community Grant		\$12335.38

If you are holding funds in your accounts, please outline why these cannot be used for this project or use.

We are holding funds in our accounts currently, however, this is because the are funds already allocated to other council funded projects nation-wide. This project generates no income from participants also, so there it is not viable to provide this education without the support of this community fund.

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No, we have not recieved funding from Buller DC this financial year.

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Name of your organisation: Westport Municipal Band

Legal status of organisation: Incorporated Society

Postal address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED] Postcode: 7825

Contact details:

Name	Position in organisation	Daytime phone number
Main contact:	Rebecca Keoghan	[REDACTED]
Secondary contact:	Gina Hogarth	[REDACTED]

Why was your organisation set up (what are your organisation's main objectives)?

To teach and freely promote the art of music amongst band members and the wider community, encouraging and assisting to develop an appreciation of music. To promote social and other activities to further the aforementioned objectives and to render aid to any member or dependent of any member in distressed circumstances.

What are you seeking funding for? Please summarise and include how was the need identified, what are your key partners, who will benefit, how will it benefit the community or the participants.

Please do not say 'see attached' – If you wish to attach a project outline or plan then please do so, but summaries your project here.

Grant funding is sought to cover the annual insurance which covers the Municipal Band Hall and assets.

How many people will positively be impacted?

This can be participants, audiences, clients, people that will use your service, or people who will be impacted This needs to be a number, do not include many, few, don't know. If you don't know exact numbers, please provide an estimate.

The band has approximately 15 regular members

How long will your project/service run? Start date: Annual Payment Finish date:

Which of the Buller District Community Outcomes will your project contribute towards?

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<p>Social Our communities are vibrant, healthy, safe and inclusive.</p>	<p>How will your project support this? The second part of the bands objective/mission is to promote social and other activities to further the objectives and render aid to any member in distressed circumstances. Receiving this grant will reduce the financial burden on band members enabling the continued operation to achieve the aforementioned objective. In turn this supports a vibrant, healthy, safe and inclusive community.</p>
	<p>How will you measure this? The number of band members</p>
<p>Affordability Our communities are supported by quality infrastructure, facilities and services that are efficient, fit-for-purpose, affordable and met our current and future needs.</p>	<p>How will your project support this? N/A</p>
	<p>How will you measure this? N/A</p>

<p>Prosperity</p> <p>Our district is supported by quality technology and an innovative and diverse economy that creates opportunities for self-sufficiency, sustainable growth and employment</p>	<p>How will your project support this?</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>How will you measure this?</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Culture</p> <p>Our lifestyle is treasured, our strong community spirit is nurtured, and our inclusive and caring communities understand our whakapapa and heritage and support lifelong learning</p>	<p>How will your project support this?</p> <p>The bands objective is to teach and freely promote the art of music amongst members and to the community. The insurance payment allows the continued operation of the band without financial burden on members, which provides a service to the community. This supports a strong community spirit and life long learning of music.</p>
	<p>How will you measure this?</p> <p>The number of events the band attends per financial year to achieve their objective</p> <p>The number of free tutoring hours/ financial year</p> <p>The number of band practice hours/ financial year</p>
<p>Environment</p> <p>Our distinctive environment and natural resources are healthy and valued.</p>	<p>How will your project support this?</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>How will you measure this?</p> <p>N/A</p>

Your budget

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Your expenses	Detail	Amount (\$)
Insurance	Marsh Invoice I02301320	\$ 3,844.71
Total cost:		\$ 3,844.71

Please identify all contributions to this project. These can include own funds, income from fundraising events, other grants, ticket sales, sale of artwork, sponsorship, or donations.

Your contributions	Detail	Amount (\$)
Total contribution		\$ 0.00
Cost less contribution		\$ 3,844.71
Amount you are requesting from this Community Grant		\$ 3,844.71

If you are holding funds in your accounts, please outline why these cannot be used for this project or use.

The funds held in the bands bank account support the annual operation of the band, including general maintenance of the hall and instruments, annual brass band affiliation and financial review fees and local and national contests to name a few. Funds are typically raised through hall hires, concerts, donations and sponsorship and allow the band to operate without band members having to pay fees. If these funds were used to contribute towards the insurance this would cause a significant financial burden. It is also noted that the annual insurance fee continues to rise significantly.

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2024	Annual Insurance	3,721.34	YES

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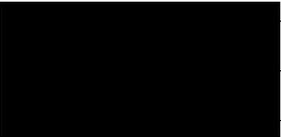
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Name	Signature
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Secondary contact:	

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DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri



COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATION

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Name of your organisation: Westport Rotary

Legal status of organisation: _____

Postal address: _____

Email: _____ Postcode: 7825

Contact details:

Name	Position in organisation	Daytime phone number
<u>Michelle Rodley</u>	<u>Member (Rotary)</u>	_____
Main contact: <u>Michelle</u>	<u>Rotary President</u>	_____
Secondary contact: <u>Charles</u>		

Why was your organisation set up (what are your organisation's main objectives)?

Rotary is a global network of over 1.2 million members who problem solve, unite and take action to create lasting change in their communities and themselves.

What are you seeking funding for? Please summarise and include how was the need identified, what are your key partners, who will benefit, how will it benefit the community or the participants.

Please do not say 'see attached' - If you wish to attach a project outline or plan then please do so, but summaries your project here.

Westport Rotary facilitates the Westport Christmas Parade annually. This involves the entire community of all ages, cultures and religion. The parade is a time for everyone to get together and celebrate the joy of Christmas + the Christmas Spirit.

What will be the effect if Council does not support your application (please select only one option) ?

- Not go ahead
- Downscaling
- Use own funds
- Postponing
- Apply to other funds
- Other:

Does your organization receive funding or support from Buller District Council this financial year? Yes **No**

If yes, please specify below. This can include annual plan funding, use of Council facilities, administration support, support with materials, running costs, hire, fees, promotion, or support by Council staff.

Have you received funding from Buller District Council Community Grants in the past? Yes **No**

If yes, please complete this table. If you have received funding more than once, please refer to the most recent amount you received.

Year	Project	Amount (\$)	Have you submitted an accountability statement for this project?
			Not applicable

How many people will positively be impacted?

This can be participants, audiences, clients, people that will use your service, or people who will be impacted This needs to be a number, do not include many, few, don't know. If you don't know exact numbers, please provide an estimate.

Estimated 1-2 thousand people

How long will your project/service run? Start date: 1-Nov 25 Finish date: 15-12-25

Which of the Buller District Community Outcomes will your project contribute towards?

If your project does not support a Community Outcome insert NA. Copies of the Community Outcomes can be downloaded from Council's [website](#) or contact Community Services staff for more information.

Please include how you will evaluate and measure the positive impact for each Community Outcome.

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Social Our communities are vibrant, healthy, safe and inclusive.	How will your project support this? <u>The Christmas parade brings all ages and cultures together to celebrate the Christmas Spirit.</u>
	How will you measure this? <u>An online survey will be setup after the event to request feedback + suggestions from the community.</u>
Affordability Our communities are supported by quality infrastructure, facilities and services that are efficient, fit-for-purpose, affordable and met our current and future needs.	How will your project support this? <u>The Christmas Parade is a great way of getting the community together without any costs to the families and individuals.</u>
	How will you measure this? <u>Free event.</u>

<p>Prosperity Our district is supported by quality technology and an innovative and diverse economy that creates opportunities for self-sufficiency, sustainable growth and employment</p>	<p>How will your project support this?</p>
<p>Culture Our lifestyle is treasured, our strong community spirit is nurtured, and our inclusive and caring communities understand our whakapapa and heritage and support lifelong learning</p>	<p>How will your project support this? The Christmas Parade joins all cultures together to celebrate all ethnicities and to celebrate our heritage and lifestyle.</p>
<p>Environment Our distinctive environment and natural resources are healthy and valued.</p>	<p>How will you measure this? By including all the new families + cultures and celebrating their cultures.</p>
<p>Environment Our distinctive environment and natural resources are healthy and valued.</p>	<p>How will your project support this?</p> <p>How will you measure this?</p>

Your budget

Please identify all the expenses related to this funding application. These can include materials, venue hire, promotion, equipment hire, fees, running costs, and wages.

Your expenses	Detail	Amount (\$)
Print Advertising	Wxpt News	\$300-00
Radio Advertising	Coast FM	\$200-00
Posters	Printing costs	\$100-00
Spot Prizes	Vouchers + prizes	\$200-00
Total cost:		\$ 800-00

Please identify all contributions to this project. These can include own funds, income from fundraising events, other grants, ticket sales, sale of artwork, sponsorship, or donations.

Your contributions	Detail	Amount (\$)
Total contribution		\$ /
Cost less contribution		\$ 800.00
Amount you are requesting from this Community Grant		\$ 800-00

If you are holding funds in your accounts, please outline why these cannot be used for this project or use.

No current funds as Rotary has funds allocated elsewhere.

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Name	Signature
Main contact:	<i>Michelle</i>
Secondary contact:	<i>Charles</i>

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COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATION

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Name of your organisation: Whenua Iti Trust (trading as Whenua Iti Outdoors - WIO)

Legal status of organisation: Charitable Trust / Incorporated Society

Postal address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED] Postcode: 7175

Contact details:

Name	Position in organisation	Daytime phone number
Main contact: Mark Bruce-Miller	CE	[REDACTED]
Secondary contact: Margaret Wood	Projects & Funding Lead	[REDACTED]

Why was your organisation set up (what are your organisation's main objectives)?

Whenua Iti Outdoors (WIO) delivers experiential programmes that incorporate adventurous, environmental, wellbeing, cultural and community elements. Through personal challenge and development, we create opportunities for long term, positive change in participants' everyday lives. Through our focus on educational, wellbeing, employability and social outcomes, we build strong people, whānau and communities. We work mostly in Te Taihū and Te Tai Poutini (Top of the South and West Coast) and collaborate with others to ensure we are meeting community need. WIO was established in 1986.

What are you seeking funding for? Please summarise and include how was the need identified, what are your key partners, who will benefit, how will it benefit the community or the participants.

Please do not say 'see attached' – If you wish to attach a project outline or plan then please do so, but summaries your project here.

We would like to run our Kawatiri Adventurers holiday programme in Buller. By working with local partners, we can ensure that council's funding will target the participants who will benefit most. Two days is a relatively short programme however we find it is a good length for younger children to commit to and we then support them to attend longer programmes as they grow in age and confidence.

Activities include caving, day walks, exploring local sites and paddle boarding. The programme encourages young people to build connection to and care for their local communities and natural environments. We are looking for funding for a holiday programme to run in one of the school holiday periods in 2025.

WIO has been working on the West Coast since approximately 2016 when young people attended Trades Academy programmes at our base in Tasman. We now deliver a wide range of programmes on the Coast including school and holiday programmes within local communities. Each programme is designed alongside the community, including local schools, partners of Rangatahi Rising and local young people.

How many people will positively be impacted?

This can be participants, audiences, clients, people that will use your service, or people who will be impacted This needs to be a number, do not include many, few, don't know. If you don't know exact numbers, please provide an estimate.

14 participants x 2 days each, so 28 contact days

How long will your project/service run? Start date: April 2025

Finish date: January 2026

Which of the Buller District Community Outcomes will your project contribute towards?

If your project does not support a Community Outcome insert NA. Copies of the Community Outcomes can be downloaded from Council's [website](#) or contact Community Services staff for more information.

Please include how you will evaluate and measure the positive impact for each Community Outcome.

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<p>Social Our communities are vibrant, healthy, safe and inclusive.</p>	<p>How will your project support this?</p> <p>Giving young people a safe option for two days during the school holidays, which also frees up whānau to continue in work.</p>
	<p>How will you measure this?</p> <p>Participation of a full cohort of young people on the programme - reporting will include information about the activities undertaken over the two days, including anecdotal feedback from participants where available.</p>
<p>Affordability Our communities are supported by quality infrastructure, facilities and services that are efficient, fit-for-purpose, affordable and met our current and future needs.</p>	<p>How will your project support this?</p> <p>We will provide a service at a much reduced or zero cost to participants. We work hard to ensure cost is not a barrier. For both the school and holiday programmes, we ask for a small fee which is used as a tool to ensure commitment. If this small fee (eg \$20) cannot be paid, we waive the fee. We rely on our community partners, particularly schools and Oranga Tamariki, to refer young people and to advise on charging this fee. In the attached budget the level of funding applied to each person is explained. WIO programmes are expensive to deliver and high impact, but with funding support we can target those who need the most support to enable access to our quality services.</p>
	<p>How will you measure this?</p> <p>We will record the number of people who attend the holiday programme with a waived fee.</p>

Prosperity Our district is supported by quality technology and an innovative and diverse economy that creates opportunities for self-sufficiency, sustainable growth and employment	How will your project support this?
	How will you measure this?
Culture Our lifestyle is treasured, our strong community spirit is nurtured, and our inclusive and caring communities understand our whakapapa and heritage and support lifelong learning	How will your project support this?
	How will you measure this?
Environment Environment Our distinctive environment and natural resources are healthy and valued.	How will your project support this? A central tenet of our organisation is connecting people to natural environments to inspire a desire to restore and sustain those environments. All programmes will take place in local natural environments including outdoor activities, study of the environments and action for those environments. Through progression, we can build this connection and capacity for action to contribute to the development of future community leaders who will be equipped to create communities where people and nature thrive.
	How will you measure this? - Number of hours spent in natural environments - Activities that intentionally connect people to nature

Your budget

Please identify all the expenses related to this funding application. These can include materials, venue hire, promotion, equipment hire, fees, running costs, and wages.

Your expenses	Detail	Amount (\$)
Transport to Westport	Travel to and from Tasman - includes vehicle and staff costs	\$ 1,060.00
Accommodation for staff	Includes overnight payments to staff	\$ 600.00
Tutor time on programme	Wages for tutor team, incl planning	\$ 2,380.00
Transport during the programme	Includes staff and participants	\$ 170.00
Overheads and recruitment	Including administration costs and concessions	\$ 340.00
Contribution to audit costs	WIO undergoes a number of safety audits (MYD, OutdoorsMark, etc)	\$ 510.00
Group equipment and personal gear	Contribution to group equipment for programme	\$ 340.00
Total cost:		\$5,400.00

Please identify all contributions to this project. These can include own funds, income from fundraising events, other grants, ticket sales, sale of artwork, sponsorship, or donations.

Your contributions	Detail	Amount (\$)
Fees	\$20 per participant (where affordable)	280.00
Total contribution		\$280.00
Cost less contribution		\$5,128.00
Amount you are requesting from this Community Grant		\$5,128.00

If you are holding funds in your accounts, please outline why these cannot be used for this project or use.

While it appears that we have funds in reserve these are in fact grant funds that have been paid in advance and as such they are tagged to other existing projects. We run hundreds of programmes across the top of the south and on the West Coast each year, which means we have apparently large incomes but also large outgoings.

We hold a small amount in reserve to support our organisation should we face short term financial difficulty. Please note that in previous years OT was funding this programme, but this is no longer the case, due to government redirects. Our 3 year funding with MYD has also come to and end this year.

We realise this is a big commitment from council, however the ability to leverage other funds in this case is significant. While we are not permanently based on the Coast, we have been working in the community for over 8 years, and are keen to continue our long term commitment and engagement on the West Coast.

What will be the effect if Council does not support your application (please select only one option) ?

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Whenua Iti worked with the Flood Recovery team to deliver activities for tamariki and rangatahi during the school holidays in 2022 with a focus on targeting young people in transitional housing or who were in other ways significantly impacted by the floods. The model was similar to the one proposed here with partners including Oranga Tamariki, REAP, schools and other local agencies.
 We also work in partnership with Buller REAP to deliver a number of other, non BDC funded programmes.
 We are open to discussing other ways to make this project happen and to make it more sustainable.
 We have met with council staff on many occasions and there is broad support for our work in the community.

Have you received funding from Buller District Council Community Grants in the past? Yes / No

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2024	Holiday programme	2,500.00	YES

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BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 MARCH 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 12

Prepared by: Nicola Woodward
Manager Community Engagement

Reviewed by: Krissy Trigg
Group Manager Community Services

Attachments:

1. Buller Gymnastics Club Inc
2. Karamea Junior Rugby (JAB)
3. Karamea Volleyball and Football
4. Ngakawau-Karamea J.A.B Rugby Club
5. Reefton Boxing Gym
6. Reefton Rugby Club
7. Westport Amateur Swim Club

Public Excluded: No

RURAL TRAVEL FUND (RTF): FUNDING APPLICATIONS

1. **REPORT PURPOSE**

Seven Rural Travel Fund applications were received, totalling **\$20,160.00**

2. The 2024/2025 financial year allocation for the Rural Travel Fund is **\$9,500.00**, with one funding round per year.

Annual RTF funding allocation	\$9,500
Total Balance available	\$9,500

3. **DRAFT RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the funding applications and advises of its decision.

No	Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Funds Requested (\$)
1	Buller Gymnastics Club Inc	To cover travel costs for Gymnastics Club members	\$1,560.00
2	Karamea Junior Rugby (JAB)	Purchase of petrol vouchers to support Karamea area young people to travel to Westport for weekend rugby competition	\$1,400.00
3	Karamea Volleyball and Football	Travel and Van hire for district football and volleyball competitions	\$2,000.00
4	Ngakawau-Karamea J.A.B Rugby Club	Travel assistance for Rugby Club members	\$1,500.00
5	Reefton Boxing Gym	To subsidise travel costs for out of district games	\$7,000.00
6	Reefton Rugby Club	Travel assistance for out-of-town games and Rugby Club members	\$6,000.00
7	Westport Amateur Swim Club	Travel assistance for Swim meets out of district	\$700.00
TOTAL			\$20,160.00

SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023

1. Details

- Name of organisation: Buller Gymnastics Club Inc.
- Contact person: Kate King
- Postal address: [REDACTED]
- PO Box address: [REDACTED]
- Telephone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

2. Contact Names

- Name Kate King Phone [REDACTED]
- Name Heidi Allen Phone [REDACTED]

3. Organisation Details

- Are you a club or a school? Club
- How many members belong to your club/school? 85
- How many participants aged between 5 & 18 will this travel subsidy benefit? 13
- How many participants are aged between 5-11 yrs 13
- How many participants are aged between 12-18 yrs /
- Please detail how many applicants are female 12
- Please detail how many applicants are male 1
- Does your application involve a partnership with a local school / club **YES/ (NO)**
- Do you have any disabled individuals who are being supported by this fund?
If yes, how many will receive support from the RTF No

What percentage of your members live in the vicinity of the local authority you are applying for the rural travel fund? 100 %

What is this funding going to be used for? (briefly explain)

We have gymnastic club members who travel from Reefton, Barrytown & Karamea weekly to attend classes which run all year long in term time. This is a lot of travel time & expense for these families. We would be extremely grateful to be able to offer them assistance.

There are no other gymnastic clubs in Westport, Punakaiki, Reefton and Greymouth to attend. We would provide families with petrol vouchers to help with transport costs.

4. Financial Details

Are you registered for GST? YES / **NO**
 (If yes please write your GST Number in the space provided below)
 GST NO.

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How much money are you applying for?

\$ 1560 Sport NZ funding *\$40 per child per terms. For 3 terms.*
 \$ other funders
 \$ your contribution
 \$ 1560 TOTAL

If you have applied for funding from other organisations please supply details below.

Organisation - (including other councils)	Amount requested (\$)	Results date (if known)

- Do you have endorsement from your local affiliated club/school for this application for funding (this is only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)? **YES/ NO**
(briefly explain and attach evidence of this)

N/A

- We hereby declare that the information provided here is true and correct.
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Name: Kate King
Position in organisation: committee member
Signature: [Signature] Date: 28/11/24

Please attach to your application

- Latest financial statements from your organisation (i.e. P&L, financial statement)
- A deposit slip (in case your application is approved)
- Evidence of your endorsement from your local affiliated club/school (if required)
- Evidence of endorsement from your local affiliated club for this application (only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)

Checklist for applicants

- Have you answered every question?
- Have you attached the relevant documents with your application?
- Send your application form with the relevant documents to your local authority by ~~22~~ February 2025

Declaration

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Name: Kate King

Position in organisation / title: committee member

Signature:  Date: 23/12/24

Name: Nikki Diskin

Position in organisation / title: Chairperson

Signature:  Date: 23/12/24

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SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023 2025

1. Details

- Name of organisation: Karamea Junior Rugby (JAB)
- Contact person: Murray Watt
- Postal address: [REDACTED]
- PO Box address: _____
- Telephone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

2. Contact Names

- Name Murray Watt Phone [REDACTED]
- Name John Menlove Phone [REDACTED]

3. Organisation Details

- Are you a club or a school? Club
- How many members belong to your club/school? 20
- How many participants aged between 5 & 18 will this travel subsidy benefit? 15
- How many participants are aged between 5-11 yrs 7
- How many participants are aged between 12-18 yrs 8
- Please detail how many applicants are female 7
- Please detail how many applicants are male 8
- Does your application involve a partnership with a local school / club YES/ NO
- Do you have any disabled individuals who are being supported by this fund?
If yes, how many will receive support from the RTF No

- What percentage of your members live in the vicinity of the local authority you are applying for the rural travel fund? 100 %
- What is this funding going to be used for? (briefly explain)

Purchase of petrol vouchers to support Karamea area young people to travel to Westport for weekend rugby competition

4. Financial Details

- Are you registered for GST? **YES / NO**
(If yes please write your GST Number in the space provided below)
GST NO.

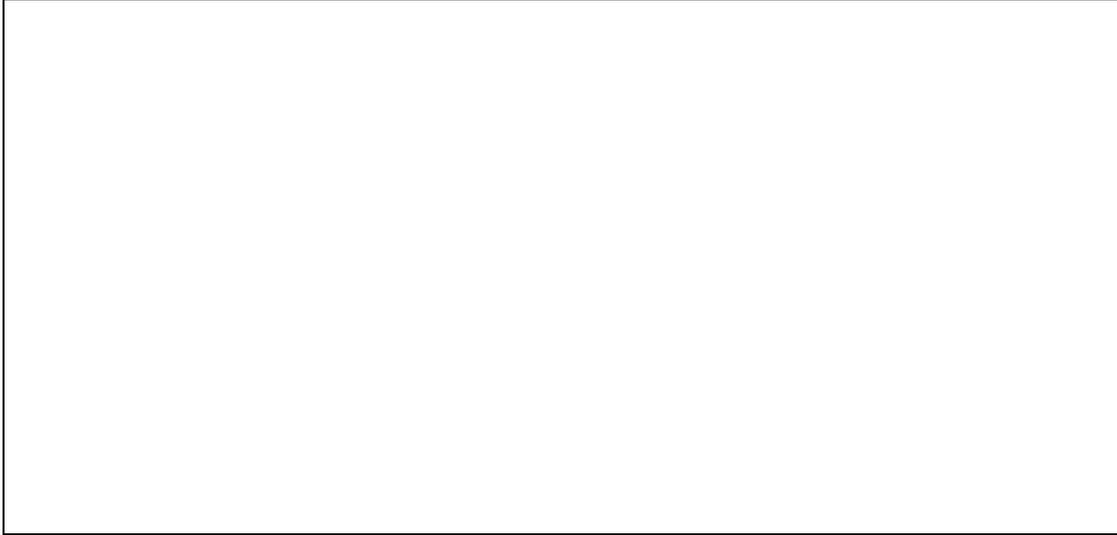
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- How much money are you applying for?
 - \$ 1400 Sport NZ funding
 - \$ _____ other funders
 - \$ _____ your contribution
 - \$ 1400 **TOTAL**

- If you have applied for funding from other organisations please supply details below. **No**

Organisation - <i>(including other councils)</i>	Amount requested (\$)	Results date <i>(if known)</i>

- Do you have endorsement from your local affiliated club/school for this application for funding (this is only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)? **YES/ NO**
(briefly explain and attach evidence of this) NA



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- Evidence of your endorsement from your local affiliated club/school (if required)
- Evidence of endorsement from your local affiliated club for this application (only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)
- Endorsement from Buller Rugby Union

Checklist for applicants

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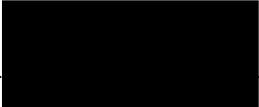
Name: Murray Watt

Position in organisation / title: Sec/Treasurer

Signature:  Date: 17 Feb 2025

Name: John Menlove

Position in organisation / title: Committee

Signature:  Date: 17 Feb 2025

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SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023

1. Details

① Name of organisation: Karamea Volleyball + Football

① Contact person: Deborah Wagner

① Postal address: [REDACTED]

① PO Box address: [REDACTED]

① Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

2. Contact Names

① Name Deborah Wagner

Phone [REDACTED]

① Name Mauritz Grobler

Phone [REDACTED]

3. Organisation Details

① Are you a club or a school? BOTH

① How many members belong to your club/school? 20-24

① How many participants aged between 5 & 18 will this travel subsidy benefit? 20-22

① How many participants are aged between 5-11 yrs 12

① How many participants are aged between 12-18 yrs 10-12

① Please detail how many applicants are female 8

① Please detail how many applicants are male 14-16

① Does your application involve a partnership with a local school / club

YES NO

① Do you have any disabled individuals who are being supported by this fund?

If yes, how many will receive support from the RTF NA

- What percentage of your members live in the vicinity of the local authority you are applying for the rural travel fund? 100 %
- What is this funding going to be used for? (briefly explain)

District Football Camps that our parents can help support by taking our junior and senior players to take part in.

District Volleyball Camps for our ~~pro~~ junior and senior players to take part in.

Westport and potentially Murchison this year.

This will also go towards van hire

through Karamea Area School and Kawamoa Express.

4. Financial Details

- Are you registered for GST? **YES / (NO)**
(If yes please write your GST Number in the space provided below)
GST NO.

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- How much money are you applying for?
 - \$ 2,000 Sport NZ funding
 - \$ _____ other funders
 - \$ _____ your contribution
 - \$ 2,000 **TOTAL**

- If you have applied for funding from other organisations please supply details below.

Organisation - (including other councils)	Amount requested (\$)	Results date (if known)

Please attach to your application

- Latest financial statements from your organisation (i.e. P&L, financial statement)
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- Evidence of your endorsement from your local affiliated club/school (if required)
- Evidence of endorsement from your local affiliated club for this application (only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)

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Name: Deborah Wagner

Position in organisation / title: Coach/manager

Signature:  Date: 22/2/25

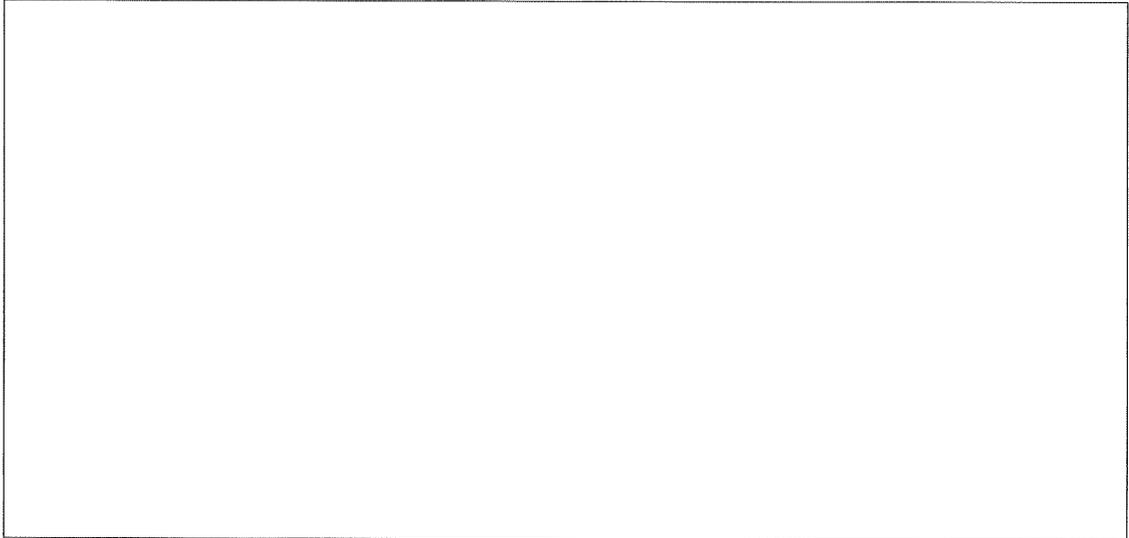
Name: Mauritz Grobler

Position in organisation / title: assistant manager

Signature:  Date: 24/2/25

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- Do you have endorsement from your local affiliated club/school for this application for funding (this is only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)? **YES/ NO**
(briefly explain and attach evidence of this)





SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023

1. Details

- Name of organisation: Ngakawau/Karaman J.A.B Rugby Club
- Contact person: Karl Clementson
- Postal address: [REDACTED]
- PO Box address: _____
- Telephone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

2. Contact Names

- Name As above Phone _____
- Name _____ Phone _____

3. Organisation Details

- Are you a club or a school?
- How many members belong to your club/school? 50?
- How many participants aged between 5 & 18 will this travel subsidy benefit? 30
- How many participants are aged between 5-11 yrs 35
- How many participants are aged between 12-18 yrs 15
- Please detail how many applicants are female 20
- Please detail how many applicants are male 30
- Does your application involve a partnership with a local school / club YES/ NO
- Do you have any disabled individuals who are being supported by this fund?
If yes, how many will receive support from the RTF _____

- What percentage of your members live in the vicinity of the local authority you are applying for the rural travel fund? 2 %
- What is this funding going to be used for? (briefly explain)

Fuel vouchers for parents living in Ngakawan, Seddonville, Makihouhi

4. Financial Details

- Are you registered for GST? YES / NO
(If yes please write your GST Number in the space provided below)

GST NO. 055-050-007

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- How much money are you applying for?

\$ 1500.00 Sport NZ funding

\$ _____ other funders

\$ _____ your contribution

\$ 1500.00 TOTAL

- If you have applied for funding from other organisations please supply details below.

No

Organisation - (including other councils)	Amount requested (\$)	Results date (if known)

Please attach to your application

- Latest financial statements from your organisation (i.e. P&L, financial statement)
- A deposit slip (in case your application is approved)
- Evidence of your endorsement from your local affiliated club/school (if required)
- Evidence of endorsement from your local affiliated club for this application (only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)

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Name: Karl Clementson

Position in organisation / title: SAB manager

Signature:  Date: 2/2/25

Name: KELLY TAYLOR

Position in organisation / title: CLUB PRESIDENT

Signature:  Date: 5/02/25

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- Do you have endorsement from your local affiliated club/school for this application for funding (this is only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)? YES/NO (briefly explain and attach evidence of this)



SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023

1. Details

- Name of organisation: Reefton Boxing Gym
- Contact person: Lorelei Norris
- Postal address: [REDACTED]
- PO Box address: _____
- Telephone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

2. Contact Names

- Name Dean Giddens Phone [REDACTED]
- Name Ian Jensen Phone [REDACTED]

3. Organisation Details

- Are you a club or a school? club
- How many members belong to your club/school? 21
- How many participants aged between 5 & 18 will this travel subsidy benefit? 11
- How many participants are aged between 5-11 yrs 5
- How many participants are aged between 12-18 yrs 6
- Please detail how many applicants are female 5
- Please detail how many applicants are male 16
- Does your application involve a partnership with a local school / club YES/NO
- Do you have any disabled individuals who are being supported by this fund?
If yes, how many will receive support from the RTF _____

- What percentage of your members live in the vicinity of the local authority you are applying for the rural travel fund? 90 %
- What is this funding going to be used for? (briefly explain)

Reefton Boxing gym club provides a safe and welcoming environment to teach and coach boxing to youth. Our programme will enable young people to compete around New Zealand. Part of our core values are to model and teach respect for each other and with our community. We want our members to strive for success, learn about self care including nutrition and exercise and the benefits of this. Because we are only a small club we need to travel to meet up with other small local clubs in Blenheim and Christchurch for training and club days. These planned sport events allow our youth the practice their boxing techniques as they train for regional and national competition boxing fights. We plan to travel to Blenheim, Nelson and Christchurch 5 times each this year. Costing us \$200 in fuel. Our young boxers also have the opportunity to travel to Hamilton for training camps. A lot of the travel cost for this falls on individual members. We would like to apply for \$7000 to help subsidize part of this travel. Because we are a small club we do not have a lot of money.

4. Financial Details

- Are you registered for GST? YES / **NO**
(If yes please write your GST Number in the space provided below)
GST NO.

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- How much money are you applying for?
 - \$ 7000 Sport NZ funding
 - \$ _____ other funders
 - \$ 500 your contribution
 - \$ 7500 **TOTAL**

- If you have applied for funding from other organisations please supply details below.

Organisation - (including other councils)	Amount requested (\$)	Results date (if known)

- Do you have endorsement from your local affiliated club/school for this application for funding (this is only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)? ~~YES/NO~~ NA
(briefly explain and attach evidence of this)

Please attach to your application

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Name: Dean Giddens

Position in organisation / title: President

Signature:  Date: 12-2-25

Name: Lorelei Norris

Position in organisation / title: Secretary

Signature:  Date: 12-2-25

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SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023

1. Details

- ① Name of organisation: Reefon Rugby Club
- ② Contact person: Katie Thomson
- ③ Postal address: [REDACTED]
- ④ PO Box address: 11
- ⑤ Telephone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

2. Contact Names

- ① Name Katie Thomson Phone [REDACTED] (JAB Co-ordinator)
- ② Name Scott Rosonauki Phone [REDACTED] (President)

3. Organisation Details

- ① Are you a club or a school? Club
- ② How many members belong to your club/school? 50+ JAB Total
- ③ How many participants aged between 5 & 18 will this travel subsidy benefit? 50+
- ④ How many participants are aged between 5-11 yrs Approx 30
- ⑤ How many participants are aged between 12-18 yrs Approx 20
- ⑥ Please detail how many applicants are female Approx 30%
- ⑦ Please detail how many applicants are male Approx 70%
- ⑧ Does your application involve a partnership with a local school / club YES NO
- ⑨ Do you have any disabled individuals who are being supported by this fund?
If yes, how many will receive support from the RTF N/A

- ③ What percentage of your members live in the vicinity of the local authority you are applying for the rural travel fund? 100 %
- ③ What is this funding going to be used for? (briefly explain)

- To provide fuel vouchers t/or bus transport to westport for away games.

- If families live 20+ km from Reefton we will support them for travel to trainings also

4. Financial Details

- ③ Are you registered for GST? YES / **NO**
(If yes please write your GST Number in the space provided below)
GST NO.

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- ③ How much money are you applying for?

\$ 6000 Sport NZ funding

\$ — other funders

\$ 1000 your contribution Subs.

\$ 4500 TOTAL

- ③ If you have applied for funding from other organisations please supply details below.

Organisation - (including other councils)	Amount requested (\$)	Results date (if known)

- Do you have endorsement from your local affiliated club/school for this application for funding (this is only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)? **YES** NO
(briefly explain and attach evidence of this)

Reefton Rugby club support
Buller Rugby Union support

Please attach to your application

- Latest financial statements from your organisation (i.e. P&L, financial statement) *Will email next week*
- A deposit slip (in case your application is approved)
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- Evidence of endorsement from your local affiliated club for this application (only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)

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Name: Katie Thomson

Position in organisation / title: JAB Coordinator

Signature:  Date: 21.2.25

Name: Scott Rosenowski

Position in organisation / title: President

Signature: Verbal Date: 21.2.25

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SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023

1. Details

- ① Name of organisation: Westport Amateur Swims Club
- ① Contact person: Heather O'Toole
- ① Postal address: [REDACTED]
- ① PO Box address: [REDACTED]
- ① Telephone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

2. Contact Names

- ① Name Heather O'Toole Phone [REDACTED]
- ① Name Steve Riley Phone [REDACTED]

3. Organisation Details

- ① Are you a club or a school? club
- ① How many members belong to your club/school? 20
- ① How many participants aged between 5 & 18 will this travel subsidy benefit? 20
- ① How many participants are aged between 5-11 yrs 2
- ① How many participants are aged between 12-18 yrs 18
- ① Please detail how many applicants are female 10
- ① Please detail how many applicants are male 10
- ① Does your application involve a partnership with a local school / club YES/ **NO**
- ① Do you have any disabled individuals who are being supported by this fund?
If yes, how many will receive support from the RTF —

- ① What percentage of your members live in the vicinity of the local authority you are applying for the rural travel fund? 100 %
- ① What is this funding going to be used for? (briefly explain)

We have swim meets to travel to one in Greymouth + one in Christchurch.

4. Financial Details

- ① Are you registered for GST? YES / **NO**
(If yes please write your GST Number in the space provided below)
GST NO.

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- ① How much money are you applying for?
 - \$ 700.00 Sport NZ funding
 - \$ _____ other funders
 - \$ _____ your contribution
 - \$ 700.00 **TOTAL**

- ① If you have applied for funding from other organisations please supply details below.

Organisation - (including other councils)	Amount requested (\$)	Results date (if known)

Please attach to your application

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N/A
- Latest financial statements from your organisation (i.e. P&L, financial statement)
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 - Evidence of your endorsement from your local affiliated club/school (if required)
 - Evidence of endorsement from your local affiliated club for this application (only relevant if the group applying is the regional body)

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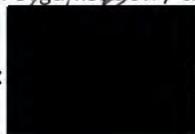
Name: Heather O'Toole

Position in organisation / title: Treasurer

Signature:  Date: 20-2-2025

Name: Steve Riley

Position in organisation / title: President

Signature:  Date: 20/02/2025

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BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 MARCH 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 13

Prepared by John Salmond
Corporate and Strategic Planning Manager

Reviewed by Simon Pickford
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments 1. Draft KPI's and Levels of Service

LONG-TERM PLAN (LTP) DRAFT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI'S) AND LEVELS OF SERVICE (LOS) ADOPTION REPORT

1 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Under the Local Government Act 2002 (section 93), Councils are required to always have a Long-Term Plan (LTP). It also specifies that the LTP must cover a period of at least 10 consecutive financial years. This year Buller District Council are completing a 9-year LTP, and this is due to Council taking the decision to defer the plan for 1 year.

2 We have undertaken a comprehensive review and amendment of our Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) and levels of service measures for inclusion in the upcoming Long-Term Plan. This process ensures that the measures we track remain meaningful, relevant, and aligned with our shared vision for the region's future.

3 By refining these KPI's, we aim to improve clarity around performance and reporting metrics, making it easier for stakeholders to monitor progress and understand how our initiatives contribute to the well-being of our community.

4 **DRAFT RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Notes the content of the report

2. Adopts the draft KPI's and Levels of service schedule to be included in the draft 2025-2034 LTP document.

3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments, if necessary, prior to the adoption of the draft LTP and consultation document (CD)

5 ISSUES & DISCUSSION

BACKGROUND

As part of the ongoing commitment to transparency, efficiency, and alignment with community priorities, Council is embarking on a streamlined approach to Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) and levels of service for the upcoming Long-Term Plan (LTP). This new direction not only ensures compliance with the mandatory measures required under regulatory frameworks but also places a stronger focus on what truly matters to the residents and stakeholders of the region.

6 Traditionally, the LTP is designed to guide the Council's strategic planning over a 10-year horizon. However, this cycle introduces a 9-year plan, a decision made following the adoption of the Enhanced Annual Plan (EAP) for the 2024-2025 financial year and the subsequent deferral of the LTP by one year. Council recognised an opportunity to review and refine the performance measures within the LTP, ensuring they reflect both regulatory obligations and the aspirations of the community it serves.

7 The review process began with an in-depth evaluation of the existing KPI's and levels of service, with the goal of identifying areas for improvement. Recognising that some measures had become overly complex or lacked relevance to the core objectives of the Council, the need for a simpler, more focused set of metrics became clear. At a workshop held in public, with the elected members on 12 February 2025 prioritised the inclusion of mandatory measures while also identifying additional indicators that hold significant value to the community.

8 The decision to streamline these measures brings numerous benefits. By focusing on the most meaningful and relevant indicators, the Council is enhancing the clarity and accessibility of its performance metrics. This transparency makes it easier for stakeholders to track progress, understand decision-making processes, and participate in shaping the future of the region. In addition, the streamlined approach enables more effective resource allocation, ensuring that efforts are concentrated on delivering the highest impact initiatives. Ultimately, this initiative strengthens trust, fosters accountability, and reaffirms the Council's dedication to evidence-based planning and community well-being.

9 As part of this framework, it is important to note that all measures captured in the LTP are subject to the annual reporting process. This ensures ongoing accountability by providing a detailed review of progress and performance against the stated measures each year. At the workshop, we discussed how a lot of the measures we currently had were more of an internal measure rather than an all of

Council performance metric. The annual report serves as a critical mechanism for evaluating how well the Council is achieving its objectives and maintaining transparency with the community, reinforcing the continuous cycle of improvement and trust-building.

10 **CONSIDERATIONS**

Strategic Alignment

The LTP is the council's most strategic document. It is an integral part of the planning and delivery of Councils strategic vision and statutory obligations. The principal role of an LTP is to outline what the council are going to deliver over the next 9 (usually 10) years and how this will be funded.

11 **Significance Assessment**

The significance and engagement policy sets out the criteria and framework for a matter or transaction to be deemed significant. The LTP is of great significance as it outlines the financial forecasts, capital programme, operational plans, and rates.

12 **Māori Impact Statement**

Council works in partnership with Ngāti Waewae to provide governance. The outputs have a high importance in relation to Tangata Whenua matters. This is also in line with the consultation we have ongoing with Iwi at present.

13 **Risk Management Implications**

N/A

14 **Policy & Legislative Considerations**

The Local Government Act 2002 governs the activities of Buller District Council and sets out the requirement for consulting and adoption of the LTP. This report assists with art 3 (specifically sections 261A and 261B) and Schedule 7 address levels of service and key performance indicators, focusing on standard performance measures and allowing the public to compare services across local authorities.

15 **Legal Implications**

There is no legal context, issue, or implication relevant to this decision.

16 **Financial / Budget Implications**

The budget for the upcoming Long-Term Plan has been developed with the primary objective of maintaining the current levels of service. This approach ensures that the Council continues to meet community expectations while providing consistency and reliability in the delivery of key services.

- 17 **Communication Internal / External**
This decision may attract media interest which will be managed by the Council's Communication's team and will also be considered from an internal point of view as well
- 18 **Consultation Considerations**
The outcome will be in the draft LTP document, and the community will be able to do a submission on them as part of the consultation in April. This will be followed by a hearings and deliberations process.

BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 MARCH 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 14

Prepared by Jess Curtis
Manager, Capital Works

Reviewed by Anthony Blom
Group Manager Infrastructure Services

Attachments 1. Westport Stormwater/Wastewater Separation Options Assessment

Public Excluded: No

WESTPORT STORMWATER/WASTEWATER SEPARATION CONSULTATION

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is currently in the process of renewing its resource consent for wastewater pump station overflows, which expired in 2023. A plan for the reduction of volume and duration of overflows needs be in place during the next consent term prior to a new consent being awarded.

2 During investigations in 2022, 611 private properties in Westport with stormwater / wastewater cross-connections were identified.

3 An options assessment paper has been drafted identifying four options with a secondary discussion around funding through targeted or general rates.

4 DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Receive the report

2. Approve inclusion of Westport stormwater/wastewater separation options of a regulatory compliance or a rate-funded approach and how this should be recovered (targeted or general rates) as a Long-Term Plan key consultation topic.

5 **ISSUES & DISCUSSION**

BACKGROUND

Council is currently in the process of renewing its resource consent for wastewater pump station overflows, which expired in 2023. A new consent was applied for in April 2023, after which the West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) issued a request for additional information. Key stakeholders, including Ngāti Waewae and the WCRC, have emphasized the need to significantly reduce the volume and duration of overflows during the next consent term.

- 6 To address this, BDC has made progress in installing new backflow devices to stop river water surcharging into pump stations and separating network cross-connections in the streets, with final completion expected by the end of June 2025. However, the impact of this work is expected to be minimal, as it does not address a further 611 private property cross-connections identified in Westport during investigations in 2022. Additional sources of inflow, such as low and broken gully traps and faulty laterals, also remain unaddressed.
- 7 Achieving a noticeable reduction in overflows will require targeting private property inflow and infiltration of stormwater. This initiative aligns with environmental and cultural priorities, offering significant benefits, including reduced environmental impact, enhanced system efficiency, and compliance with anticipated consent conditions.
- 8 A description of the current situation along with options have been drafted that identifies four options for Elected members to decide on along with a discussion around funding through targeted or general rates:
1. Do nothing
 2. Do minimal – voluntary compliance
 3. Regulatory compliance
 4. Rate-funded response

9 **CONSULTATION OPTIONS**

Option 1 – Do minimum

Refer to the options assessment in the Long-Term Plan assumptions with consultation undertaken from August 2025 separately to the Long-Term Plan consultation.

10 **Advantages**

Consultation will be done separately to a targeted audience when staff resourcing is available.

11 **Disadvantages**

Consultation will not be able to be undertaken until August 2025 or later.

- 12 Operational activities will be unable to start until 26/27.
- 13 If there are ongoing delays, then the Regional Council may proceed with an abatement notice
- 14 **Option 2 – Consult through the Long-Term Plan**
Add options three and four and how this should be recovered (targeted or general rates) in the Long-Term Plan consultation document.
- 15 **Advantages**
Consultation can be completed in the 24/25 FY through the Long-Term Plan.
- 16 Once approved, operational activities can be programmed in for the 25/26 FY.
- 17 **Disadvantages**
None identified
- 18 **PREFERRED CHOICE**
The preferred choice is to consult with the community through the Long-Term Plan on options three and four along with how this should be recovered (targeted or general rates). This will show a commitment to resolving the current Resource Management Act breach and limit the risk of penalties to Council.
- 19 **NEXT STEPS**
The next steps for the recommended choice is:
 1. Options three and four, along how this should be recovered (targeted or general rates) are included in the Long-Term Plan consultation.
 2. Final decisions to be made post-consultation by Council.
- 20 **CONSIDERATIONS**
- Strategic Impact**
This is currently proposed in the Long-Term Plan requiring further information prior to a final decision being made.
- 21 **Significance Assessment**
This report is assessed as being high significance.
- 22 **Risk Management Implications / Opportunities**
The following risks or opportunities are identified with the issues identified in this report.
- 23 The options assessment paper identifies significant risk to Council should the outcome not allow for compliance with the RMA, leaving Council exposed to RMA

penalties. Prior to final decision making, this topic requires full community consultation as it has high significance.

24 **Policy & Legislative Considerations**

The options assessment paper identifies significant risk to Council should the outcome not allow for compliance with the RMA, leaving Council exposed to RMA penalties.

25 **Māori Impact Statement**

Ngāti Waewae is being regularly updated on the discharge overflow consent application including the status of this decision.

26 **Financial Considerations**

Costs are described within the draft options assessment with different costs associated with each option and funding sources from rate.

27 **Communication Internal / External**

The options assessment has been shared internally with key team members and requires full community consultation prior to decision making.



INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

WESTPORT STORMWATER / WASTEWATER SEPARATION OPTIONS ASSESSMENT

21 March 2023

1. Executive Summary

The Buller District Council (BDC) is currently in the process of renewing its resource consent for wastewater pump station overflows, which expired in 2023. A new consent was applied for in April 2023, after which the West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) issued a request for additional information. The previous resource consent under condition 50 allowed BDC to overflow 263 hours in any calendar year (3% of the time). This was exceeded ranging from 8 - 10% in the years 2023 and 2024. Any years prior to 2023 had false reporting due to river and tidal inflow and defective floodgates. The primary reason for the exceedances has been identified as non-compliant stormwater cross-connections into the wastewater system. Key stakeholders, including Ngāti Waewae and the WCRC, have emphasized the need to significantly reduce the volume and duration of overflows from the pump stations during the next consent term.

To address this, BDC has made progress in installing new backflow devices to stop river water surcharging into pump stations and separating network cross-connections in the streets, with final completion expected by the end of June 2025. However, the impact of this work is expected to be minimal, as it does not address the 611 private property cross-connections identified during investigations in 2022. Additional sources of inflow, such as low and broken gully traps and faulty laterals, also remain unaddressed.

Achieving a noticeable reduction in overflows will require targeting private property inflow and infiltration of stormwater. This initiative aligns with environmental and cultural priorities, offering significant benefits, including reduced environmental impact, enhanced system efficiency, and compliance with anticipated consent conditions. However, implementation will require substantial financial investment and policy development.

This report presents and analyses four options to address the impact of the private property cross connections on the pump station overflows. Its purpose is to obtain a decision on a preferred option or options to respond to the issues described above for wider consultation with the community. The two options favoured by staff are either a regulatory compliance approach pursuant to the Wastewater Drainage Bylaw or a rates-funded remediation approach.

This report undertakes an option assessment and considers the known views of those who may be affected by each option. Further consideration and consultation will be required, possibly as part of the LTP process.

2. Background

2.1. Overview of Current Situation

The Buller District Council (**BDC**) operates fourteen pump stations that transport wastewater from its reticulated network to a wastewater treatment plant. The issues this report addresses relate to the causes of overloading of those pump stations and their discharges into the Buller and Orowaiti Rivers.

BDC has a discharge permit (resource consent) to discharge primary treated wastewater into the Buller River at three locations¹ when its pump stations have exceeded their available storage and the pump capacity. These discharges include human effluent in wastewater that has only received

¹ Rintoul St, Roebuck St and Packington St.

primary treatment (screening). Also included in the discharges but not authorised by the resource consent is stormwater.

The consents include a condition (condition 50) allowing those discharges into the Buller River for no more than 263 hours in any calendar year (3% of the time). This condition has not been complied with. BDC has a reliable dataset from 2023 and 2024 that indicate overflow events exceed the allowable 263 hours per year by up to approximately 600 hours. The range for the two years is around 700 - 876 hours per year or 8% -10% of the time.

Prior to 2023, the pump stations had false reporting due to river and tidal inflow and defective floodgates, but the expectation is that overflow events were at the least equivalent to the range established for 2023 and 2024.

In addition, there are sites adjacent to other pump stations that do not have resource consents where there are discharges into the Buller or Orowaiti Rivers.

Cross-connections are widespread in and around Westport. To date, BDC has made progress in identifying and addressing cross-connections within its own network. Smoke and dye testing conducted in 2022 identified 60 cross-connections in the council-owned system. The majority of these have been remediated over the past 12 months, with the remaining scheduled for completion by the end of June 2025.

On private land, cross-connections remain a significant challenge. Work undertaken in 2022 identified 611 cross-connections on non-council owned infrastructure. These private inflows, alongside other issues such as faulty laterals and low or broken gully traps, continue to contribute significantly to overflow volumes. It is noted that these numbers are not final, and an additional property inspection program will be required to quantify the full extent of the problem.

Additionally, BDC is currently seeking to renew its resource consent for wastewater pump station overflows, which expired in 2023. This application seeks to regularise the situation with the overflows, by obtaining resource consents for all discharges into the Buller River. Further resource consents will need to be sought for discharges into the Orowaiti.

The West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) issued a request for additional information, including a request that BDC outline an infrastructure improvement strategy to reduce the number and volume of pump station overflows.

There is a clear expectation from key stakeholders, including Ngāti Waewae and WCRC (see below), that substantial improvements be made by BDC. Feedback from Ngāti Waewae emphasizes the importance of achieving significant, steady reductions in overflow durations, with the long-term goal of limiting overflows to high-rainfall events only.

2.2. Historical Context

Historically, it was common practice in New Zealand to allow combined stormwater and wastewater systems. In some cases, BDC itself encouraged this approach to maintain sufficient flow volumes for network performance. This approach has led to a widespread and large number of combined discharges into the wastewater network.

However, as environmental and cultural awareness has grown, combined systems are generally no longer acceptable due to their adverse impacts on water quality, ecosystem health and cultural values.

Furthermore, as noted, BDC has been unable to comply with the conditions of its expired resource consent, as overflow durations have been significantly exceeded each year, see section 2.1.

The construction of the Westport Wastewater Treatment Plant (**WWTP**) in 2007 marked a significant step forward in improving wastewater management. However, the WWTP project did not address the historical practice of allowing stormwater inflows into the reticulated network.

2.3. Stakeholder Expectations

Key stakeholders have set clear expectations for the consent renewal process that apply generally to the operation of the reticulated network:

- **Ngāti Waewae:** Seeks a firm commitment to reducing the environmental and cultural impacts of wastewater overflows on local waterways.
- **WCRC:** Expects practical measures to achieve a steady reduction in overflow volumes and durations over the next consent term.

It is the view of officers that without a clear commitment to reducing pump station overflow volumes and durations that Ngāti Waewae will not support the granting of future consents and WCRC will either, decline applications for new consents or impose conditions requiring works that may or may not be acceptable (and achievable) for BDC, exposing BDC to a high risk of non-compliance with its regulatory obligations.

Given the identification of the combined discharges as the primary reason for consent condition non-compliance, the stakeholder expectations underscore the need for a comprehensive approach to addressing private property inflows, as network improvements alone are unlikely to meet stakeholder and consent requirements.

It is worth noting the Westport community as a key stakeholder whose views will need to be understood and considered as part of the Council's decision-making process. The requirements of the Local Government Act 2002, including the Significance and Engagement Policy, will govern how this will happen and the extent to which consultation with that and the wider Buller community will be required.

2.4. Current Challenges

This report has identified the following current challenges in relation to Westport overflow discharges:

- The high number of private property cross-connections contributes to significant stormwater inflows into the wastewater system, exacerbating overflows during rainfall events.
- Additional sources of inflow, such as broken gully traps and faulty laterals, remain unaddressed.
- Achieving meaningful reductions in overflow volumes will require significant financial investment and a clear, enforceable framework for implementation.
- The Council has applied for a new resource consent to authorise discharges to the Buller River and a new consent for discharges into the Orowaiti. The conditions of those consents are not yet settled, so there is some uncertainty as to the medium-term regulatory setting.

2.5. Legal and Compliance Requirements

Operating without an updated resource consent can pose significant risks to BDC, including legal challenges and regulatory penalties.

At this time the overflows at the three consented sites are allowed pursuant to s 124 RMA because the application was made over 6 months before the expiry of the previous consent. This authorisation is in place until the application for a new resource consent is determined.

The balance of the discharges into the Buller and Orowaiti Rivers are not authorised by resource consents.

The expired consent has already highlighted areas of non-compliance, such as the frequency and duration of pump station overflows exceeding allowable thresholds. It is unlawful to operate the pump stations in a way that does not comply with the conditions of the resource consent.

While the conditions of future consents are not known at this time, WCRC has made it clear that future consent conditions will require BDC to demonstrate measurable reductions in overflow volumes and durations. It is recommended any decisions do not see this as a constraint and presume that any future consents will require combined discharges into the reticulation system to be minimised to reduce instances of overflow into waterways.

It is an offence to discharge contaminants (including wastewater and stormwater) into water (i.e. the Buller River) except in accordance with a resource consent (s 15 RMA). This is relevant for both the non-compliances from the existing consent and the unauthorised discharges.

A regional council has several enforcement options available to it to require immediate action to achieve compliance (i.e. abatement notices and enforcement orders). It may also commence a prosecution that, along with reputational damage, can result in significant fines (up to \$600,000 per offence, plus the potential for daily fines for continuing offences of up to \$10,000 per day).

There is therefore present and future risks BDC is legally required to address. It is recommended that a comprehensive approach to addressing inflow and infiltration, particularly on private properties, will be essential to secure compliance and a renewed and new consents.

2.6. Environmental and Cultural Impact

While there has been limited evidence to date of direct environmental degradation from overflows, addressing stormwater and wastewater separation is essential to prevent potential future impacts on local waterways, such as the Buller and Orowaiti Rivers. If left unchecked, the continued discharge of combined wastewater and stormwater could lead to contamination that could affect water quality, aquatic habitats, and overall ecosystem health.

For Ngāti Waewae, the health of local waterways holds significant cultural and spiritual value. Even in the absence of clear evidence of environmental harm to date, iwi have expressed concerns over the long-term effects of wastewater overflows and measurable (in a scientific sense) environmental harm is not always required to demonstrate harm to cultural values.

Thus, reducing these discharges is not only crucial for maintaining water quality but also for preserving the cultural values associated with water, as emphasized by Ngāti Waewae. A commitment to reducing overflows aligns with BDC's broader goals of environmental stewardship and respect for iwi concerns.

2.7. System Efficiency and Resilience

Separating wastewater and stormwater systems will improve the overall efficiency and resilience of BDC's infrastructure.

Current inflows from private properties and other sources strain the capacity of the wastewater network, leading to frequent overflows and higher operational costs. By reducing these inflows:

- Pumping and treatment costs can be reduced.
- The capacity of the wastewater treatment plant can be optimized, reducing the likelihood of overflows during storm events.
- The network will become more resilient to extreme weather, mitigating risks associated with climate change and increasing rainfall intensity.
- The likelihood of combined stormwater and wastewater overflows on private properties will be reduced and operational challenges be limited (customers can't flush toilets during heavy rain).

3. Westport wastewater improvement programme

To improve the Westport wastewater network and gain a new resource consent for overflow discharges to the Buller River, staff have prepared a Wastewater Improvement programme (including the separation of stormwater and wastewater). The programme aims to achieve the following objectives:

Objective name	Objective description
Inflow and infiltration reduction	Markedly reduce the frequency, duration, and volume of overflow discharges to the Buller River
Consent conditions and partner aspirations meet	Reduce the impact of the overflows on the receiving environment and its ecological and cultural values.

In addition to these objectives, the beneficiaries of the wastewater/stormwater separation would be the residents of Westport and Carters beach along with any other residents in the wastewater catchment area. The benefits that would be included are:

- Cleaner water through limited overflows in future years,
- Consent is renewed avoiding Council prosecutions through the RMA, and
- Reversal of historic requirements to combine wastewater/stormwater systems highlighted by the lack of networks in areas of Westport to bring Westport up to new building consent and RMA obligations.

These objectives have guided the options identified and assessed in this report.

Council may wish to adopt these objectives as outcomes that it is looking to achieve when identifying and assessing the options presented to it in this report

4. Significance and Engagement Policy

Significance of a decision is assessed in accordance with BDC's Significance and Engagement Policy. The policy sets out the council's general approach to determining the significance of

proposals and decisions, and any criteria or procedures it will use. This decision has been assessed against the significance and engagement policy with the following criteria being triggered:

The matters addressed above show the steps Council take to address the issue have a high level of significance under the Significance and Engagement Policy. The need for Council to undertake activities lawfully, to run its infrastructure in a sustainable fashion and have productive relationship with Ngati Waewae, including as a Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi partner, contribute to the significance of the decision.

The potential cost to ratepayers is also a factor contributing to that significance.

The potential to increase rates alone, is a reason to deem the matter significant under the Policy. Furthermore, other criteria in the policy are triggered given the potential impact on affected individuals (ratepayers and property owners), the impact on iwi cultural values and their relationship to water and the ability to generate a high degree of interest or controversy in terms of the number of people potentially affected.

Therefore, it is considered that the ultimate decision on which options to take will be significant and justify further community engagement. It is considered the decision sought by this report is appropriate in the circumstances because it acknowledges that significance and requests consultation with the community in line with the assessment of the Policy.

5. Consideration of views of those who are or may be affected & consultation

The views and preferences of persons likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in, a decision must be considered by Council. This requires identification of who will be likely to be affected or interested in the matter and gather information about their views. This can be done through formal consultation, including the special consultative procedure in the LGA, or another process (including as set out in the Significance and Engagement Policy).

The principles of consultation in the LGA include:

- persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the local authority's decision should be encouraged by the local authority to present their views to the local authority.
- persons who are invited or encouraged to present their views to the local authority should be given clear information by the local authority concerning the purpose of the consultation and the scope of the decisions to be taken following consideration of views presented.
- persons who wish to have their views on the decision or matter considered by the local authority should be provided by the authority with a reasonable opportunity to present those views to it in a manner and format that is appropriate.

To assist with consideration of the views and preferences of persons likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in, the matter, the known views of persons affected by this proposal (to consult) include those set out in section 2.3 above.

It is noted that there will be a broad group of people who may or will be affected by the ultimate action taken on this issue, as any decision taken by Council to take action will directly impact a large number of Westport residents with cross connections on their properties and could also lead to a direct cost to Westport or Buller residents through increases to rates.

It is considered that the decision sought by this paper, that the Council seek community views on the appropriate way to address the non-compliances with current and, likely, future resource consents, will assist Council to better and more fully understand the views and preferences of those likely to be affected or to have an interest in the matter, as required by the LGA.

However, this may have the effect of constraining the matters the Council obtains views on i.e. through the option selection put out to consultation. This should be carefully considered by the Council before determining which, if any, options are consulted on. An option is to consult on all options. Council could, in those circumstances, identify preferred options without constraining the consideration of all practicable options as set out in this report.

Thus, given the broad impacts of a decision to take action or not take action, should Council accept the recommendations in this report that it seek the views of the community on the options presented in this report, it is recommended Council consider using the special consultative procedure.

6. Options for achieving Stormwater and Wastewater Separation

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to identify and assess reasonably practical options, including in terms of their advantages and disadvantages. The extent to which Council is required to identify and assess the options is determined largely in proportion to the significance of the matters affected by the decision.

To assist with an options assessment that identifies methods available to complete stormwater and wastewater separation, the following factors have been considered; political, economic, social, technological, legal, environmental, and operational. These factors will influence the feasibility, acceptance, and long-term success of the chosen implementation approach.

A holistic review was carried out, and the implications of the works are summarized below.

Resourcing

- **Workforce Limitations:** Westport has a limited number of registered plumbers (approximately five), with an estimated capacity of 60 separation works per year. This constrains project timelines unless additional resources are utilised or work is packaged to engage a broader workforce to efficiently complete works.
- **Increased Workload:** The project will significantly increase the workload of individual teams. Additional internal capacity will be required to ensure successful delivery while maintaining business-as-usual activities.
- **Administrative and Technical Needs:** Additional resources may be needed for property inspections and compliance enforcement (if a supporting regulatory regime is established e.g. via a bylaw). Both the regulatory and infrastructure teams are likely to face significant impacts depending on the chosen approach.

Economic Considerations

- **Financial Burden on Ratepayers:** Managing costs is critical, particularly given the median household income of \$52,000 per annum in the area.

- **Compliance Risks:** Non-compliance with consent conditions risks Environmental Court action and penalties, potentially affecting rates and budgets.
- **Housing Market Impact:** The stable to buoyant housing market offers some economic resilience.
- **Rating District Implications:** Approximately 30% of properties discharge stormwater into the wastewater network, with secondary inflow streams like broken gully traps expected to significantly exceed this figure. Targeting individual properties versus using a district-wide approach needs careful consideration.

Social Impacts

- **Demographics:** The high median age and prevalence of retirees in the area may create challenges in meeting financial obligations related to separation works.
- **Social Deprivation:** Financial strain in some areas increases the risk of resistance.
- **Cultural Concerns:** Issues raised by Ngāti Waewae and recreational users emphasize the need to address public health risks from overflows.
- **Community Awareness:** Shifting attitudes toward environmental awareness could support the initiative, though financial burdens may shift focus to affordability.
- **Iwi Relationships:** Failure to address concerns raised by Ngāti Waewae risks damaging essential relationships, with potential negative implications for future projects.
- **Reputational Risks:** Both inaction and controversial measures carry reputational risks that could affect standing with councils, government agencies, and the community.

Technological Challenges

- **Infrastructure Issues:** Approximately 611 homes have known stormwater cross-connections, requiring extensive work to resolve.
- **Inspection Gaps:** In 2022 property inspections using smoke tests were completed, however this predominately focused on compliance. Further details on the specific property actions to resolve the uncompliant sites is still required.
- **Innovative Solutions:** Options for groundwater soakage and stormwater detention must be explored to reduce network reliance.
- **Operational Concerns:** High inflow of stormwater disrupts Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) performance. Increasing WWTP inflow is not viable due to potential operational disruptions and design capacity limitations of the existing plant.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Robust mechanisms are needed to measure outflow improvements and track project success.

Legal Framework that require further investigation

- **Wastewater Bylaw:** BDC's Wastewater Drainage Bylaw (NZS 9201: Part 22:1999), last reviewed by Council in 2020 mandates the separation of stormwater from wastewater systems to maintain network efficiency and meet compliance goals.
 - Clause 1.6.5 mandates separation.
 - Clause 2.13.2.1 regulates gully trap conditions to ensure drainage standards.
- **Local Government Act:**
 - Section 459 (LGA 1974): Empowers councils to mandate property drainage modifications.
 - Section 181 (LGA 2002): Authorizes councils to construct and maintain drainage works on private property.
 - Section 186 (LGA 2002): Grants authority to acquire land for public infrastructure projects.
- **Regulatory Alignment:** Evolving national water regulations under "Local Water Done Well" and new wastewater enforcement regimes may significantly impact the project.
- **Property Damage and Reinstatement:** Clear processes must be established to manage property damage and ensure reinstatement, mitigating resistance and maintaining trust.

- **Resource Management Act (RMA):** Non-compliance with WCRC resource consent conditions risks enforcement actions and penalties. Compliance with existing resource consent conditions requires reduction of stormwater flows in reticulated system. It is expected future resource consents will also incorporate consistent or more stringent conditions requiring reduction of stormwater flows in reticulated system.

Operational

- Operational matters widely vary depending on the option selected, so these matters are addressed under each of the option assessments.

Environmental Impacts

- **Compliance with Consent Conditions:** Meeting WCRC resource consent conditions is crucial to mitigate environmental risks.
- **Public Health Risks:** Risks to recreational users require further investigation.
- **Ecological Challenges:** Pollution from upstream sources like farming complicates efforts to isolate wastewater overflow impacts. Extensive data collection may be cost-prohibitive but is necessary for effective mitigation.

7. Options to Implement Separation

To implement the separation of wastewater and stormwater on private properties, BDC has identified three potential approaches plus a 'do nothing' option.

Each approach offers different benefits and challenges, which are evaluated against the political, economic, social, technological, legal, and environmental factors outlined in Chapter 4.

7.1. Option 1 – Do nothing

Under this approach, BDC would not take any steps to reduce cross-connections and the inflow of stormwater into the reticulated wastewater system. It is expected this would result in overflows at least to the same level currently occurring.

This option would mean BDC continue to operate its wastewater system without complying with its resource consent (and likely future resource consents). As set out above, it is an offence under the RMA to operate a system with discharges to water (i.e. the Buller and Orowaiti Rivers) except in accordance with a resource consent, which includes its conditions. The West Coast Regional Council would then have the option to take enforcement action or to prosecute BDC.

Enforcement proceedings could result in orders from the Environment Court requiring works to be completed within a certain timeframe. This would mean BDC would lose control of timing for the works and may mean the opportunity for an orderly and planned approach to the issue is lost.

A successful prosecution would result in a conviction for BDC and is likely to result in a fine. A prosecution would not remove the obligation to comply with the resource consent conditions or to stop discharging and would likely result in court orders requiring compliance within a timeframe, which results in the same issues as set out in the previous paragraph.

Additionally, the Wastewater Drainage Bylaw's requirement for separation of wastewater and stormwater would, with Council's knowledge, continued to be breached by individual property owners. While it is understood Council has some discretion as to how it enforces matters it has regulatory responsibility for, generally it should take steps to ensure there is compliance with relevant laws (although what that can look like can depend on circumstances and does not always require legal processes – see below).

Conclusion

This approach would mean Council would be acting unlawfully and therefore carries with it significant risks. It also would likely compromise obtaining future resource consents on acceptable terms and the relationship with Ngati Waewae.

7.2. Option 2 – Do minimum (Voluntary Compliance)

Under this approach, BDC would ask homeowners to voluntarily separate their stormwater from the wastewater network. This would involve providing homeowners with guidance on how to comply with separation standards, including technical recommendations for modifications to their properties.

Voluntary compliance would require some level of monitoring and enforcement to ensure the quality of works undertaken by property owners. Poor-quality repairs or incomplete work could result in risks such as property flooding, reintroduction of stormwater inflow, or homeowners reconnecting stormwater systems to the wastewater network after separation inspection.

Officer experience from similar inflow and infiltration (I&I) programs elsewhere indicates that voluntary compliance often leads to suboptimal results. Poor-quality work may fail to meet necessary drainage standards, potentially undermining the program's goals and leading to frustration in the community if works have to be redone.

This approach must also address affordability concerns, as some homeowners may lack the financial means or willingness to carry out the required work. Without sufficient incentives or enforcement measures, the risk of non-compliance remains significant.

Option Assessment

The voluntary compliance approach is evaluated against the major considerations from Chapter 3, incorporating risks and opportunities:

Criteria	Discussion
Situational	This approach is less politically contentious as it relies on homeowner initiative, but its weaker outcomes may undermine public and stakeholder trust in BDC's ability to meet consent conditions. The lack of strong outcomes could also impact relationships with iwi and community stakeholders. While there is an upfront saving in lower rates and costs for the Council, this could lead to increased compliance and legal costs if consent conditions are not met. In addition, the option of potential prosecutions by the Council for historic work that previous Council policy's allowed could be perceived poorly among ratepayers.
Economic	Voluntary compliance minimizes costs for BDC but shifts the burden to homeowners, potentially leading to affordability challenges and inequities. While cheaper for ratepayers in the short term, it risks future costs associated with poor-quality repairs or incomplete work should penalties be applied for consent condition breaches.
Social	While it minimizes upfront conflicts, voluntary compliance risks social inequities if some homeowners cannot afford or complete quality work,

	potentially exacerbating resistance in certain demographics. This could lead to community frustration and reputational harm for BDC.
Technological	Without centralized oversight, there is limited scope for integrating advanced solutions such as groundwater soakage or detention systems. Poor-quality work could also introduce long-term inefficiencies in the system. Additionally, significant longer delivery timeframes are expected, as progress relies on homeowner motivation to carry out the works.
Legal	This approach avoids direct legal challenges to enforcement but could create downstream risks if low-quality work results in system inefficiencies or reintroduced inflows. Property owners are also less likely to challenge Council's authority in this scenario. The option of potential prosecutions by the Council for historic work that previous Council policy's allowed could be challenged in the first prosecutions by lawyers.
Environmental	Experience in other districts suggests the approach is unlikely to achieve significant reductions in stormwater inflow, leaving key environmental goals unmet. Consent monitoring may not show measurable improvements, which could lead to compliance challenges.
Operational	<p>Voluntary Compliance Approach</p> <p>This approach would focus on public engagement, proactive communication, and notifications.</p>

Conclusion

Voluntary compliance provides a softer approach that avoids immediate dissatisfaction among homeowners and ratepayers while offering lower upfront costs for BDC. However, it carries significant risks such as low participation, poor-quality repairs, and insufficient success rates, making it less effective for achieving long-term compliance and environmental goals. These challenges may result in increased future costs from legal or regulatory non-compliance.

7.3. Option 3 - Regulatory Compliance

The Wastewater Drainage Bylaw (**Bylaw**) prohibits stormwater entering the wastewater drainage system (see cl 1.6.5). The Bylaw provides the power for BDC to issue notices requiring any breaches of the bylaw to be remedied and, in the case of failure to comply with a notice, to undertake remedial works.

Under this option, BDC would issue notices to property owners to fix cross-connections in their private wastewater systems in reliance on the Bylaw. This process will require upfront inspections to assess the current state of properties in Westport and gather evidence of non-compliance, but these costs may be recoverable by Council under the Bylaw. Non-compliant properties will be issued notices requiring them to fix their systems by preventing any further stormwater entry into the wastewater system within a specified timeframe of, say, two years. After this period, if homeowners have not complied, BDC would take steps to undertake the remedial works itself.

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The approach would be led by the regulatory team under the building compliance department, with support from the Infrastructure Team.

If homeowners fail to comply with the issued notices, BDC may have legal options to enforce compliance with the Bylaw under Section 181 of the Local Government Act 2002, as well as Section 459 of the Local Government Act 1974 and (as set out above) directly the Bylaw, to undertake the required works on private properties on behalf of property owners and recover the associated costs. Section 459 empowers councils to require property owners to modify private drains to ensure compliance, while the bylaw provides enforceable standards for stormwater and wastewater separation.

One risk with this option is further legal review is required to determine the correct process for Council to follow to execute this option. It is understood the individual circumstances of each property will need to be considered in order to determine if the costs of any remedial work can be recovered. This may be particularly material given Council has historically encouraged properties to connect stormwater to the wastewater system and arguments of fairness may arise.

Grey District have adopted a similar process for the Greymouth Wastewater Scheme where homeowners were given time to complete work themselves. Voluntary separation has resulted in a limited uptake. The Council has since decided to enforce a regulatory compliance approach, and this will start from July of this year. A rates funded response was not adopted, with the exception that the Council funded the cost of the building consents for each property. Similar populations are affected with one difference being all new sewer pipes and laterals were provided to each property, with the existing original combined stormwater-wastewater pipes becoming stormwater only.

Option Assessment

The regulatory compliance approach is evaluated holistically, incorporating risks and opportunities:

Criteria	Discussion
Situational	This approach ensures structured enforcement and demonstrates a strong commitment dealing with one cause of the current breaches. However, it may negatively impact public relationships if individuals do not understand the drivers behind enforcement. Resistance and legal challenges are likely, particularly if property owners perceive enforcement as overly burdensome.
Economic	Higher upfront costs are expected for inspections, enforcement, and cost recovery, along with increased staffing requirements, particularly for enforcement and debt collection. Legal costs may also arise if property owners challenge notices.
Social	While ensuring consistent outcomes, enforcement may cause dissatisfaction among homeowners, especially those struggling financially. Additionally, the cost burden on individual homeowners may be high, with lower socio-economic areas likely to be disproportionately affected due to older infrastructure requiring more extensive repairs. This could exacerbate inequality within the community and lead to dissatisfaction.

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	However, it minimizes long-term risks of system inefficiencies and overflow events.
Technological	Work is completed to clear building consent standards, ensuring consistency and quality. However, the limited availability of registered plumbers may slow progress.
Legal	BDC may have powers under Section 181 of the Local Government Act 2002, Section 459 of the Local Government Act 1974, and the Wastewater Drainage Bylaw NZS 9201: Part 22:1999. These frameworks empower councils to require property owners to construct, repair, or modify private drainage systems in some circumstances. Section 181 allows councils to undertake works on private properties when property owners fail to comply with notices, while Section 459 specifically empowers councils to enforce modifications to private drains. The bylaw establishes enforceable standards for stormwater and wastewater separation, ensuring consistency and legal backing. While this framework supports compliance, it also introduces potential risks of delays, disputes, and additional legal costs arising from a legal review to determine which options are available in this situation and for enforcement actions if required.
Environmental	Regulatory compliance is effective in reducing stormwater inflow, contributing significantly to achieving environmental goals by improving water quality and reducing overflow durations. It will also result in a reduction of overflows and subsequent environmental impacts.
Operational	<p>The first two years will focus on community engagement through a newly created enforcement officer role, supported by the Infrastructure Services (IS) BAU team. This team will issue letters and notices to homeowners, informing them of the separation requirements.</p> <p>Homeowners will have the opportunity to complete the work themselves through a registered plumber, comply and complete the required work within the first two years of the project. To encourage participation, BDC will offset building consent costs for compliant homeowners.</p> <p>If no significant improvements are observed after the initial two years, BDC will step in and carry out the necessary separation work on behalf of non-compliant property owners. At this stage, the role of compliance officer will transition to the Infrastructure Operations Lead, who will oversee contractors and ensure work is carried out efficiently.</p> <p>This approach aims to recover the costs of physical works from each individual property. Significant support from the finance team will be required beyond year two when BDC will need to initiate debt collection from individual property owners who remain non-compliant.</p>

Conclusion

Regulatory compliance provides a clear and enforceable pathway to achieving separation and meeting future commitments, contributing to satisfying iwi expectations, and complying with WCRC resource consent conditions. However, this approach is likely to cause significant dissatisfaction in parts of the community. Resistance and legal challenges are expected, adding to the workload for the regulatory compliance department and requiring increased staffing resources for enforcement and debt collection. Despite these challenges, this approach ensures consistent and higher-quality outcomes compared to voluntary compliance, balancing immediate action with long-term environmental and regulatory benefits.

7.4. Option 4 - Rates-Funded Response

Under the rates-funded approach, BDC would assume full responsibility for the separation of stormwater and wastewater systems on private properties, including identifying non-compliance (including those shown in Appendix A), negotiating remediation and access with landowners and undertaking the remedial works.

This option would be funded through a proposed increase in targeted wastewater rates. The intent is to ensure equitable cost distribution across all properties within the Westport/Carters Beach rating district.

By centralizing the process, BDC can ensure consistency, quality, and timely execution of the works. This approach aligns with similar programs implemented by other councils in New Zealand, such as Gisborne District Council's DrainWise program and Wairoa's inflow and infiltration (I&I) initiative, both developed in conjunction with new resource consents to minimize wastewater pump station overflows.

This approach would involve engaging contractors or in-house teams to carry out the required separation works, minimizing the burden on property owners.

The Council's oversight would also provide confidence that all works meet building consent standards and align with environmental and compliance goals.

It is noted however, that access onto properties and the consent of landowners for the works would still be required. Alternatively, Council would need to rely on legal powers discussed above to undertake then works (i.e. notwithstanding it is at Council's cost).

Option Assessment

The rates-funded response approach is evaluated holistically, incorporating risks and opportunities:

Criteria	Discussion
Situational	This approach demonstrates proactive leadership by BDC and ensures compliance with RMA and stakeholder expectations. However, it may face resistance from ratepayers who perceive the increased costs as unfair, especially if they have already invested in compliance. The increase in rates will likely be unpopular among parts of the community, causing dissatisfaction. However, backlash over the duration of the project is expected to be lower than the enforcement method, leading to quicker measurable outcomes satisfying iwi and WCRC.

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Economic	While this approach incurs higher overall costs for the Council, it spreads the financial burden equitably across all ratepayers in the district. High capital costs are expected, and ratepayers may feel they are subsidizing the compliance of others, particularly if their properties are already compliant. Additionally, centralized management reduces long-term costs by ensuring efficient and standardized works.
Social	This method reduces the financial and logistical burden on individual property owners, ensuring consistency in outcomes. However, rate increases could disproportionately affect low-income households and retirees, leading to dissatisfaction in parts of the community. Community perception of fairness will be critical.
Technological	Centralized control allows BDC to integrate advanced solutions, such as groundwater soakage and stormwater detention systems, ensuring reliable and practical outcomes that meet building standards. The centralized approach strengthens BDC's position to negotiate better rates and contracts by bundling all work into a single procurement process, enabling cost efficiencies. This method also enhances BDC's ability to engage with the market effectively and secure better rates than individual property owners could achieve. Additionally, this approach ensures integration with broader stormwater management strategies, promoting synergistic effects and a reduction in stormwater inflow into the wastewater network. Progress tracking and measuring success are simplified through centralized oversight, ensuring transparency and accountability.
Legal	<p>This approach aligns with BDC's legal authority to manage public infrastructure and ensures compliance with consent conditions. It also minimizes the risk of legal disputes over enforcement, as works are carried out by the Council.</p> <p>Any increase in rates would be subject to the usual legal process under the LGA when setting rates.</p>
Environmental	The rates-funded approach guarantees significant reductions in stormwater inflow by addressing all identified cross-connections, contributing to improved water quality and reduced overflow durations. Council oversight ensures works are performed to high standards, achieving long-term environmental goals.

<p>Operational</p>	<p>Work will be carried out under the Infrastructure Services (IS) team, with the work program structured as a project. An in-house project lead will oversee operations, in case a full-time employee (FTE) cannot be employed, project management will need to be conducted by a contractor.</p> <p>At the start of the project a comprehensive communication strategy will be developed to inform the public about the project.</p> <p>Physical work on private properties to separate stormwater and wastewater will be carried out by contractors (plumbers) under BDC's instruction. The BDC project lead will manage property owner communication and disputes to support the plumbing contractor. This process could be supported by the 3 Waters Support Officer to reduce project lead time requirements.</p> <p>As BDC is directly carrying out the work, building consent requirements and related costs must be considered as internal costs. The need for building consent and associated cost implications should be reviewed and factored into the project budget accordingly. This option will require less support from finances, but will still increase administrative affords and is factored in as 0.2 of an FTE for Finance to support IS.</p>
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Conclusion

The rates-funded response provides a centralized and equitable solution to achieving stormwater and wastewater separation. While it minimizes the burden on individual homeowners and ensures high-quality results, it places a further financial burden on all ratepayers within the wastewater rating district. Proactive communication and transparent management of costs would be essential to gaining public support.

It is believed this approach provides the fastest pathway to comply with resource consent conditions by achieving stormwater and wastewater separation by working with the community. Despite the higher costs, this method offers the greatest certainty of compliance and environmental improvements, aligning with long-term community and regulatory goals.

8. Rate impacts options

For options that include a cost to ratepayers, there are two options for consideration; targeted rate and general rates. Annual costs have been estimated at 4.87% interest over a 30 year loan period to give an indication of rate impacts.

8.1. Targeted rates

Targeted rates are billed to each household for certain services or facilities that are available to the household. These include sewerage, waste collection and water supply.

8.2. General rates

General rates not recovered through the Uniform annual general charge are set by dividing the remaining general rates required by the land value of the district's properties. Each property will

pay its share based on its land value and the differential that applies to the property based on where it is located and the activity or use of the land.

9. Costs

9.1. Cost Considerations for all Options

To evaluate the financial implications of each approach, indicative costings and resource requirements were considered based on insights from similar programs, such as Gisborne District Council's DrainWise initiative.

Costs have been broken into operating and capital, with capital being defined as work that has a benefit to the community that is longer than 12 months.

9.2. Option 1 – Do nothing

The do-nothing approach involves no immediate direct cost for BDC but carries with it a potential contingency cost on account of regulatory/non-compliance risk.

Legal advice is that it is not possible to directly quantify that potential contingency cost, as any legal costs from enforcement action and fines that may eventuate are highly variable. However, it can be said that those costs are likely to be significant and that costs of taking steps to comply with current or future resource consent conditions would still arise. Thus, any saving is likely to be temporary.

Furthermore, if, for instance, iwi support is not secured then any new consents could require significant improvements in, for example, the treatment of the wastewater, which could require a significant infrastructure upgrade project and cost.

9.3. Option 2 – Do minimum, Voluntary Compliance Costs

The voluntary compliance approach involves minimal direct costs for BDC, as homeowners are responsible for funding and completing the required works. However, some costs are expected for:

- Providing technical guidance and standards to homeowners.
- Basic monitoring and occasional inspections to assess progress.
- Addressing public inquiries and disputes related to compliance.

Staffing for voluntary compliance is estimated at 0.5 FTE for the first two years and 1 FTE thereafter to manage monitoring, inspections, and homeowner communications. It can be expected that staffing costs will be prolonged as delivery timeframes are likely to be significantly longer.

This approach may result in inconsistent repair costs for homeowners, with affordability challenges for some, and may generate additional costs for remedial works if poor-quality repairs lead to non-compliance.

9.4. Option 3 - Regulatory Compliance Costs

For the regulatory compliance approach, costs are primarily associated with inspections, issuing notices, and enforcement actions. Staff time will be required for:

- Conducting initial property inspections to identify non-compliance, with an upfront detailed inspection scheme budgeted at an estimated \$50,000.
- Issuing notices and monitoring compliance within the two-year timeframe.
- Managing disputes and coordinating enforcement actions for non-compliant properties.

Staffing for this approach is estimated at 0.5 FTE for the first two years and 1 FTE thereafter to manage the ongoing enforcement process, quality assurance, and reporting requirements.

While property repair costs will be borne by homeowners, Council may need to budget for legal costs and cost recovery mechanisms if it undertakes works on behalf of non-compliant property owners.

Costs related to non-compliance with resource consent conditions, such as legal fees and penalties, are not included in this section and cannot be reliably quoted at this stage.

9.5. Option 4 - Rates-Funded Costs

Under the rates-funded approach, indicative costs are based on Gisborne District Council's allocation of \$5,000 per property with stormwater issues. With 611 known cross-connections, this would total a minimum capital cost of \$3,055,000 (\$5,000 x 611 properties). The \$5,000 per property costs is averaged out over the years, as some properties required higher costs due to complexity, while others required less extensive work. The GDC budget included gully trap repairs, but did not include costs for other repairs or upgrades due to the unknown magnitude of work required.

In addition to property repair costs, staffing requirements must be accounted for. Over the term of a 10-year program, addressing 60 properties per year, it is estimated that 0.5 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing will be required. This staff member would oversee:

- Procurement processes.
- Property inspections.
- Communication with property owners, including resolving disputes between contractors and homeowners.
- Financial reporting.
- Progress reporting to WCRC and iwi stakeholders.

This combination of property repair costs and staffing ensures the program is managed effectively and delivers measurable progress towards compliance with resource consent conditions.

Costs related to disputes arising, for instance over access onto properties or Council's right undertake the repairs are difficult to estimate at this stage.

9.6. Summary of Cost Implications and Recommendation

High level costings have been summarized in the table below. A detailed breakdown is shown in Appendix 1.

For the high level costings worst case scenarios have been considered and costs for internal and external personal, legal fees, capital investment and legal penalties assessed as best as we are able at this time, with the exception of option 1.

Summary over 10 years	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
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Operational total	\$5,000,000.00	\$ 4,101,600.00	\$ 1,295,800.00	\$ 527,466.67
Loan funded		\$ -	\$ 5,306,900.00	\$ 5,245,700.00
Cost recovery		\$ 1,230,000.00	\$ 5,266,900.00	\$ -
Sub total	\$5,000,000.00	\$ 2,871,600.00	\$ 1,335,800.00	\$ 5,773,166.67
Targeted rates impact	12.2%	7.0%	3.32%	14.13%
General rates impact	2.53%	1.46%	.68%	2.92%

1. **Do nothing:** As the above table there are no operational and capital upfront costs, however there are likely contingency amounts that are likely to crystallise as a result of enforcement action due to resource consent breaches. Other risks arise from the consenting process being undertaken for the Buller River discharges and the upcoming process required for the Orowaiti River discharges. At this time a nominal amount/placeholder of \$5m has been used for the costs assessment.
2. **Do minimum, voluntary compliance:** Minimal Council expenditure, with 0.5 FTE for the first two years and 1 FTE thereafter but risks poor-quality outcomes and potential long-term costs for remedial works. Costs for non-compliance with RC and subsequent legal fees are not included and cannot be reliably quoted. Voluntary compliance is not considered a viable option due to its inherent risks and low likelihood of success, which would ultimately lead to the need for regulatory compliance.
3. **Regulatory compliance:** Moderate cost for inspections, enforcement, and legal recovery mechanisms, with 0.5 FTE for the first two years and 1 FTE thereafter. An additional upfront cost of \$50,000 for a detailed property inspection scheme is required. Property repair costs are shifted to homeowners. While regulatory compliance provides a structured approach, it carries higher risks of resistance, legal challenges, and delays, making it less effective for timely delivery.
4. **Rates-funded response:** High upfront cost for Council, averaging \$5,000 per property, plus 0.5 FTE staffing costs for program management. This approach offers faster delivery timeframes, fewer interruptions to business-as-usual activities, lower legal costs, and reduced risk of subsequent penalties. By centralizing the process, the Council can ensure higher-quality outcomes and meet compliance requirements efficiently.

10. Overall summary

The three options have been assessed against their ability to meet the objectives of the wastewater improvements programme along with the addition of affordability for Westport ratepayers. Red is does not meet the objectives, yellow somewhat meets the objectives, green fully meets the objectives.

Objective	Option 1 – Do nothing	Option 2 – Do minimum Voluntary Compliance	Option 3 - Regulatory Compliance	Option 4 - Rates-Funded Response

Inflow and infiltration reduction	Red	Red	Yellow	Green
Consent conditions and partner aspirations meet	Red	Red	Yellow	Green
Beneficial for the Westport ratepayers	Red	Red	Yellow	Green
Impact on Westport rates	Red	Red	Yellow	Red

11. Conclusion & recommendation

In any decision regarding stormwater and wastewater separation, compliance with resource consent conditions should be prioritised. The preferred option should establish a clear, measurable pathway that allows for a realistic and achievable commitment over the next ten years to achieve compliance. While options 2 - 4 aim for the same outcome, history has shown that voluntary, ratepayer participation does not lead to the desired results. This leaves only two feasible options: regulatory compliance and a BDC-funded approach.

It is recommended that BDC proceed with the rates-funded approach. While the upfront costs are higher, this method minimizes risks associated with resistance, delays, and non-compliance. Given that stormwater and wastewater separation is the main reason for failure to comply with consent conditions, and it can be confidently predicted that any future consents will have similar or identical requirements, the rates-funded approach offers the most effective and efficient pathway to achieve compliance, faster delivery, and improved relationships with stakeholders, including iwi and WCRC.

11.1. Ongoing integration with other programmes

The rates-funded approach provides a valuable opportunity to integrate with other key workstreams, particularly those related to stormwater management strategies.

By aligning this program with broader initiatives, such as flood mitigation projects, overland flow path upgrades, and groundwater management, BDC can enhance system-wide synergies and maximize resource efficiency. This integration would also help address long-standing stormwater inflow challenges, leading to improved network resilience and more comprehensive infrastructure solutions. Coordination across workstreams ensures that progress in wastewater and stormwater separation contributes to wider community and environmental goals.

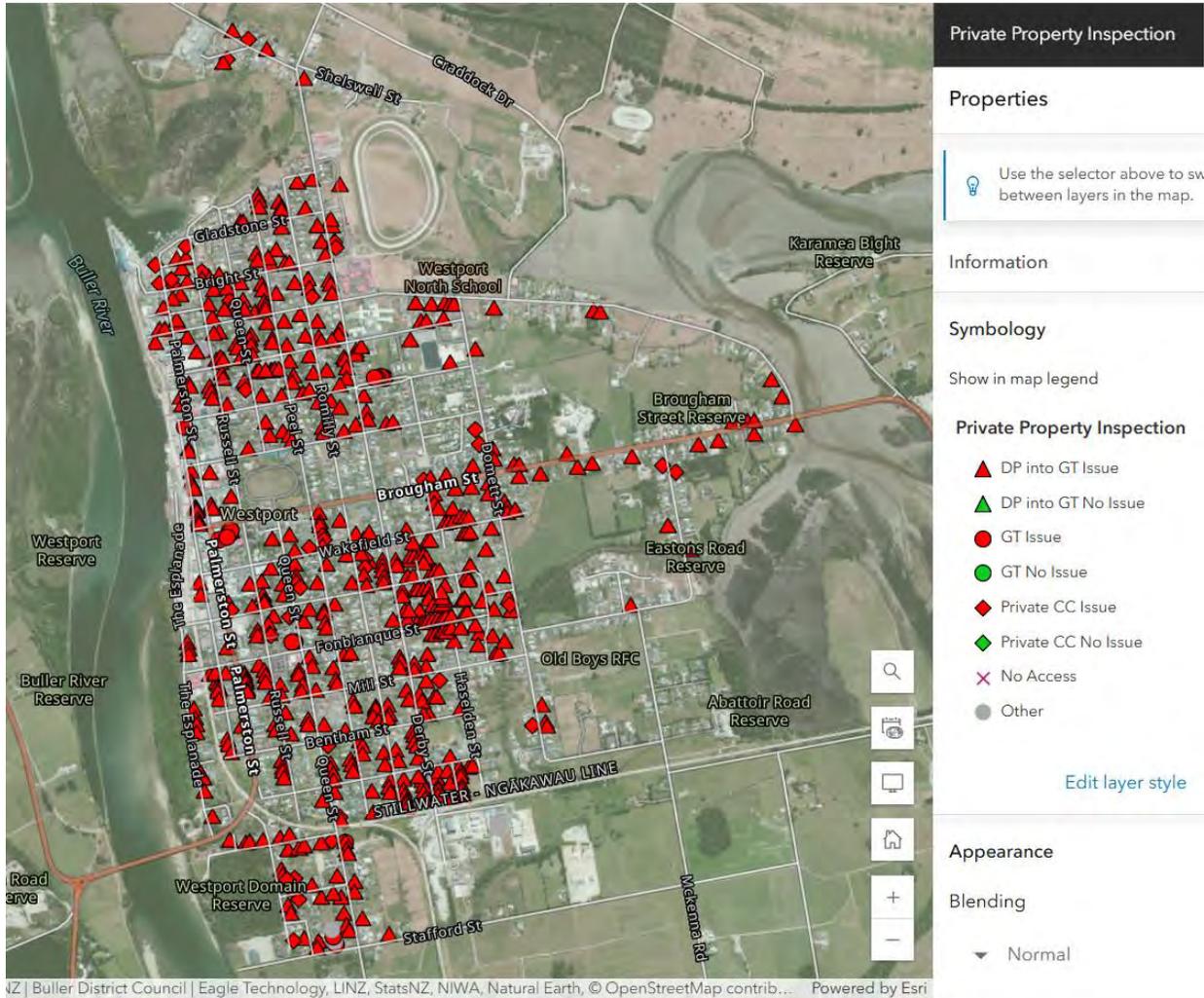
11.2. Recommendation:

It is recommended that BDC proceed with consultation on options 3 (regulatory compliance) and 4 (rates-funded approach) and either targeted rates similar to other sewerage rate schemes or general rates through the Long-Term Plan consultation. While the upfront costs are higher, this method minimizes risks associated with resistance, delays, and non-compliance. Given that stormwater and wastewater separation is non-negotiable, the rates-funded approach offers the

most effective and efficient pathway to achieve compliance, faster delivery, and improved relationships with stakeholders, including iwi and WCRC.

12. Appendix 1 – Map Cross connections

12.1. Private Cross connections Westport



Private Property Inspection

Properties

Use the selector above to switch between layers in the map.

Information

Symbology

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Private Property Inspection

- ▲ DP into GT Issue
- ▲ DP into GT No Issue
- GT Issue
- GT No Issue
- ◆ Private CC Issue
- ◆ Private CC No Issue
- ✕ No Access
- Other

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13. Appendix 2 – cost workings

13.1. Option 1 – do nothing

	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34	34/35	Total
Option 1 - Do nothing											
Operational funds	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Infrastructure ops lead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compliance officer	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Legal/ prosecution cost	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
BDC building consent contribution	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Finance (.3 FTE)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Communications (.3 FTE)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Loan funded	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Drainlayer	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Cost recovery	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost to homeowner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost risk to BDC										\$	5,000,000.00

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13.2. Option 2 – do minimum – voluntary compliance

Option 2 - Do minimum, voluntary compliance	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34	34/35	Total
	<i>Early voluntary compliance</i>		<i>Early enforcement phase</i>			<i>Legal enforcement phase</i>		<i>Compliance mentality shift</i>			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operational funds	155,000.00	115,000.00	270,400.00	270,400.00	155,200.00	1,375,200.00	1,317,600.00	147,600.00	147,600.00	147,600.00	4,101,600.00
Infrastructure ops lead	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Compliance officer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,400.00	\$ 230,400.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 57,600.00	\$ 57,600.00	\$ 57,600.00	\$ 57,600.00	
Legal/ prosecution cost	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
BDC building consent contribution	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Finance (.3 FTE)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Communications (.3 FTE)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Loan funded	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Drainlayer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cost recovery	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	600,000.00	600,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	1,230,000.00
Cost to homeowner	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	

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13.3. Option 3 – regulatory compliance

Option 3 - Regulatory Compliance	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34	34/35	Total
	<i>Early enforcement phase</i>					<i>BDC to carry out work on behalf</i>					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operational funds	355,400.00	340,400.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	1,295,800.00
	\$	\$				\$	\$			\$	
Compliance officer	230,400.00	230,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	-	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Legal/ prosecution cost	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
BDC building consent contribution	\$	\$				\$	\$			\$	
	85,000.00	85,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	-	
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Finance (.3 FTE)	-	\$ -	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Communications	20,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loan funded	20,000.00	20,000.00	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	5,306,900.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Infrastructure ops lead	20,000.00	20,000.00	230,400.00	230,400.00	230,400.00	230,400.00	230,400.00	230,400.00	230,400.00	230,400.00	
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Drainlayer	-	\$ -	319,375.00	319,375.00	319,375.00	319,375.00	319,375.00	319,375.00	319,375.00	319,375.00	
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Building consent cost	-	\$ -	108,587.50	108,587.50	108,587.50	108,587.50	108,587.50	108,587.50	108,587.50	108,587.50	
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost recovery	-	\$ -	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	658,362.50	5,266,900.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Cost to homeowner	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	

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13.4. Option 4 – rates funded

Option 4 - Rates funded	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34	34/35	Total
	<i>Early voluntary compliance</i>		<i>Early enforcement phase</i>			<i>Legal enforcement phase</i>		<i>Compliance mentality shift</i>			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operational funds	70,400.00	70,400.00	48,333.33	48,333.33	48,333.33	48,333.33	48,333.33	48,333.33	48,333.33	48,333.33	527,466.67
Compliance officer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal/ prosecution cost	\$ 17,066.67	\$ 17,066.67	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
BDC building consent contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Finance (.2 FTE)	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33
Communications	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Loan funded	329,600.00	329,600.00	644,570.00	644,570.00	644,570.00	554,510.00	524,570.00	524,570.00	524,570.00	524,570.00	5,245,700.00
Infrastructure ops lead (0.5 FTE)	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00
Drainlayer	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 405,500.00	\$ 405,500.00	\$ 405,500.00	\$ 305,500.00	\$ 305,500.00	\$ 305,500.00	\$ 305,500.00	\$ 305,500.00	\$ 305,500.00
Building consent cost	\$ 54,400.00	\$ 54,400.00	\$ 123,870.00	\$ 123,870.00	\$ 123,870.00	\$ 133,810.00	\$ 103,870.00	\$ 103,870.00	\$ 103,870.00	\$ 103,870.00	\$ 103,870.00
Cost recovery	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cost to homeowner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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26 MARCH 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 15

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Buller District Mayor

Attachments: 1. WC Regional Deals Proposal – Final
2. LGNZ – Four Monthly Report to Council
3. Mayors Correspondence

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. **REPORT SUMMARY**

This report is to provide commentary of significant events and meetings attended by the mayor. The Mayoral inwards and outwards correspondence is provided for information, discussion and direction on any responses required.

2. **DRAFT RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receive the report for discussion and information.

2. Notes Inwards and Outwards Correspondence and provide direction for any responses required.

3. **COUNCIL**

4. **MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS (MTFJ)**

5. Programme update - MTFJ Buller Co-ordinator Julie Moore
Planning is well underway for Employment Expos in Westport and Greymouth in May, led by Development West Coast, MTFJ, Tai Poutini Polytech and Buller High School.

6. We are meeting with youth workers in the hope of supporting rangatahi to attend the Outward Bound Whakatipu course.

7. MSD and MTFJ co-hosted a business breakfast. Although there weren't many attendees, the breakfast did create interest from businesses who did not attend but contacted us with job opportunities. Everyone agreed, while a good idea, businesses find attending events at this time is difficult. We created a feedback form on MTFJ and MSD services which was well received.

8. MTFJ and MSD collaborated with Development West Coast in hosting the Mining Expo in Reefton, MSD management, work broker and Connected team

all attended. Great to see 80+ people attend. Good discussions with mines, DWC, TTP and MSD on how we can support both businesses and job seekers. Mining opportunities continue to grow but unqualified and entry level jobs in this sector are slow, at this stage most are seeking staff with qualifications. Limited accommodation is also a barrier.

9. Mayors Comment

I have been busy working alongside the West Coast Mayors, Chairs and Iwi group to advance funding opportunities for the region. This has included a regional deals proposal now submitted to government. Although this is a long-term strategy, if successful it will drive further growth in jobs, education and GDP over the next 2-10 years and beyond. Locally, we have secured almost \$4.9m in Port infrastructure funding to be completed over the next two years. This will enable construction sector jobs initially but underpin the commercial fishing sector in the medium to longer term. The Reefton jobs expo was well attended with huge opportunity for roles in the mining sector and investment into support industries, hospitality and accommodation now becoming urgent for this community.

10. **EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

11. **Mayors, Chairs & Iwi Forum (MCIF)**

The MCIF met on 7 March in Hokitika to discuss the now finalised Regional Deals Proposal with MP Simon Court, (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Infrastructure and RMA reform) and MP Jenny Marcroft, (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Media and Communications and Oceans and Fisheries).

12. Development West Coast CEO Heath Milne presented to the Under-Secretaries to highlight the key points of the Regional Deals Proposal.

13. The final West Coast Regional Deals Proposal is included as **Attachment 1**.

14. **Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Ministerial Announcement**

I travelled to Hokitika on 7 March to attend a ministerial announcement of successful West Coast RIF applications. The announcement was made by parliamentary Under-Secretary MP Jenny Marcroft on behalf of Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Regional Development.

15. The successful Buller RIF of \$4,872,000 related to Westport Harbour projects aimed to both enable further economic growth and increase resilience. Spread across four projects as follows:

1. New Floating Pontoons	\$ 3,157,000.00
2. Improvements to Fisherman's Wharf	\$ 245,000.00
3. Roll on Roll Off Ramp	\$ 1,155,000.00
4. Dredge Equipment – Bell Pump	\$ 315,000.00

16. This is really good news and something that our BDC team have been working on for a few months. Securing government support like this doesn't come easy

and requires lots of due diligence on their part before a panel of cabinet ministers make the call on what to fund.

17. I believe the port and dredge should be considered a strategic asset and every effort should be made to attract new business and try our hardest to make it turn a profit. That is the long-term strategic direction supported by Council and consistently supported by central government across three different coalition governments.
18. **LGNZ – Sector Meetings Wellington.**
I attended this two-day conference on 27 & 28 February at the St James Theatre in Wellington. The LGNZ four monthly report to member councils updates the current work streams of LGNZ including some commentary of the conference. This report also included as **Attachment 2**.
19. Day One of the conference was the “All of Government” session. This includes metro, provincial, rural and regional council members of LGNZ.
20. Speakers of note included:
21. **Simon Court MP- Parliamentary Under-Secretary to Minister Infrastructure and RMA reform.**
22. RMA Reform
 - Back to basics means reducing and removing the scope of what govt does
 - Must narrow scope of system to manage material effects, protect/promote private property rights
 - Replace with two acts, one to manage environmental effects and a second act to manage urban and built environment controls
 - Human needs must and will be met – as a priority.
 - Human existence necessarily has effects on the environment
 - Spatial planning a core feature, separating different land uses, identify natural hazard, no duplication rule. Streamlining consents for activities that don't affect environment or neighbours
 - Limit who has a say in planning and consents if not directly affected
 - More of a who benefits and who should pay regime.
 - Strengthen compliance monitoring provisions
 - One plan per region – TTPP is very consistent with likely new policy.
 - LG is critical system participant.
23. Questions
 - How will effects be defined?
 - By an assessment of what is material? What is minor, less than minor etc
 - This is complicated and very contextual
 - Will consider what control is proportionate based on materiality of project in relation to context
 - What is the future of NPS on highly productive land?
 - Emotive drivers rather than based on science
 - NPS in local decision making makes it very difficult

- Considering what NPS will be kept, scrapped, or turned into a national standard
- No decisions have been taken as yet
- What is approach to biodiversity protection?
 - Unique and rare diversity should be identified and mapped
 - Current SNA definitions are poor or too broad, unnecessarily constraining land use.
 - Need a better option for offsetting environmental impacts elsewhere. Net conservation gain.
 - Effects need to be assessed for materiality
- How will lobby groups still have a say?
 - The opportunity to influence will be at plan formation/making stage, less so at the activity consenting stage
 - Councils will have final decisions and less right to object/ appeal will be written into legislation
 - Democratically agreed plan will be “one and done” in terms of legislation
- Weighting of material effects vs property rights?
 - Materiality may trigger a regulatory taking of land and compensation for it. If we defend our special places at a national level, show them on Spacial plan, beyond that, applying overlays will need serious tension on it to justify unless compensated.
- How will transition look like? For old plans to new legislation?
 - Options, judgement call, direction due soon from ministers.
 - Needs to be efficient, adopting a switching off process. If covered in national policy or other national direction then parts of a District plan could be “switched off”.
 - New act will be significantly de-scoped due to national standards, policy direction.
 - Who does the planning?, those closest to the problem, one plan for the region, electronically available.
- Who picks up the bill for compliance and unintended consequences?
 - Strong enforcement mechanism backed up by legislation
 - Infringement regime to drive more effort to avoid non-compliance by consent holders.
- What changes will be made to development contributions?
 - Need to consider new levies, special rating and development contributions to fund - all yet to be determined. A toolbox approach.
- What should we do with planning processes currently underway, (e.g. TTPP)?
 - Need to follow the law as it stands today. Rely on transition arrangements which will be in new legislation.
 - Implementation plan of new legislation will need to be solid and collaborative, or it won't stick.

- Aiming for a generational improvement to RMA in the new legislation.

24. **Mike Wakefield - Simpson Grierson. Overview of Government reform programme**

- Positives around RMA is fine but unclear how growth will be funded. Line of sight needs work lots of uncertainty around how this will affect councils
- Fast track act has \$400k entry level , this could exclude many councils from participating.
- Back to Basics wont hugely affect what LG does.
- Councils must follow the law in RM reform but thats actually not helpful as we await announcements on developing policy.
- Key to RMA reform will be transition arrangements
- Natural hazard and adaptation - needs a change to allow recovery of communities to occur better
 - No apparent crown appetite to fund adaptation
 - No option for proactive managed retreat
- Local Water Done Well
 - Baseline consultation on minimum of two options
 - Approval process of completed WSDP is opaque
 - Clear direction to work with collaboration, may raise questions from DIA if efforts to collaborate aren't attempted.
 - Water services bill, things for councils to consider
 - How will governance arrangements work with new entities
 - Implementation, asset transfer to CCO what does day one look like, amending LTP, how will entity operate vs current set up.
 - Establishment board, constitution, policies etc.
 - Work needs to be well underway if a 2027/28 start is planned.
 - Needs to be alignment with LTP, AMP's and any new entity.
- Infrastructure Funding and financing
 - Direct beneficiary pays is the direction of policy
 - Looking to get funding from same pool so market will suffer forcing prices up.
 - Moving to development levies vs development contributions, more upfront and rigid funding
 - Will have some of the same features of the current system
 - Aggregate growth costs to cover anticipated costs, past and present for new developments
 - Sub regional approach is possible
- Public works act reform
 - Compulsory mediation requirement
 - Collaboration and relocation options - work together across entities.
- Regional Deals
 - If selected - need to be clear on the why and the how of the deal.
 - Economic growth focus and resolve issues in region
 - May be seeking alignment across regional deals and LWDW in the how we deliver

- Needs to be a more streamlined approach, single voice that speaks for the deal
- Joint committees or some other entity to hold responsibility for the deal. Complicated by the LGA requirements of councils.

25. **Hon Simon Watts - Minister Local Govt**

- LWDW, 2025 is year to get it done
 - Will be maintaining the momentum set by Minister Brown.
 - Next 30 days critical to understand economic regulation, make sure your structures proposed are fit for purpose.
 - Be realistic about what will and wont work
 - Economic regulation – Commerce Commission available to help with building understanding
 - Got to take a step forward - it won't be perfect.
 - There will be no exemptions to requirements.
 - Wastewater will raise significant challenges - cost savings via national standards and RMA reforms
 - Acknowledges tough conversations with communities - complex transactions to discuss. Must bring people along with us.
- Regional Deals
 - Will offer certainty to communities
 - 10year certainty over what, who and how things will be delivered.
 - Need an enduring model – has been working in UK and Australia for 10-15years now
 - Govt will want early success with first few deals to iron out the framework
- Systems improvements across local government
 - Bill to take away some of the burden of govt legislation
 - Accountability and transparency on performance, constructive reporting to improve.
- Economic zones/regions
 - Looking at options from overseas on how we better unlock efficiency and growth.

26. Questions

- What does support look like in LWDW?
 - Some councils need more help than others
 - Requirements won't go away. Act now or there are statutory powers for DIA to step in.
- Unfunded mandates? Why wouldn't govt help fund it?
 - Well beings will be removed this term as part of systems improvement legislation
 - Economic reality says that some activities local government do may need to stop as it's unaffordable.
- How will minister help improve local/central relationship?
 - Need to build transparency,

- Take responsibility for what we each control
- We need to galvanise the opportunity through LWDW and regional deals.

27. **Laura Cannon - Acting Assistant Auditor General (OAG)**
Andrew McConnell - Deputy Auditor General

- Accountability, transparency and demonstrating value - reflections
- Auditing is for the public good.
- Parliament determines who OAG conducts audits over.
- OAG sit totally independent from policy and government functions.
- We audited 58 long-term plans in 2024 and issued:
 - 2 adverse opinions
 - 12 qualified audit opinions
 - 28 unmodified but with emphasis of matters paragraphs
 - 16 unmodified opinions
 - We reported key areas of uncertainty including:
 - Central government funding
 - Delivery of capital programme
 - Forecast cost savings
 - Condition of assets
 - Deferring three water asset renewals
- OAG Audited a number of 2022/23 annual reports - our observations:
 - Councils' performance reporting is generally good, but there are opportunities to improve. For example:
 - Central government funding packages (eg. "better off" funding) increased council revenue but it was not always clear from councils' annual reports what was achieved with this funding.
 - Twenty of the 22 qualified audit opinions issued in 2022/23 related to the statement of service performance. This indicates that many council performance reporting systems are not fit for purpose
- In January 2024, we published "Local government planning and reporting on performance". This guidance is intended to support local government to improve its performance reporting. We looked at more than 100 council long-term plans for 2021-2031 and annual reports for 2021/22 to identify examples of good practice. We categorised the examples under three themes:
 - Appropriate and meaningful mix of measures - relevant and verifiable (what to aim for and what to avoid).
 - Balanced reporting - what went well and what didn't
 - Comparability and analysis - what it means and how it stacks up.

28. **Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting – Day Two**

29. Key speakers included:

30. **Taumata Arowai Wastewater Standards - Allan Prangnell/Tim Cadogan**

- Fresh Water acceptable solutions for mixed use rural water supplies due April/May 2025.
 - These solutions for supplies up to 500 people.
 - Wastewater - striking the balance between cost vs quality improvement, new standards set in the optimal cost benefit range
 - 60% of New Zealand's wastewater consents up for renewal within 10 years
 - 20% wastewater plants operating on expired consents
 - New national standards across four categories:
 - Discharges to water
 - To land
 - Beneficial reuse of biosolids
 - Overflows & bypasses
31. Discharges to water
- Fresh water, ocean, lakes rivers based on sensitivity
 - Treatment requirements for key contaminants found, tailored to category of receiving waterbody
 - Monitoring & reporting requirements
 - Small WW plants will have sensible requirements.
32. Biosolids
- Grading of biosolids
 - Restrictions on end use of lower grades
 - Monitoring and reporting requirements
33. Overflows & bypasses
- These will be a Controlled activity in RMA
 - Specific requirements for monitoring & reporting only not national standards as these will still be set via RMA process
 - Consents issued under new national standards will be 35 years duration. Regional Councils cannot set higher or lower standards than national standards for listed contaminants.
34. **Local Water Done Well - DIA - Michael Lovett/Deputy Secretary for policy and Te Tiriti**
- In house delivery options will be subject to change and are not status quo, economic regulation, greater oversight, regulation will apply.
 - Councils working together has significant advantages, financial sustainability
 - Water organisations can be structured to protect local control if desired. However, may not enable access to LGFA funding that a CCO would. WO will report back to councils and councils would appoint the board.
 - WO don't necessarily mean cross subsidisation of other districts; price harmonisation is not a requirement.
 - Consultation on WSDP requires two options only.
 - Consultation on future changes to vary a WSDP would require three options minimum.
 - Difficult to consult as new standards on water quality are not yet law so costings are unknown. New WW standards are likely to strip 20-40% of

cost from consenting requirements. Need to work through key projects and make assessment of impact of proposed WW/DW standards.

- DIA need to smooth the way with auditors in how to handle deferred LTP vs consultation on new entity
- Requires an element of council judgement, aware of OAG issues
- Preliminary arrangements act - principals of engagement
- DIA keen to work with Councils that deferred LTP to navigate the audit requirements

35. **Katrina Casey - Cyclone Gabriel Recovery**

36. **Recovery settings for central government involvement after significant natural hazard events:**

- DPMC set up temporary CEO cyclone recovery unit, to conclude end June 2025 (circa 2 years)
- Working on a suite of recovery setting options, criteria and decision trees to aid complex longer recovery decision making.
- This will guide ministers and govt on appropriate interventions, size scale and timelines
- Future resilience improvement takes a long time, land acquisition etc very slow and difficult

37. How will it work?

- DPMC will coordinate provision of advice against the selected settings, (e.g. specific policy settings, assessment of impact of the preferred settings on recovery, costs of options)
- Ministers will determine if Government involvement is needed and if so, what settings will apply, nature and extent (e.g. decisions such as a focus on remediation vs resilience, who will pay for what)
- Ministers will select options and identify flexibility, review points etc. In the background, discussion and work will continue as the impact of the event, recovery need and priorities become clearer locally and nationally

38. We have received feedback including

- Recoveries for significant events require both certainty and flexibility, and the two can at times conflict
- Financial support is important, but capacity and capability support is just as critical
- Need fast decisions initially on Government involvement but there must be opportunity to revisit in long and complex recoveries as more becomes known.
- The scale of the impact is an important threshold for decisions about whether Government involvement is needed.

39. How will the Recovery Settings help?

The aim is to:

- enable decisions that match the scale, nature and impact of the significant natural hazard event, and the local characteristics of the affected communities.

- ensure that the implications of decisions are identified early, are well understood, and can be managed effectively.
- enable choices to be considered concurrently to consider overall cost and resource implications, and
- improve the transitions into and out of recovery

40. What are the Recovery Settings?

- NIWE have identified and consulted on five recovery categories that were core elements of the locally led, centrally coordinated NIWE recovery and where there are clear lessons to inform future decision-making:
 - Leadership coordination
 - Enabling mechanisms
 - Infrastructure remediation
 - Property owner support
 - Economic support mechanisms

41. **Hon Chris Bishop - Minister Infrastructure, Housing & Urban Development**

- Going for growth housing announcements
- Agglomeration economy, NZ cities need to grow as powerhouses of economic development.
- Pillar two announcements Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act (IFFA)
- Growth should pay for growth
- Replacing development contributions with levies, lump sums or trickled over time similar to rates (or a mix of both)
- Demand led growth
- Live zoning 30years of growth
- Upending planning constraints
- Councils can charge for share of aggregate infrastructure growth costs regardless of if it is planned and costed or not.
- Separate levies ring fenced per service, set via zones, discretion to set additional targeted levies,
- Toolkit approach to funding infrastructure and enabling growth through freeing up more land zoned appropriately
- Levies can be deferred to manage cashflow of developers
- Councils can claw back administration costs related to approval of IFFA deals
- Flexibility on targeted rates which may suit smaller councils, set targeted rates at subdivision stage as titles are issued
- Regulatory Oversight
- Will integrate with LWDW regulations
- Limits on what Councils can do
- Changes to IFF act
- Current act too complex
- Several remedial changes
- Broaden the Tools of value capture, eg proximity to new services, major transport
- Levies via NZTA charged to beneficiary land in zones
- Beneficiaries pay for some proportion of value uplift from govt/council infrastructure spend

- Bill Introduced to house by September to aiming for enactment mid 2026

42. **LOCAL EVENTS & OTHER RELATIONSHIP MEETINGS**

I have attended various local events and relationship meetings over the period:

- Reefton – ICB and Mayors Chats
- Buller Electricity Limited Board Chair Shannon Hollis - this is a new initiative to meet on a semi- regular basis to build stronger information sharing at a governance level between BDC and BEL.
- Tasman DC – I travelled to Richmond for a joint meeting between Tasman District Council, Marlborough District Council to discuss potential Local Water Done Well collaboration. This was to advance further discussion on a multi-Council CCO model to be consulted on with our respective communities.

43. **CORRESPONDENCE**

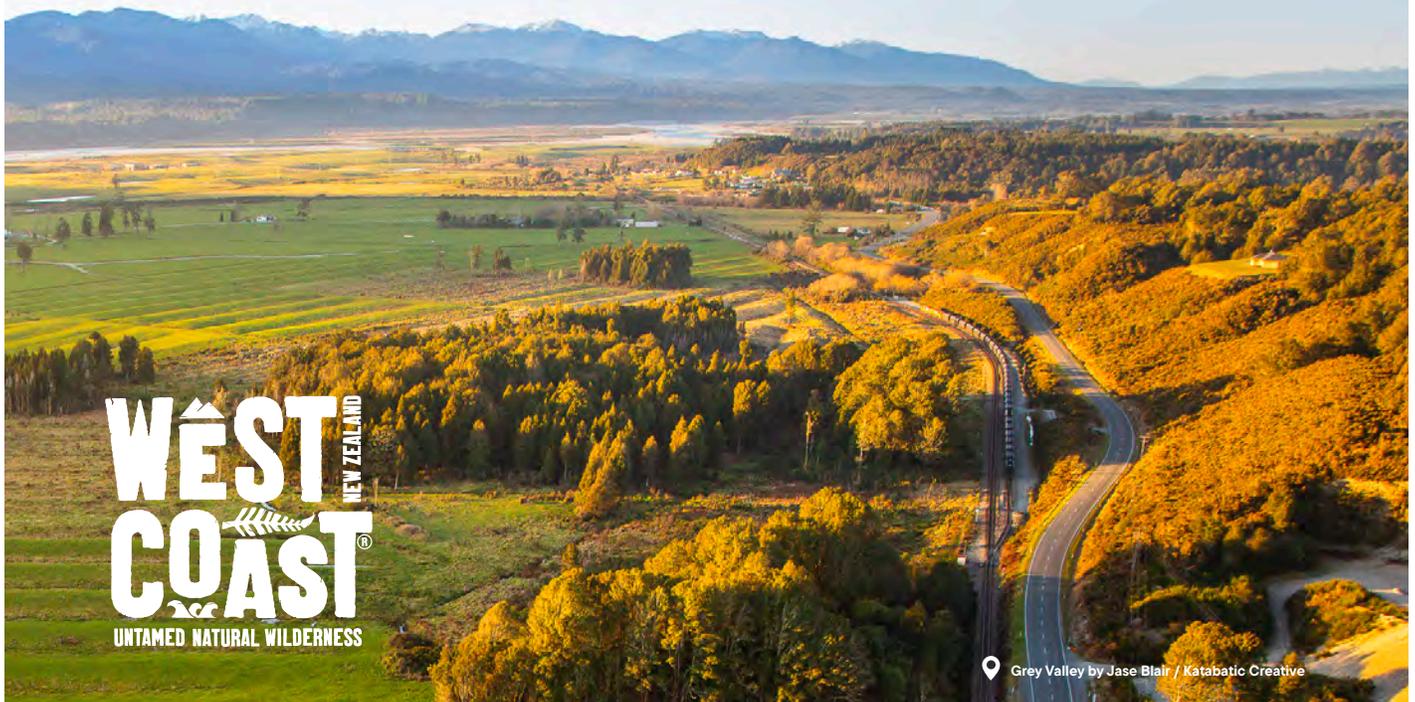
For Council consideration – see attached.

Outgoing Correspondence 2025	To	Subject
19 February 2025	Letter of Support	Carnegie Cultural Centre Inc
25 February 2025	Letter of Support	Heritage West Coast
25 February 2025	Letter of Support	Karamea Historical Society
3 March 2025	Letter of Support	Mike Geddis – Dark Sky Status – Paparoa National Park
3 March 2025	Letter of Support	Sean Walker – Dark Sky Status – Kahurangi National Park

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UNTAMED NATURAL WILDERNESS

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Vision for Partnership and Prosperity

The West Coast regional deal is a strategic partnership with central government to unlock the region's full economic potential while preserving the unique environment that makes it so iconic. This is not a handout—it is a joint commitment to go for growth, driving ongoing economic development, resilience, and improved outcomes for the people of the West Coast and New Zealand.

Why this matters for New Zealand

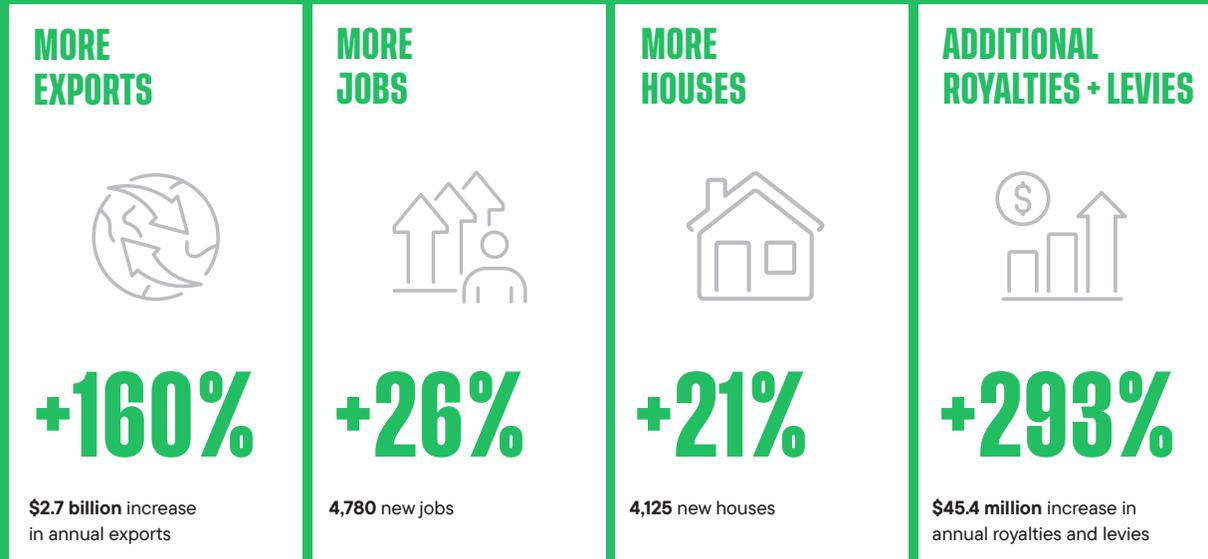
The West Coast regional deal delivers:

- ✓ Economic growth and export expansion
- ✓ High-value job creation and productivity gains
- ✓ Sustainable tourism and renewable energy leadership
- ✓ Critical minerals essential for NZ's low-emissions, high-tech future
- ✓ National resilience and supply chain security

This partnership will deliver lasting economic, environmental, and social benefits for both the region and the nation.

Why Invest in the West Coast?

Return on investment from the partnership over 10 years



Quick wins

Major minerals sector projects in the pipeline¹



Potential exports
\$18.8B



Potential government royalties
\$375M



Potential jobs
1,217

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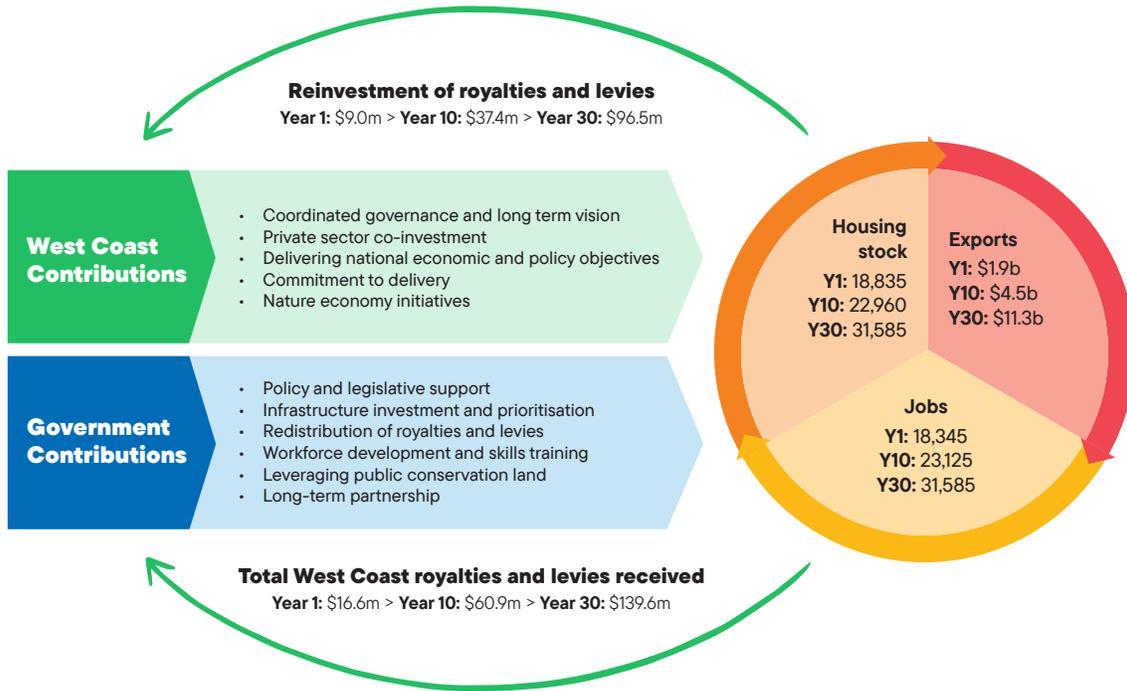
A highly productive region

GDP contribution per job

Source: Infometrics 2024



West Coast regional deal 30-year vision



30-year vision guided by: Te Whanaketanga West Coast Economic Strategy and Te Tai o Poutini Plan

WHAT THE WEST COAST BRINGS TO THE DEAL

Unified governance

The Mayors, Chairs, and Iwi (MCI) Group provide a single point of engagement, streamlining decision-making and investment.

Private sector investment

Partnerships with industry leaders drive growth in infrastructure, mining, renewable energy, and housing.

Proven delivery

A track record of delivering government-funded projects on time and within budget.

Nature economy leadership

A model where economic growth and environmental stewardship go hand in hand.

WHAT WE SEEK FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Policy support

Fast-track consenting, regulatory certainty, and banking reforms to unlock private investment in the minerals sector.

Infrastructure investment

Upgraded transport, ports, housing, water, and energy transmission to enable industry and resilience.

Revenue sharing

A fair share of mineral royalties and tourism levies reinvested locally.

Workforce development

Support for retaining and enhancing vocational education on the West Coast through Tai Poutini Polytechnic.

Leveraging conservation land

Strategic use of natural assets to drive sustainable job creation and industry growth.

Five strategic initiatives to drive growth

1



Unlocking mineral potential

Fast-track responsible, high-value extraction of critical minerals, driving productivity growth and securing New Zealand's place in global supply chains.

- ▶ **Goal:** increase annual mineral exports to \$1.3 billion after 10 years (+580%)
- ▶ Enhances supply chain resilience, reducing reliance on overseas imports of critical minerals.
- ▶ Enables the transition to a low-emissions future, supplying minerals essential for renewable energy technologies such as batteries and solar panels.

2



Building resilient and economically enabling infrastructure

Strengthen transport networks and enhance flood protection to safeguard communities and ensure businesses can operate with confidence and prosper.

- ▶ Increases connectivity and productivity for key industries (mining, primary sectors, tourism).
- ▶ **Example:** Upgrading port infrastructure will boost export capacity and strengthen resilience.
- ▶ Supports national resilience and climate adaptation objectives, while enabling export growth.

3



Strengthening tourism

Invest in tourism infrastructure and visitor experiences and establish sustainable funding models to maximise tourism's economic contribution while easing pressure on the region's small rating base.

- ▶ West Coast has led New Zealand in visitor spending growth (+8.4% in 2024 vs 3.7% national average).
- ▶ **Goal:** increase annual visitor spending to \$1.2 billion increase after 10 years (+139%).
- ▶ Supports long-term tourism sustainability and extreme weather resilience.

4



Driving renewable energy initiatives

Advance renewable energy solutions to power industrial growth, lower costs for businesses and residents, lower emissions, and improve energy security and resilience.

- ▶ **Example:** Waitaha run-of-river hydro project powering 12,000 homes, offsetting 119,460 tonnes of CO₂ annually, and enabling industrial expansion.
- ▶ Supports national decarbonisation and energy security goals.

5



Housing to support workforce expansion

Deliver targeted housing infrastructure that enables housing solutions for workforce growth, attract skilled workers, and improve housing quality across the region.

- ▶ **Current housing stock:** 18,564, with 20.2% damp, and 13.5% affected by mould.
- ▶ **Goal:** 4,125 new homes over 10 years (+21%).
- ▶ Supports housing affordability and workforce expansion.

Coordinated approach, maximum impact

A unified governance model led by the West Coast Mayors, Chairs, and Iwi Group, with private sector support and contributions from the Department of Conservation, will serve as government's single point of engagement, streamlining investment decisions and driving economic outcomes.





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A partnership to unlock economic growth

1.
**EXECUTIVE
SUMMARY**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

West Coast regional deal

A partnership to unlock economic growth

Vision for partnership and prosperity

The West Coast regional deal is a strategic partnership with central government to unlock the region's full economic potential while preserving the unique environment that makes it so iconic. This is not a handout—it is a joint commitment to go for growth, driving ongoing economic development, resilience, and improved outcomes for the people of the West Coast and New Zealand. By leveraging the region's strengths, the partnership will deliver tangible, lasting benefits, enhancing productivity, competitiveness, and prosperity.

The West Coast exemplifies a nature economy model, where economic growth and environmental stewardship go hand in hand. The natural environment underpins livelihoods, sustains nationally significant industries, and shapes regional identity. The region is rich in critical minerals that are vital for New Zealand's transition to a low-emissions, high-tech economy, while also supporting thriving tourism and primary sectors. It has major economically viable renewable energy opportunities that, with strategic transmission investment, could further drive economic expansion. These industries have the potential to generate billions of dollars in exports, the creation of high-value jobs, and strengthen national supply chains. By working together, the West Coast and central government can cut red tape, remove barriers to growth, enable private sector investment, stimulating long-term economic returns while protecting the region's world-renowned natural assets. for both the region and the nation.

At the heart of this deal is a coordinated governance model, ensuring a unified and strategic approach to regional investment and development. The Mayors, Chairs, and Iwi (MCI) Group, working hand in hand with the private sector, will serve as a single point of engagement, streamlining infrastructure investment, economic growth, and investment decisions. In return, the West Coast seeks policy certainty, regulatory reforms, and innovative financial mechanisms – including an equitable share of royalties and levies generated in the region – to create a self-sustaining model for growth. This partnership will deliver lasting economic, environmental, and social benefits for both the region and the nation.

The proposed West Coast regional deal focuses on five interdependent initiatives that deliver national economic and policy objectives:

- 1 **Unlocking mineral potential**
Fast-track responsible, high-value extraction of critical minerals, securing New Zealand's place in global supply chains and driving productivity growth.
- 2 **Building resilient and economically enabling infrastructure**
Strengthen transport networks, upgrade port infrastructure to boost exports, and enhance flood protection to safeguard communities and ensure businesses can operate with confidence and prosper.
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Return on investment from the partnership over 10 years

MORE EXPORTS



+160%

\$2.7 billion increase
in annual exports

MORE JOBS



+26%

4,780 new jobs

MORE HOUSES



+21%

4,125 new houses

ADDITIONAL ROYALTIES + LEVIES



+293%

\$45.4 million increase in
annual royalties and levies

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i See Section 7 for more details

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Source: Infometrics 2021

Overview of the deal

Five strategic initiatives of the West Coast regional deal

Each initiative represents a partnership between the West Coast and central government, unleashing new opportunities beyond the status quo.

Initiative	West Coast's contribution	Central government's contribution	Outcomes
<p>1</p>  <p>Unlocking mineral potential</p>	<p>Industry collaboration; environmental best practices; private investor facilitation; workforce accommodation projects; minerals research and innovation.</p>	<p>Regulatory certainty; fast-track valuable mineral projects; enable responsible use of land and natural assets; address banking restrictions; share mineral royalties; commitment to maintaining Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) as a regional training hub for skilled workers.</p>	<p>Quick wins with \$18.8b in mineral exports from six projects in the pipeline; high-value jobs; a stable supply of critical minerals for a low-emissions, high-tech economy; enhanced social licence; sustained local training through TPP to meet industry workforce needs.</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>Building resilient and economically enabling infrastructure</p>	<p>Long-term infrastructure investment plan; aligned local funding.</p>	<p>Upgrade key infrastructure (ports, roading, bridges, airports) to enable industry growth; prioritise regional transport resilience funding; climate adaptation support.</p>	<p>Reduced economic disruption; enhanced connectivity to boost key industries (tourism, mining, and agriculture); increased productivity through improved supply chain resilience; ports package to boost exports.</p>
<p>3</p>  <p>Strengthening tourism</p>	<p>Destination management and promotion plan; private investor facilitation; aligned local funding.</p>	<p>Upgrade key visitor assets and infrastructure; reinvest a share of IVL and DOC revenue; ensure the West Coast receives an equitable share if a national bed-night levy is introduced.</p>	<p>Increased visitor spending; diversified revenue sources; long-term tourism sustainability; enhanced social licence; strengthened economic contribution to the regional and national economy.</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>Driving renewable energy initiatives</p>	<p>Streamlined planning; private investor facilitation; strategic partnerships to advance renewable energy projects.</p>	<p>Regulatory certainty; prioritising energy transmission investment; fast-tracking key hydro projects; enabling a transition to a low-emissions economy.</p>	<p>Increased renewable energy production and resilience; reduced carbon emissions; lower industrial costs; enhanced energy security.</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Housing to support workforce expansion</p>	<p>Unlocking council land; partner with iwi and developers for affordable housing; workforce accommodation projects.</p>	<p>Co-funding water infrastructure; fast-tracking consenting processes; supporting regulatory flexibility for housing development; commitment to maintaining TPP as a regional training hub for tradespeople.</p>	<p>Increased housing stock; skilled workers attraction; reduced workforce shortages in key industries; supporting economic growth; sustained local training through TPP to meet industry workforce needs.</p>

What the West Coast is bringing to the deal:

The West Coast is not seeking one-way investment—it is offering a structured, long-term partnership, ensuring accountability, strategic coordination, and private sector engagement, maximising productivity and delivering growth.



Coordinated regional governance and long-term vision

The West Coast Mayors, Chairs, and Iwi (MCI) Group will drive streamlined decision-making, cross-agency collaboration, and provide a unified regional voice, serving as government's single point of engagement for infrastructure, investment, and economic development. This aligns with the long-term vision for growth guided by Te Whanaketanga West Coast Economic Strategy 2050 and collaborative regional planning under Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP).



Delivering national economic and policy objectives

The West Coast's key industries support national productivity, exports, and climate goals by strengthening supply chains, renewable energy, tourism, and biodiversity initiatives. This deal aligns with the National Infrastructure Pipeline, Local Water Done Well, Going for Housing Growth and other broader government priorities to enhance infrastructure resilience, enable private investment, and support long-term economic growth.



Private sector co-investment

The region is leveraging established and new public-private partnerships with international investors, developers and industry leaders to attract investment in infrastructure, mining, renewable energy, housing infrastructure, and the wider nature economy.



Sustainable funding and financing models

The region will reduce reliance on ratepayers through revenue-sharing agreements and innovative financing mechanisms. These models are designed to reinvest economic gains locally, further driving regional growth and community well-being.



Commitment to delivery

The West Coast has a proven track record of delivering government-funded projects, such as PGF initiatives, on time and within budget, demonstrating its capability for large-scale economic and infrastructure development.



Nature economy approach

The West Coast will lead the development of a high-value nature economy, addressing key risks while creating a path to long-term prosperity. This approach demonstrates that economic growth, thriving primary industries, and environmental stewardship can go hand in hand, ensuring long-term resilience and sustainability.

What the region is seeking from central government to achieve these outcomes:



Policy and legislative support

Regulatory support to enable growth in minerals, housing and renewable energy. Reforms to restrictive banking policies that limit investment in the minerals sector. These measures will create an enabling environment that unlocks private sector investment and accelerates economic growth.



Infrastructure investment and prioritisation

Strategic investment in infrastructure (transport, ports, housing, water, and energy) to accelerate connectivity, housing investment, industry growth, and export capacity. This includes supporting industrial electrification, improving tourism access and visitor experiences, and enhancing resilience to extreme weather and earthquakes. An economically enabling ports package is essential to support mineral exports and enhance supply chain resilience.



Redistribution of royalties and levies

Secure a share of mineral royalties, IVL and DOC revenue to fund regional infrastructure, services, and conservation efforts, easing pressure on the region's small rating base. If a national bed-night levy is introduced, ensure the West Coast receives an equitable share relative to its tourism contribution to support tourism infrastructure, enhance the visitor experience, and strengthen the social licence for the sector.



Leveraging public conservation land

With 22% of New Zealand's conservation estate and 84% of its land protected, the West Coast must be empowered to utilise its natural assets for sustainable job creation, industry growth, and long-term prosperity. Strategic investment in these natural assets will drive economic development, conservation management, and environmental resilience, ensuring the region's ongoing growth and competitive advantage.

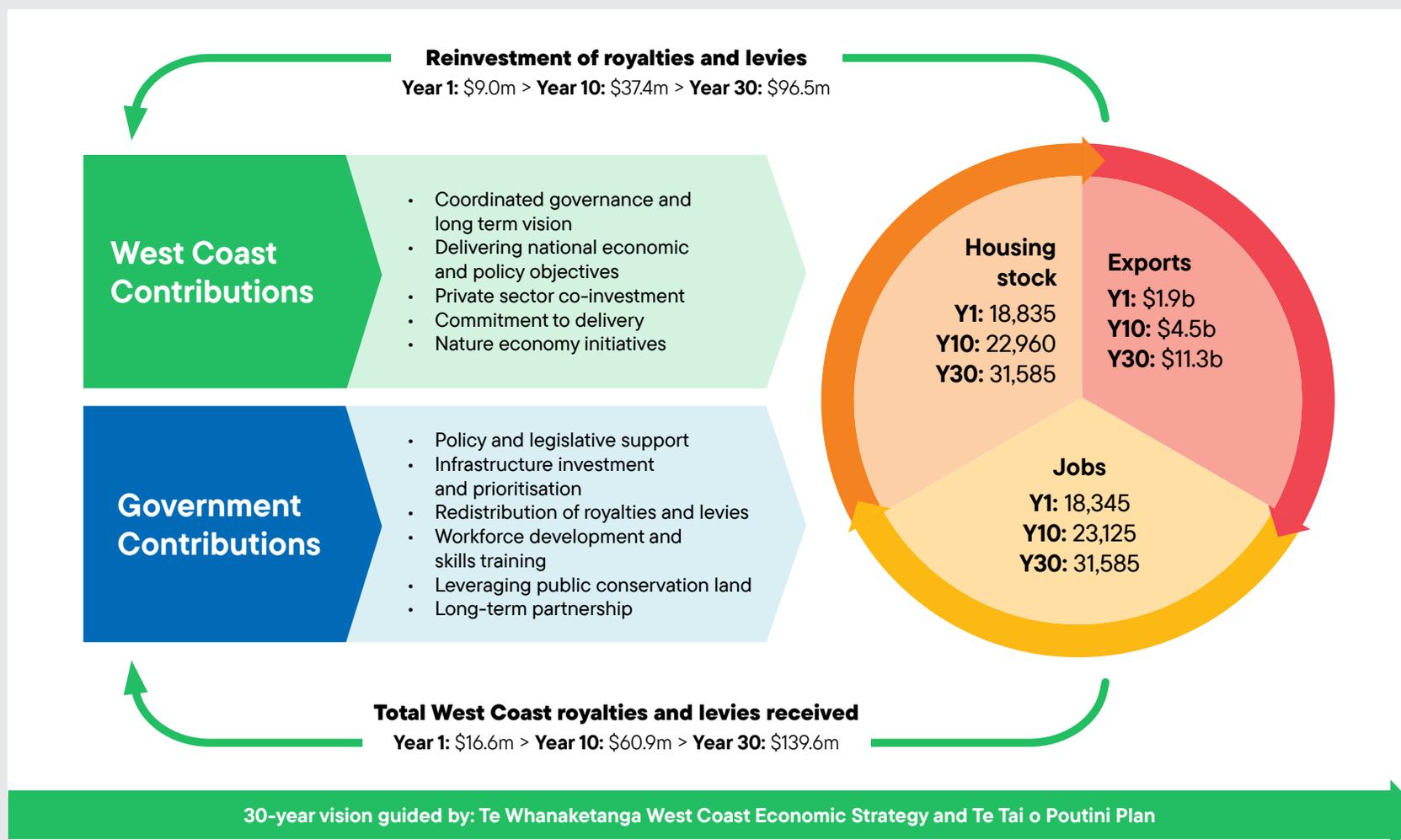


Long-term partnership

A co-governed deal that transcends central and local election cycles, providing certainty for public and private investors, fostering an investment-friendly environment that supports sustained growth and resilience.

West Coast regional deal

30-year vision



2.

**ALIGNMENT WITH
THE STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK**



Alignment with the strategic framework

Economic growth

A West Coast regional deal would be a catalyst for economic growth, by enhancing productivity, boosting exports, and strengthening resilience.

With a 30-year vision for development, the region integrates responsible mineral extraction, tourism, renewable energy, and a thriving nature economy to drive transformational growth. This is not about short-term investment—it is about a partnership to remove barriers, unlock private sector co-investment, and deliver enduring benefits. By addressing unnecessary regulatory constraints and infrastructure limitations, the deal will accelerate investment, create high-value jobs, and boost New Zealand's international competitiveness. With six mineral projects alone set to generate \$18.8 billion in exports, the West Coast is ready to secure New Zealand's place in critical mineral supply chains, supporting responsible resource development under world-class environmental standards. The deal ensures targeted, fiscally responsible investment, leveraging private sector co-funding to cement the West Coast's role as a national economic engine.



Potential export growth

\$18.8B

From 6 minerals sector projects

Resilient infrastructure

The West Coast's long-term prosperity depends on infrastructure that is both climate-resilient and economically enabling.

The region faces disproportionate impacts from extreme weather and seismic risks, while supporting the highest visitor-to-resident ratio in New Zealand. With 37.8 guest nights per capita—more than five times the national average of 7.3—local infrastructure is under immense strain, particularly in tourism hotspots in Westland, where the ratio jumps to 77.8 guest nights per capita. Without a strategic investment approach, ongoing economic growth will be unsustainable. A regional deal will ensure smart, scalable, and effective infrastructure investment that improves transport networks to support tourism, mining, and primary sectors; enhances flood protection to safeguard communities and industries; and develops economically viable renewable energy infrastructure to strengthen resilience and power industrial growth.



Guest nights per capita

37.8

Highest ratio in NZ

Affordable and quality housing

Housing is fundamental to workforce attraction, industry expansion, and sustainable regional growth.

There are currently only 18,564 dwellings, with a significant proportion affected by dampness (20.2%) and mould (13.5%). Workforce shortages in mining, tourism, and conservation are directly linked to housing availability. A lack of skilled tradespeople further exacerbates housing supply issues, highlighting the importance of Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) in maintaining a local pipeline of skilled workers to build and maintain quality housing. Unlocking the full economic potential of the West Coast requires a long-term workforce housing strategy, infrastructure to support new developments, and regulatory certainty to enable private investment. Development West Coast (DWC) has already invested in a housing initiative, working in collaboration with the private sector, local government, and iwi to address these challenges. A regional deal would turbocharge this momentum—ensuring essential infrastructure, including roading, water services, and a skilled workforce through TPP, is in place to accelerate housing developments and secure the region's long-term economic sustainability.

Collaboration and sustainability

The West Coast regional deal is a partnership approach, aligning the regional economic development strategy, regional planning, and infrastructure investment.

Through Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP), the region has already established a unified land-use, conservation, and development strategy. The deal will build on this foundation, ensuring coordinated, high-impact investment, regional resilience, and alignment with national prosperity goals. The deal will leverage partnerships with government, iwi, local councils, and the private sector to drive investment in:

- Infrastructure:** To support long-term economic growth.
- Critical minerals:** Rebuilding investor confidence by providing clear, consistent policy settings that support responsible mineral development and New Zealand's transition to a high-tech, low-emissions economy.
- Tourism and conservation:** Ensuring long-term sustainability of key economic drivers.
- Housing:** To enable workforce attraction and retention.
- Renewable energy:** Positioning the West Coast as a leader in renewable energy innovation.

West Coast industries are interdependent, requiring stable funding mechanisms to support balanced growth. By reinvesting mineral royalties, tourism levies, and DOC-generated revenue, the region can align economic, social, and environmental priorities while reducing reliance on local ratepayers.



Total dwellings

18,564

20.2% damp
13.5% affected by mould



Unlocking

**CO-
INVESTMENT**

between Government,
iwi, local councils and the
private sector

3.

WHAT DRIVES GROWTH ON THE WEST COAST



What drives growth on the West Coast?

The West Coast has long been a cornerstone of New Zealand's economy, contributing vital resources and innovations that have shaped the nation. Its gold financed New Zealand's early growth, timber built the nation's infrastructure, coal powered the industrialisation of the country, and agricultural products drove export growth.

The region remains highly productive and resource-rich, with New Zealand's largest area of public conservation land, critical minerals, thriving primary industries, and significant tourism offerings. Guided by the region's 30-year economic roadmap, Te Whanaketanga West Coast 2050, these industries are ready for expansion. By integrating sustainable resource management and regenerative practices, the region's primary industries are actively contributing to environmental restoration and long-term regional resilience. This approach not only supports high-value exports and skilled job creation but also strengthens New Zealand's economic resilience—far exceeding other regions on a per capita basis. To fully realise this potential, however, requires the right policy settings, infrastructure investment, and regulatory support.



KEY ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTOR

Minerals sector

OPPORTUNITIES

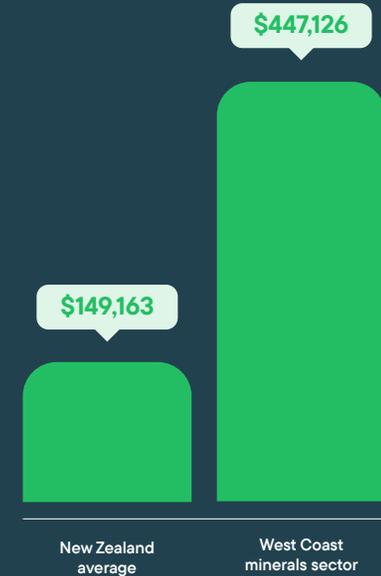
The West Coast is home to rich deposits of critical minerals that are vital for New Zealand's transition to a low-emissions, high-tech economy. The sector is highly productive, with GDP per mining job more than three times the national average. Unlocking six projects currently in the pipeline could generate \$18.8 billion in export revenue and contribute \$375 million in government royalties over their lifetimes. Research and innovation through the iwi-owned New Zealand Institute for Minerals to Materials Research (NZIMMR) will further maximise the value of West Coast minerals by developing high-value applications and sustainable processing solutions. Upgrading and modernising port facilities presents a significant opportunity to unlock export potential for critical minerals.

BARRIERS

Consenting delays; regulatory bottlenecks; workforce shortages; lack of staff housing; difficulty accessing bank finance; limited access to affordable renewable energy; poor export capacity infrastructure (ports, roads and bridges); poor or unreliable regional access (roads, bridges, ports, and airports); and infrastructure vulnerability to weather events.

Productivity

GDP contribution per job



Source: Iulmetics 2021

Annual mining exports



KEY ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTOR

Primary sector (Agriculture, fishing, and food manufacturing)

OPPORTUNITIES

The region is renowned for premium dairy, meat, and seafood production, with strong global demand and opportunities to expand exports and diversify markets.

BARRIERS

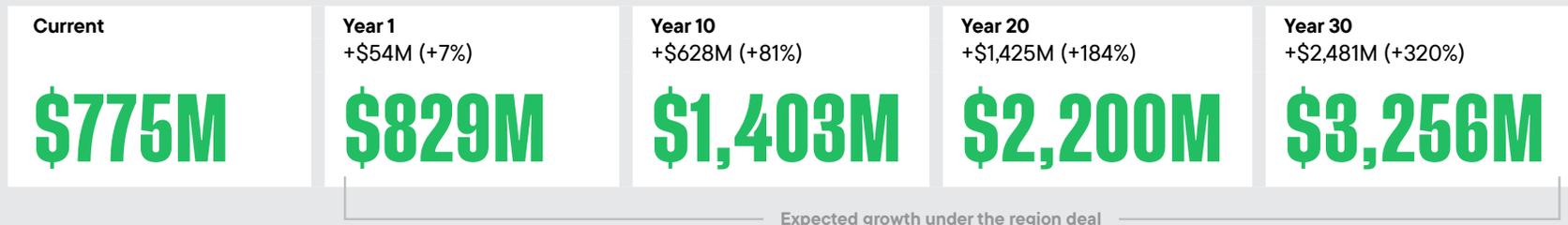
Limited access to affordable energy; poor export capacity infrastructure (ports, roads, and bridges); poor or unreliable regional access (roads, bridges, ports, and airports); transport infrastructure vulnerability to weather events; workforce shortages; and lack of staff housing.

Productivity GDP contribution per job



Source: Infometrics 2021

Annual primary sector exports



KEY ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTOR

Tourism sector

OPPORTUNITIES

The West Coast leads New Zealand in visitor spending growth (+10.4% in 2024 vs. 0.9% national average). Visitors spent \$511 million in the region, with one of the highest visitor spend per capita rates in the country—\$15,304 compared to the national average of \$6,066—demonstrating the region's ability to attract and retain high-value visitors. Its iconic attractions continue to draw domestic and international visitors, with significant potential for higher spending and longer stays.

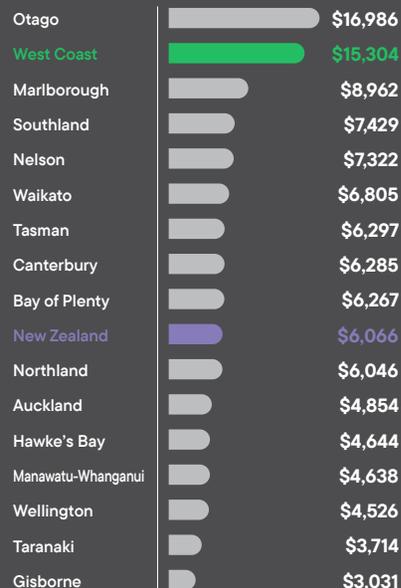
BARRIERS

Severe infrastructure pressure from a high ratio of visitors to ratepayers (particularly in tourism hotspots in Westland); infrastructure and visitor attractions vulnerable to extreme weather events; workforce shortages in key tourism hubs; visa processing challenges; limited sustainable funding for destination and events promotion; poor or unreliable regional access (roads, bridges, ports, and airports); and poor social licence.

i [Actions from the West Coast to unlock growth \(see Section 8\)](#)

i [Support needed from Central Government \(see section 9\)](#)

Visitor spend per capita



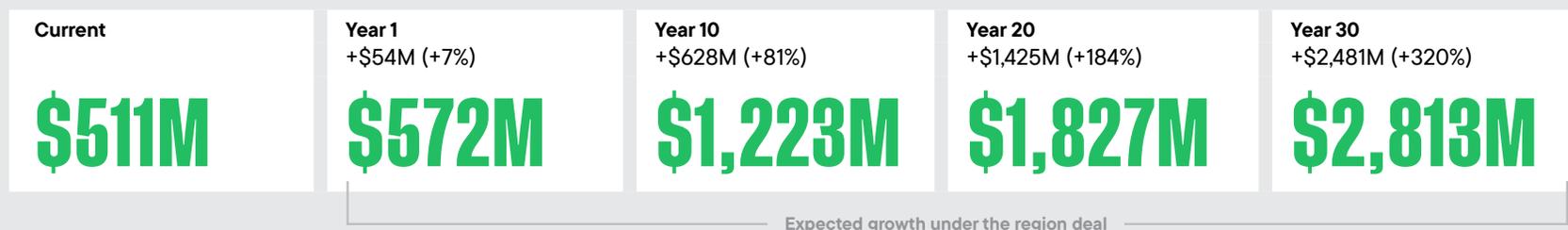
Source: [iStocking 2024](#)

Infrastructure pressure Guest nights per capita



Source: [MfE Accommodation Data December 2024](#)

Annual visitor spending



Anticipated growth with a regional deal

A regional deal for the West Coast will unlock sustainable economic growth, strengthen New Zealand's supply chains, and enhance regional resilience.

BOOSTING MINERALS EXPORTS

+580%

Increasing annual mineral exports to \$1.3 billion after 10 years, creating high-value jobs and securing a domestic supply of critical minerals essential for a low-emissions, high-tech economy.

EXPANDING VISITOR SPENDING

+139%

Growing annual visitor spending to \$1.2 billion after 10 years, while reinvesting in infrastructure and tourism assets to manage capacity and enhance the visitor experience.

GROWING PRIMARY INDUSTRY EXPORTS

(Agriculture, fishing, and food manufacturing)

+81%

Increasing annual primary industry exports to \$1.2 billion after 10 years, supporting national food security and export-led growth.

EXPANDING HOUSING SUPPLY

+22%

Adding 4,147 new homes over 10 years to reduce housing shortages, attract skilled workers, and support industry expansion.



Positioning the West Coast as a key driver of national resilience:

Strengthening supply chains, unlocking sustainable economic opportunities, and ensuring long-term environmental and economic sustainability.

4.

CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP



Coastpak Besgrow, Hokitika by Jase Blair / Katabatic Creative

Central and Local Government partnership

The West Coast regional deal offers a streamlined, high-impact approach to delivering local and central government priorities. Through a single regional partnership, this deal integrates infrastructure, housing, economic development, and environmental resilience initiatives—enabling multiple government objectives more efficiently than fragmented, sector-based interventions.

A proven collaborative track record

West Coast councils have a strong history of successfully partnering with central government agencies on major projects that have delivered economic growth, infrastructure resilience, and conservation leadership. Partnerships include:

> Kāinga Ora & Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Infrastructure Acceleration Fund collaboration to expand housing supply.
- Westport master planning and regional housing initiatives to address workforce shortages.

> Department of Conservation (DOC)

Given that 84% of the West Coast is under DOC management, councils and iwi have worked closely with DOC to leverage the region's natural assets for economic development while maintaining conservation priorities. Joint initiatives include:

- Nature-based infrastructure solutions to support climate resilience and flood control.
- Renewable energy development on Public Conservation Land (PCL).
- Large-scale predator-free sanctuaries, benefiting biodiversity and regional employment.
- Carbon farming and biodiversity credits to incentivise conservation efforts.
- Sustainable tourism projects, including paid car parking trials on PCL and wild game harvesting initiatives.

> National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) & Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)

- Successful delivery of climate resilience and flood protection initiatives, including the Resilient Westport Programme and disaster recovery funding for Buller District.

> Kānoa – Regional development and commercial services

- Successfully delivered Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) and Regional Infrastructure projects, including key transport and tourism infrastructure.

> NZ Transport Agency (NZTA)

- Ensuring regional connectivity through transport resilience projects supporting key industries, tourism, and export supply chains.

> Ministry of Transport

- Joint management of Westport Airport, ensuring regional air connectivity and resilience to future challenges.

> DIA – Local Water Done Well (LWDW)

West Coast councils across the region are progressing with their LWDW obligations in preparing consultation documents for preferred water delivery models and preparing Water Service Delivery Plans, which are due by 3 September 2025. Councils intend to undertake consultation on their preferred delivery method in conjunction with the Long-Term Plan consultation.

Councils are evaluating multiple governance models for water service delivery, including:

- Internal business unit or division
- Single Council-owned water organisation
- Multi-Council owned water organisation
- Mixed Council /Consumer Trust
- Consumer Trust owned

Key principles guiding the Water Service Delivery Plans:

- Developing fit-for-purpose service delivery models and financing tools
- Ensuring financial sustainability of water services
- Meeting regulatory quality standards for water network infrastructure and drinking water safety
- Unlocking housing growth

Councils continue to collaborate in these areas to determine the best way forward for each territorial authority and work together to achieve the end goal.

A regional deal that solves multiple Government priorities

The West Coast regional deal delivers across multiple government priorities simultaneously, maximising impact while reducing administrative inefficiencies.

Water reforms (Local Water Done Well)

A regional approach to water infrastructure investment, ensuring sustainable management while integrating with housing, industry expansion, and resilience planning. Supports regional housing development, ensuring water infrastructure is in place to accommodate population growth and workforce expansion.

Increasing housing supply (Going for Housing Growth)

Unlocking workforce housing to enable industry expansion, supporting the government's affordable and quality housing goals. Enabling private sector-led housing development, reducing government's long-term housing burden.

Transport and infrastructure resilience

Alignment with the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport through strategic investment in climate-resilient roads, bridges, and transport corridors supporting key industries. Contribution to the National Infrastructure Pipeline by delivering coordinated investment in regional transport, flood protection, and energy infrastructure.

Resource development and fast-track consenting

A structured framework for sustainable mineral development, ensuring New Zealand secures critical mineral supply chains while upholding world-class environmental standards. Utilising fast-track consenting to enable strategic infrastructure, housing, and industry projects, accelerating economic impact.

Developing talent

Retaining and enhancing vocational education through Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) to align training with industry needs, building talent pipelines for minerals, engineering, trades, and tourism. This reduces youth migration, attracts skilled workers, and supports long-term regional growth, driving productivity and innovation.

Climate adaptation and conservation leadership

Leveraging the region's conservation assets (22% of NZ's conservation estate) to drive sustainable economic opportunities across multiple industries - integrating nature-based economic models, renewable energy, biodiversity restoration, and carbon sequestration. Aligning with DOC and Predator Free initiatives to enhance resilience, support emissions reduction goals, and ensure long-term environmental and economic sustainability.

Why a regional deal is the best approach

Instead of disparate projects managed through multiple government programmes, the West Coast regional deal offers a single, coordinated framework, ensuring:

- ✓ Better alignment across government workstreams, reducing duplication and administrative inefficiencies.
- ✓ Greater certainty for investors, businesses, and local government, unlocking private sector co-investment
- ✓ Accelerated infrastructure and housing delivery, ensuring industries like mining, tourism, and conservation can attract workers.
- ✓ A co-governed, long-term partnership that provides consistency across election cycles.

Through this deal, government investment will go further, supporting self-sustaining economic growth while achieving national policy objectives efficiently.

5.

COMMITMENT TO REGIONAL SPATIAL PRIORITIES



Commitment to regional spatial priorities

The West Coast has a clear and unified approach to regional spatial planning, led by Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP).

Developed by Buller, Grey, and Westland District Councils, the West Coast Regional Council, and Poutini Ngāi Tahu, TTPP provides a single, region-wide regulatory framework for land use, infrastructure development, and economic growth. By consolidating planning across multiple districts, TTPP reduces regulatory fragmentation, ensuring coordinated decision-making that is cost-efficient, responsive to community needs, and supportive of economic development.

How the regional deal supports spatial priorities

A regional deal will provide the policy certainty, infrastructure investment, and streamlined processes needed to translate TTPP's strategic vision into action. Specifically, it will:

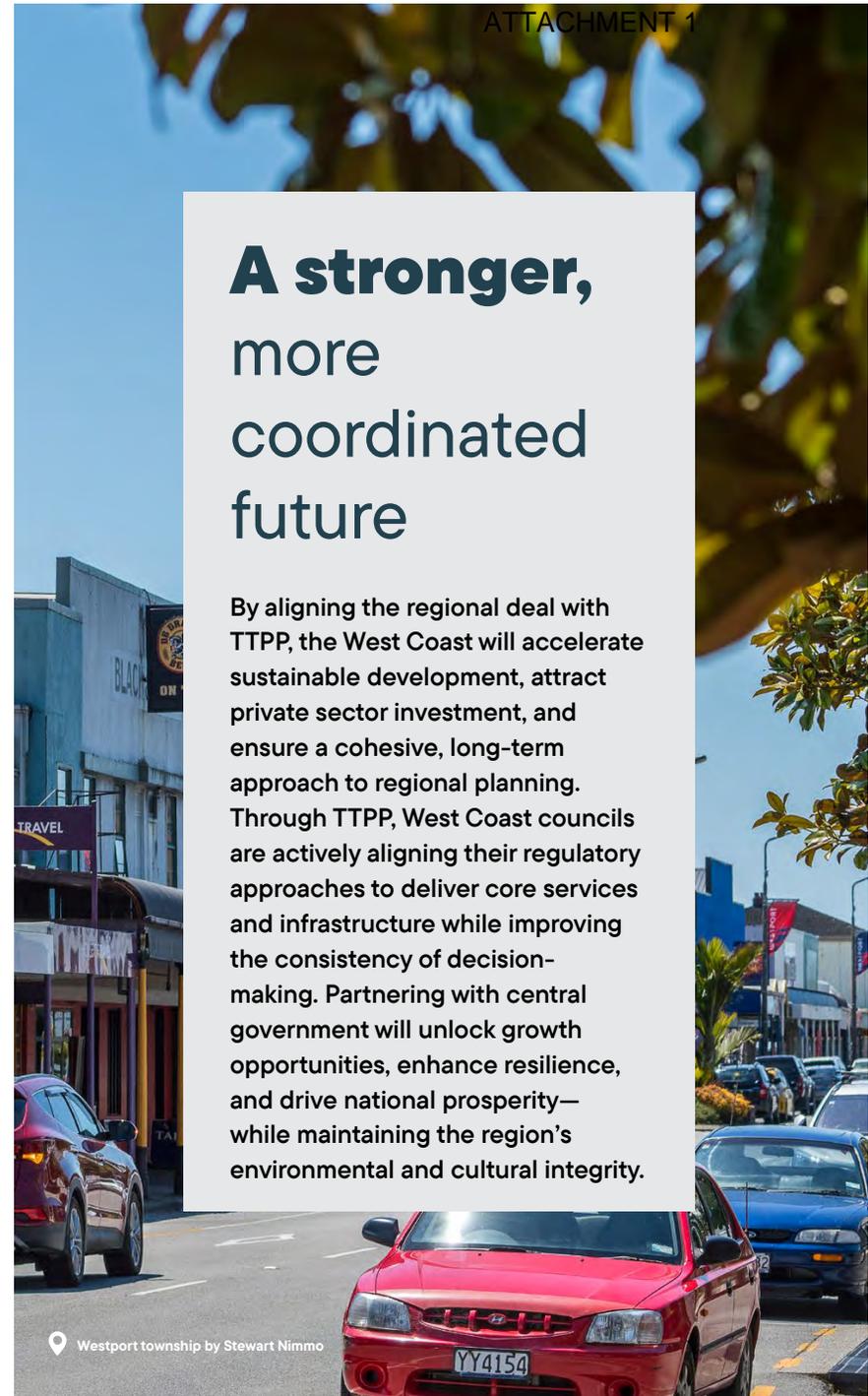
- **Enable resilient infrastructure investment:** Prioritising transport, flood protection, and water infrastructure, ensuring economic and climate resilience.
- **Accelerate housing development:** Ensure housing is built in the right places, with enabling infrastructure to attract skilled workers and sustain industry expansion.
- **Strengthen planning capacity:** Support data collection, workforce planning, and climate adaptation strategies to ensure sustainable land use and disaster resilience.
- **Streamline regulatory processes:** Reduce consenting delays and regulatory uncertainty, fast-tracking priority projects while ensuring environmental and cultural protections remain in place.

How a regional deal will improve TTPP

- **Aligns major projects with spatial priorities:** Ensuring transport infrastructure, housing and water infrastructure, and economic development initiatives are delivered efficiently and strategically.
- **Removes barriers to development:** Funding and fast-tracked approvals will unlock high-value projects.
- **Reduces financial strain on local councils:** Allowing investment in critical infrastructure without overburdening the region's small rating base.

A stronger, more coordinated future

By aligning the regional deal with TTPP, the West Coast will accelerate sustainable development, attract private sector investment, and ensure a cohesive, long-term approach to regional planning. Through TTPP, West Coast councils are actively aligning their regulatory approaches to deliver core services and infrastructure while improving the consistency of decision-making. Partnering with central government will unlock growth opportunities, enhance resilience, and drive national prosperity—while maintaining the region's environmental and cultural integrity.



Westport township by Stewart Nimmo

6.
**CAPABILITY,
CAPACITY AND
READINESS TO
IMPLEMENT AND
DELIVER**



📍 Arnold Power Station

Capability, capacity and readiness to implement and deliver

The West Coast's regional deal partnership is unique—bringing together local councils, iwi, Development West Coast, Department of Conservation, and the private sector under a shared 30-year vision for economic growth.

This cross-sector collaboration ensures strategic alignment, local buy-in, and a coordinated approach to unlocking the region's potential while integrating a nature economy model with economic development. With established governance structures, a proven track record of delivery, and strong partnerships, the West Coast is well-positioned to deliver transformational projects that will drive national and regional economic prosperity and environmental sustainability.

Governance arrangements

The regional deal will be governed by the West Coast Mayors, Chairs, and Iwi (MCI) Group, ensuring a cohesive regional approach that aligns economic, infrastructure, and environmental objectives. The MCI Group will also serve as the single point of engagement for government, providing a unified regional voice to streamline decision-making, enhance coordination, and ensure efficient implementation of strategic initiatives.

MEMBERS

- Council Mayors/Chair (Grey, Buller, Westland District Councils and West Coast Regional Council).
- Chairs of Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae
- Chair of Development West Coast (DWC)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

- Director of Operations, Department of Conservation Western-South Island region, to provide conservation expertise and leadership for the nature economy approach.
- A central government representative, ensuring alignment with national priorities.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Oversee the implementation of priority projects.
- Monitor progress and ensure accountability.
- Manage funding streams and financing mechanisms, ensuring effective allocation and coordination of investment.
- Adapt initiatives based on emerging needs and opportunities.

Exploring governance models for regional collaboration and investment

To strengthen regional governance and investment attraction, the West Coast mayors, chairs, and iwi will explore potential governance models, which may include establishing a Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO), jointly owned and managed by the four West Coast councils. This exploration will consider various approaches that support regional alignment and effective decision-making, and serve as an innovative and collaborative model to:

- Leverage regional alignment and unlock investment.
- Streamline governance to ensure coordinated decision-making.
- Attract and manage large-scale infrastructure, housing, and environmental projects.
- Facilitate public-private partnerships (PPPs) for nature-based and industry-led initiatives.

This process will ensure the chosen approach best serves the needs of the West Coast region.

Proven delivery and track record

The West Coast has a proven track record of delivering large-scale infrastructure and civil construction projects, showcasing its capability and readiness to implement a regional deal:

PGF-funded initiatives

Delivered on time and within budget, these projects include infrastructure upgrades, port redevelopments, and commercial construction, demonstrating the region's capacity to manage complex, high-value projects.



Transport resilience investments

Critical infrastructure upgrades that have strengthened regional connectivity and resilience, addressing challenges posed by the West Coast's unique geography and environmental risks.



Jobs for Nature programme

Successfully redeployed \$13 million in funding to support nature-based employment, transitioning displaced tourism workers into conservation roles.



Nature Economy initiatives

Innovative projects integrating regenerative industry practices, sustainable resource management, and conservation to balance economic growth with environmental restoration.



Private sector and iwi/Māori engagement

The regional deal has strong support from the private sector and iwi/Māori, who are integral to the proposal's success:

- **Private sector contributions**
Developers and industry leaders are ready to co-invest in infrastructure, housing, renewable energy, and industry projects, strengthening funding leverage.
- **Public-private partnerships (PPPs)**
Engaged businesses and service providers are ready to partner on key regional deal projects, ensuring:
 - » Risk is allocated to the entities best equipped to manage it.
 - » Specialist skillsets and additional capacity are brought into the region.
 - » Private sector expertise is used to accelerate infrastructure and economic growth.
- **Iwi/Māori involvement**
Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae are actively involved, shaping projects to align with tikanga Māori and regional aspirations. This partnership is underpinned by Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe, which:
 - » Formalises the relationship between iwi and councils on the West Coast through a statutory agreement, ensuring co-governance and shared decision-making.
 - » Provides a platform for meaningful Māori participation in resource management and strategic planning, ensuring iwi perspectives are integrated into regional development.
 - » Is the only realisation document of its kind in New Zealand, showcasing the West Coast's leadership in culturally inclusive governance.

Collaborative structures supporting delivery

The West Coast has a history of successful collaboration across sectors, including:

- **Te Whanaketanga West Coast Economic Strategy and Steering Group**
A regionally developed and endorsed 30-year economic strategy that unites leadership and regional stakeholders under a shared vision for growth.
- **Te Tai o Poutini Plan**
A unified land use and infrastructure strategy, integrating economic development with environmental protection.
- **Destination Management Group**
Overseeing West Coast destination and tourism management, ensuring sustainability and alignment with local aspirations and national objectives.
- **Energy Action Group**
A regional collaboration focused on advancing renewable energy initiatives and energy security, ensuring alignment with national clean energy goals.
- **West Coast Cross Sector Forum**
A collaboration between central and local government, iwi, and agencies to address key regional priorities, including housing, economic development, and social issues, fostering stronger partnerships and cross-sector initiatives.
- **Housing Forum**
A cross-sector initiative addressing the region's housing challenges.
- **Regional Investment Fund (RIF)**
Mayors, chairs, iwi, and industry leaders are working together to ensure strategic funding applications align with long-term economic and environmental goals.

Future focus

Unlocking the West Coast's full potential

The West Coast is ready to deliver. This regional deal will establish a pipeline of high-impact projects, unlocking immediate economic opportunities while ensuring long-term resilience. With strong governance, proven delivery capacity, and collaborative partnerships, the West Coast is poised to:

- Fast-track investment in high-impact projects.
- Expand the nature economy, ensuring economic growth, sustainable resource management, and conservation progress together.
- Leverage private sector and iwi investment.
- Ensure smart infrastructure investment, supporting industries that sustain New Zealand's future.

7.
**PRIORITY
PROJECTS/
INITIATIVES**



West Coast priority projects/initiatives

The West Coast regional deal removes barriers to growth, accelerating economic expansion, and strengthening New Zealand's resilience. Aligned with the region's 30-year vision, these projects leverage public-private partnerships and policy and legislative support to drive investment in minerals, infrastructure, tourism, renewable energy, and housing—delivering lasting economic, environmental, and social benefits.

The priority projects are not standalone interventions—they are part of a structured, enduring partnership between the West Coast and central government, ensuring a coordinated, high-impact approach to growth. The projects below represent immediate opportunities, but they are only the beginning. As the regional deal progresses, a structured framework will be developed to identify and support future initiatives—ensuring continued economic momentum, long-term resilience, and an adaptable approach to emerging opportunities.



1



**Unlocking
mineral
potential**

2



**Building resilient and
economically enabling
infrastructure**

3



**Strengthening
tourism**

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**Driving
renewable
energy
initiatives**

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**Housing
to support
workforce
expansion**

1 PRIORITY PROJECTS



Unlocking mineral potential

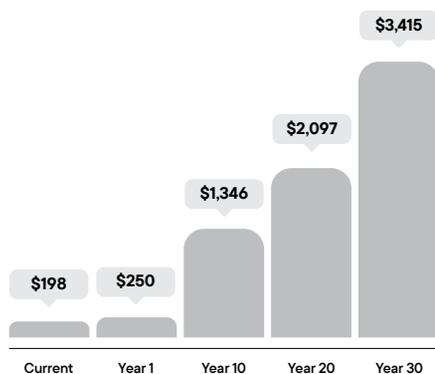
OBJECTIVE

Fast-track responsible, high-value extraction of critical minerals, driving productivity growth and securing New Zealand’s place in global supply chains.

Key projects

- Federation Mining, Waitua
- Rua Gold, Reefton Gold Fields
- Spring Creek Mine, Dunollie
- Westland Mineral Sands, Nine Mile and Mananui
- TiGa Minerals, Barrytown
- Bathurst Resources, Buller Plateaux continuation project

Projections under regional deal
West Coast mineral exports (\$m)



Economic benefits

Monetised benefits

- Growing annual mineral exports to \$1.3 billion after 10 years (+580%).
- \$18.8 billion in lifetime export revenue from six potential projects, strengthening New Zealand’s trade balance.
- \$375 million in royalties to government, which could be reinvested to support national and local infrastructure and conservation efforts.
- High-value employment in mining, logistics, and processing industries, as well as indirect employment.

Non-monetised benefits

- Increased supply chain resilience—reducing reliance on overseas imports for critical minerals.
- NZ Institute for Minerals to Materials Research (NZIMMR) research and innovation in low-emissions technologies and advanced mineral processing, enabling cost-effective gold recovery, rare earth element separation, and sustainable extraction, maximising economic returns.
- Social license improvements through local reinvestment of minerals royalties.

Estimated costs and funding approach

- Private sector investment for mine development.
- Regulatory support required (streamlining consenting, addressing banking restrictions, and opening-up Stewardship land where appropriate).
- Targeted investment in ports is required to enhance export capacity for critical minerals, reduce logistics costs, and unlock new international markets.
- Maintaining local vocational education through Tai Poutini Polytechnic is essential to ensuring a skilled workforce to support the expanding minerals sector.

Alignment with government priorities

- Boosts economic and productivity growth objectives.
- Supports the recently released Minerals Strategy for New Zealand to 2040
- Enhances supply chain resilience, reducing reliance on overseas imports of critical minerals.
- Enables the transition to a low-emissions future, supplying minerals essential for renewable energy technologies such as batteries and solar panels.

Estimated timeframes

- Regulatory reforms within 1-2 years.
- Mining operations within 1-5 years.
- Reinvestment of mineral royalties: 1 year.

Key mineral projects in the pipeline

Projects	Potential export value	Potential govt royalties	Potential jobs	Status	Current barriers	Estimated Start of Production (Under regional deal)
Federation Mining, Waiuta	Estimated gold: \$4.0b	\$78m	250	Nearing production	Housing shortage, requires investment	1-2 years
Rua Gold, Reefton Gold Fields	Estimated gold and antimony: \$3.0b	\$61m	250	Exploration stage	Housing shortage, regulatory hurdles, requires investment	4-5 years
Spring Creek Mine, Dunollie	Estimated coal: \$600m	\$12m	60	Infrastructure refurbishment underway, targeting production restart	Regulatory hurdles	1-2 years after permit approval
Westland Mineral Sands, Nine Mile and Mananui	Estimated garnet, ilmenite, rare-earth metals, and gold: \$2.6b	\$52m	140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nine Mile: in production. Mananui: awaiting regulatory approvals 	Regulatory hurdles, infrastructure readiness (port upgrades)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nine Mile: underway Mananui: 2-3 years
TiGa Minerals, Barrytown	Estimated garnet, ilmenite, zircon, gold: \$1.9b	\$38m	137	Nearing production	Regulatory hurdles, infrastructure readiness (port upgrades)	<1 year
Bathurst Resources, Buller Plateaux continuation project	Estimated coal: \$6.7b	\$134m	380	Operational	Regulatory approval for Minerals Separation Plan to boost production and value	Ongoing



Building resilient and economically enabling infrastructure

OBJECTIVE

Strengthen transport networks, upgrade port infrastructure, and enhance flood protection to safeguard communities and ensure businesses can operate with confidence and prosper.

Key projects

- Relocation of State Highway 6 (Franz Josef) to mitigate flood risks.
- Waiho River flood protection works in Franz Josef.
- Westport flood protection scheme.
- Hokitika and Greymouth floodwall resilience upgrades.
- Port infrastructure upgrades (Westport, Greymouth, and Jackson Bay) to enhance export capacity for critical minerals, primary industry products, and manufacturing.
- Airport infrastructure improvements (Hokitika and Westport).

Economic benefits

Monetised benefits:

- Reduced economic disruption and costly damage from extreme weather events.
- Enhanced transport links for key industries (tourism, mining, and primary industries).
- Enhanced resilience to support long-term regional growth and investment.

Non-monetised benefits:

- Increased safety and resilience for communities and businesses.

Estimated costs and funding approach

- Prioritisation of existing regional spend, including NZTA's focus on upgrading roads and bridges to increase production and export capacity.
- Co-funding from the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) - local government, DWC and private sector contributions.

Alignment with government priorities:

- Supports national resilience and climate adaptation objectives.
- Enhances regional infrastructure to facilitate economic growth and connectivity.

Estimated timeframes:

- Immediate to medium-term implementation: 1-6 years (phased project rollouts).

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PRIORITY PROJECTS



Strengthening tourism

OBJECTIVE

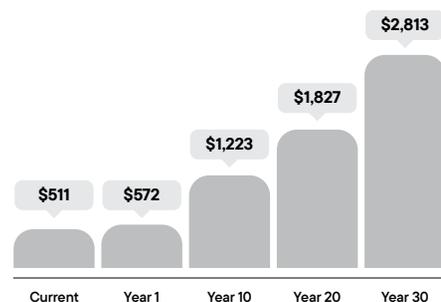
Invest in tourism infrastructure and experiences and establish sustainable funding models to maximise tourism’s economic contribution while easing pressure on the region’s small rating base.

Key projects

- Upgraded transport links to major tourism hotspots, enhancing accessibility and resilience to weather and seismic events (e.g. a long-term viable Franz Josef visitor offering).
- Upgrades at high-demand attractions, ensuring a world-class visitor experience, while alleviating pressure on overburdened facilities.
- Establishing a sustainable revenue stream to support destination management, research, industry capability-building, and visitor attraction maintenance, reducing pressure on local ratepayers, and ensuring tourism infrastructure and assets keep pace with growing demand.

Projections under regional deal

West Coast visitor spending (\$m)



Economic benefits

Monetised benefits:

- Growing annual visitor spending to \$1.2 billion after 10 years (+139%).
- Extended length of stay and spend per visitor, boosting local economies.
- Reduced infrastructure burden on local ratepayers.

Non-monetised benefits:

- Stronger tourism infrastructure resilience to climate risks.
- Improved visitor experience, supporting long-term sustainability.
- Social licence improvements through local reinvestment of IVL, DOC revenue, and any potential bed-night levy.

Estimated costs and funding approach

- Public-private partnerships for co-investment.
- Sustainable funding through the redistribution of tourism levies and DOC revenue to support ongoing infrastructure and attraction maintenance, and destination management.

Alignment with government priorities:

- Supports tourism sector growth and diversification.
- Strengthens infrastructure resilience to extreme weather events.
- Enables economic self-sufficiency through industry-funded models.

Estimated timeframes:

- **Infrastructure upgrades:** 1-4 years.
- **Reinvestment of levies and royalties:** 1 year



Driving renewable energy initiatives

OBJECTIVE

Advance renewable energy solutions to power industrial growth, lower costs for businesses and residents, lower emissions, and improve energy security.

Key projects

- Waitaha run-of-river hydro project.
- Stockton/Buller hydro scheme.
- Upgrading transmission infrastructure to support large-scale industrial electrification, including Westland Milk Products and minerals processing projects.
- Enabling regional grid resilience to strengthen energy transmission to reduce reliance on backup generation in remote communities and industries.
- Expanding charging networks to support the transition to Electric vehicle (EV) tourism and local transport.

Economic benefits

Monetised benefits:

- **Waitaha hydro:** Will power 12,000 homes, offsets 119,460 tonnes of CO₂ annually, and supports industrial expansion.
- **Industrial electrification:** Supports industry transitions to renewable energy, enhancing productivity (e.g. Westland Milk Products, Hokitika).

Non-monetised benefits:

- Enhanced energy security and lower emissions.

Estimated costs and funding approach

- **Waitaha hydro:** co-funding from Westpower in partnership with Poutini Ngāi Tahu.
- Prioritising existing regional funding—such as Transpower's grid resilience upgrades to support industrial electrification.
- **EV charging:** External funding required to establish grid-ready infrastructure, making it viable for private sector investment.

Alignment with government priorities:

- Supports national decarbonisation and energy security goals.
- Enables renewable energy transition across key industries and transport networks.
- Strengthens resilience against climate events and natural disasters.

Estimated timeframes:

- **Waitaha hydro:** Commencement within 1-2 years.
- **Transmission upgrades:** Feasibility and planning within 2-3 years, with phased implementation over 5 years.
- **EV infrastructure:** Initial rollout within 1-3 years.

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PRIORITY PROJECTS



Housing to support workforce expansion

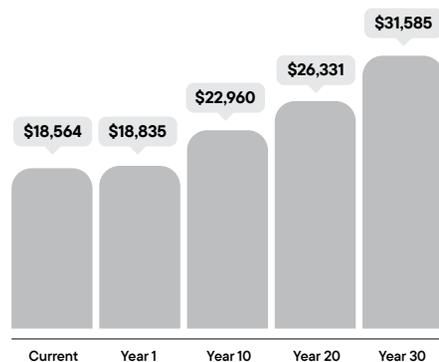
OBJECTIVE

Deliver targeted housing infrastructure that enables housing solutions for workforce growth, attract skilled workers, and improve housing quality across the region.

Key projects underway

- DWC housing initiative, including worker accommodation in Reefton and Franz Josef.
- Hokitika Racecourse housing project, transforming council land into affordable housing.
- Kaiata Park housing project, supporting industry expansion.
- Westport Masterplanning (Stage Three), enabling new resilient housing zones.

Projections under regional deal West Coast housing stock



Economic benefits

Monetised benefits:

- Expanding housing stock by 4,147 (22%) in 10 years.
- Increased property investment and local economic activity.

Non-monetised benefits:

- Increased workforce retention and productivity across key industries.
- Improved quality of life, reducing dampness and mould housing issues.
- Long-term housing stability.

Estimated costs and funding approach

- Co-investment in infrastructure (water, wastewater, transport).
- Private sector partnership with developers to reduce construction costs.
- Investment from DWC in workforce housing initiative.
- Maintaining local vocational education through Tai Poutini Polytechnic is essential to ensuring a skilled workforce of tradespeople to support housing developments.

Alignment with government priorities:

- Supports housing affordability and workforce expansion.
- Enables population growth and regional investment.

Estimated timeframes:

- Development within 1-5 years (staged rollouts).

8.
**WHAT THE WEST
COAST WILL BRING TO
A REGIONAL DEAL**



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What the West Coast will bring to a regional deal

The West Coast regional deal is offering a long-term partnership to unlock sustainable economic growth, align regional and national priorities, and strengthen national resilience. The region brings a coordinated governance model, strategic planning frameworks, private sector investment, and a commitment to delivery—ensuring that government investment translates into high-impact, enduring economic, social, and environmental outcomes.

Coordinated governance and long-term vision

The West Coast will provide a unified regional approach, simplifying engagement and ensuring strategic alignment across councils, iwi, and key stakeholders.

- **Single point of engagement:** The West Coast Mayors, Chairs, and Iwi Group will lead coordinated decision-making across local government and regional agencies, ensuring collective buy-in, and streamlining governance.
- **Integrated regional planning:**
 - » Te Whanaketanga West Coast Economic Strategy 2050: A 30-year vision guiding investment, resilience, and sustainable development.
 - » Te Tai o Poutini Plan: Finalising and implementing a unified regional planning framework ensuring land-use and infrastructure decisions align with long-term economic growth strategies.

Delivering national economic and policy objectives

The West Coast's key industries directly contribute to New Zealand's goal of going for growth, boosting productivity and exports, and creating high-value jobs. Through the deal, the region will:

- **Strengthen national supply chains:** Secure New Zealand's access to critical minerals for the high-tech and renewable energy sectors.
- **Drive sustainable tourism:** Implement a visitor funding model, reducing pressure on ratepayers while ensuring high-quality tourism experiences.
- **Expand renewable energy capacity:** Partnering with private investors to deliver hydro and industrial electrification projects.
- **Support housing growth:** Unlock land, infrastructure, and investment for workforce accommodation, addressing skills shortages in key industries.
- **Develop talent:** Invest in workforce development and skills training aligned with regional industry needs that are essential for productivity growth.
- **Advance biodiversity restoration and conservation:** Expanding carbon sequestration and predator-free initiatives that enhance New Zealand's environmental leadership.

Private sector co-investment and sustainable financing

Leveraging private investment:

- **Critical minerals:** Private sector funding to develop \$18.8b in mineral projects, requiring only regulatory support, and enabling infrastructure.
- **Housing and infrastructure:** Partnerships with councils, DWC, developers and group home builders to speed up projects and lower construction costs.
- **Renewable energy:** Industry-led investment in hydro projects.

Sustainable funding and financing models

- A revenue-sharing model for mineral royalties, ensuring regional reinvestment.
- Tourism levies and DOC revenue redistribution to support visitor infrastructure.
- Public-private partnerships (PPPs) for transport, industry, energy, and housing projects.

Commitment to delivery and risk sharing

- **Track record of success:** The region has successfully delivered government-funded initiatives such as the Provincial Growth Fund projects, and infrastructure resilience works—on time and within budget.
- **Reducing risk to central government:** By coordinating investment, ensuring private sector buy-in, and aligning planning frameworks, the West Coast ensures that government contributions unlock the maximum return on investment.

Pioneering a nature economy approach

The West Coast is at the forefront of integrating economic growth with environmental stewardship, leveraging its natural assets to drive sustainable industry and long-term resilience.

- **Leveraging natural assets:** With 22% of New Zealand's conservation estate, the West Coast is showcasing how protected lands can support sustainable industries, tourism, and cultural investment.
- **Sustainable resource management:** Managing and utilising natural resources responsibly to drive long-term economic and environmental benefits.
- **Investing in nature-based economic initiatives:** Supporting projects such as Predator Free South Westland and large-scale carbon sequestration initiatives that align economic and environmental goals.
- **Enabling regenerative industries:** Encouraging investment in industries that contribute to both conservation and economic growth.
- **Strengthening resilience:** Ensuring the West Coast's economic future is built on a stable, high-value nature economy model that attracts investment, creates jobs, and preserves the environment for future generations.

Why a West Coast Regional deal matters for New Zealand

A West Coast regional deal will drive economic growth, environmental stewardship, and community well-being in a coordinated, scalable way. By integrating policy reforms, infrastructure investment, and industry support, it creates a sustainable model for regional development. With strong governance, private sector backing, and strategic leadership, the West Coast is ready to partner with government to unlock high-value opportunities and strengthen national resilience.

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WHAT THE WEST COAST IS SEEKING FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AS PART OF A DEAL



Monteith's Brewery, Greymouth

What the West Coast is seeking from Central Government

To advance economic growth, deliver connected and resilient infrastructure, and improve the supply of affordable, quality housing, the West Coast seeks specific policy, legislative, and financial commitments from central government. These interventions will enable private sector investment, streamline development processes, and deliver long-term benefits for the region and New Zealand.

Policy and legislative support

Remove barriers to investment and provide certainty for businesses.

- **Streamline regulatory processes:** Policy and legislative lens is required to enable fast-track consenting for critical minerals projects, transport infrastructure, housing infrastructure, and renewable energy projects.
- **Banking access for the minerals sector:** Work with financial institutions to address restrictive lending policies that limit investment in responsible mineral extraction, ensuring fair access to capital for projects aligned with New Zealand's economic and sustainability goals.
- **Resource management reforms:** Ensure upcoming RMA reforms allow regional flexibility to support economic growth while protecting environmental and cultural values.

Infrastructure investment and prioritisation

Build resilience, support industry, and enhance regional connectivity.

- **Resilient and economically enabling infrastructure:** Targeted investment in key transport networks, power transmission infrastructure (NZTA and Transpower), and an economically enabling ports package to improve connectivity, enhance export capacity, and support economic activity. Upgrading ports is essential for unlocking export potential in the minerals and primary industry sectors, strengthening New Zealand's supply chains, and supporting economic resilience.
- **Renewable energy:** Support for energy projects, such as the Waitaha and Stockton hydro schemes, to enhance energy resilience, contribute to national renewable energy goals, and power local industries.
- **Flood protection and resilience:** Co-investment in essential projects to safeguard communities and infrastructure from extreme weather events.
- **Housing infrastructure:** Co-investment in water and wastewater, and roading infrastructure to enable affordable and quality housing developments.
- **Westport Master Plan implementation:** Support for implementing the Westport Master Plan, including securing largely redundant government (Pāmu) land to enable future growth and development opportunities.

Redistribution of royalties and levies

The West Coast contributes significantly to national revenues through mineral extraction and international tourism, yet local ratepayers bear the financial burden of maintaining infrastructure and services that support these industries. A regional deal will ensure an equitable return on these contributions, enabling the West Coast to unlock further economic growth while maintaining environmental and social sustainability.

Key revenue-sharing requests

- **Mineral royalties reinvestment:** 50% of mineral royalties generated from West Coast projects to be reinvested locally to support critical infrastructure, economic development, and environmental initiatives. This reinvestment would strengthen social licence, ensuring communities see tangible benefits from resource extraction.
- **Revenue sharing:** 50% of West Coast-generated IVL revenue to be returned to the region for tourism infrastructure and nature economy projects. The West Coast contributes approximately 5% of international guest nights in New Zealand but does not receive a proportional share of IVL funds. A direct reinvestment will ensure visitor-driven revenue supports visitor-dependent infrastructure and services.
- **Bed-night levy:** Should a national bed-night levy be introduced, the West Coast seeks a direct allocation of the revenue to support local infrastructure and tourism sustainability, ensuring visitors contribute to the upkeep of the region's high-demand tourism assets.

Projected levies and royalties under the regional deal

The following table represents current revenues and future projections for government-collected levies and royalties from the West Coast, demonstrating the long-term financial impact of regional economic growth under a deal. The proposed revenue-sharing model would return a portion of these funds to support regional infrastructure, industry growth, and environmental sustainability.

	Current	Year 1	Year 10	Year 20	Year 30
Minerals royalties	\$4.0m	\$5.0m	\$26.9m	\$41.9m	\$68.3m
IVL from WC*	\$11.6m	\$13.0m	\$29.2m	\$43.6m	\$64.6m
Bed-night levy**	\$0m	\$5.1m	\$6.1m	\$7.6m	\$9.3m
Total annual revenue	\$15.6m	\$23.1m	\$62.2m	\$93.1m	\$142.2m

* During 2024, the West Coast accounted for 676,400 (5.05%) of New Zealand's total 13,400,000 international guest nights.

** The estimated bed-night levy figures are based on a 2.5% levy, assuming an average accommodation rate of \$150 per night and 1.3 million West Coast guest nights annually in 2024.

Workforce development and skills training

Address skills shortages and support regional growth through targeted education and training initiatives.

- **Retaining and enhancing vocational education:** Ensure the continuation of vocational education on the West Coast through sustainable funding models for Tai Poutini Polytechnic. By maintaining local training pathways that align with industry needs, the region can retain local talent, reduce youth migration for education, and attract skilled workers to support long-term regional growth.
- **Skills development for critical industries:** Invest in tailored training programs that directly address workforce shortages in high-growth industries, including minerals, engineering, primary industries, and tourism. This strategic approach will enhance productivity, sustain industry expansion, and strengthen the region's economic resilience.

Long-term partnership

Provide certainty for investment and strengthen regional collaboration.

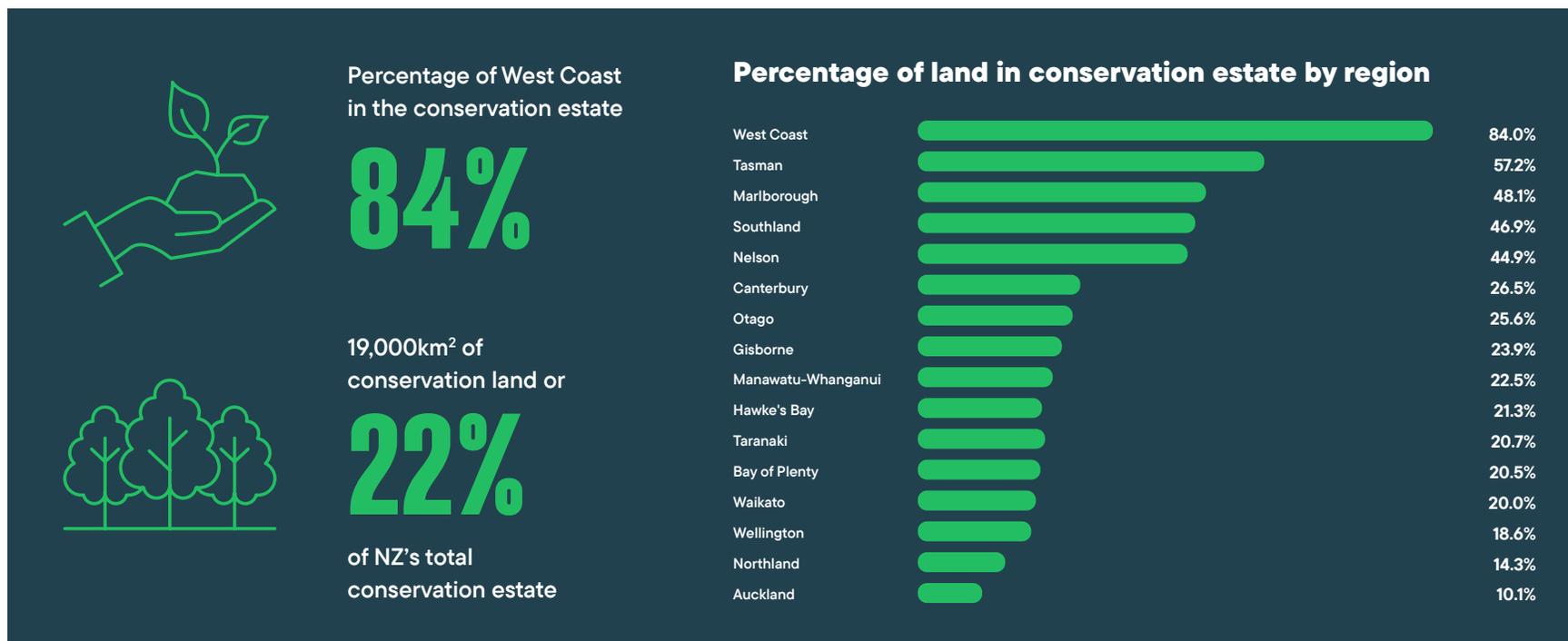
- **Establish a durable co-governed agreement:** A structured, long-term partnership that will transcend political cycles, enabling councils, iwi, and businesses to plan and invest in high-impact, long-term projects with confidence.
- **Improve funding flexibility and efficiency:** Align regional deal funding with existing government investment tools, such as the Regional Investment Fund (RIF), ensuring maximum impact.
- **Enhanced support for collaboration:** Ensure streamlined coordination between councils, iwi, and key government agencies to support infrastructure planning and economic development.



Leveraging public conservation land

Maximise economic potential while preserving environmental integrity.

- **Utilising natural assets for growth:** With 22% of New Zealand’s conservation estate and 84% of its land protected, the West Coast must be empowered to utilise its natural assets for sustainable job creation, industry growth, and long-term prosperity. Strategic investment in these natural assets will drive economic development, conservation management, and environmental resilience, ensuring the region’s ongoing growth and competitive advantage.
- **Sustainable use of Stewardship Land:** Open up economically viable Stewardship land for sustainable mineral extraction, housing, and economic development while maintaining conservation priorities. Land suitable for development should be disposed of as per recommendations or remain classified as Stewardship Land, as it is the least restrictive designation.
- **Balanced economic and environmental outcomes:** By responsibly utilising public conservation land, the West Coast can achieve balanced economic growth, enhance social licence, and support New Zealand’s environmental goals, demonstrating a model of sustainable regional development.





Unlocking the West Coast's potential to go for growth

These targeted, high-impact interventions will remove barriers to investment, drive economic expansion, and build a more resilient, self-sustaining regional economy. With policy certainty, infrastructure investment, and fair revenue-sharing, the West Coast will deliver greater export growth, enhanced supply chain security, and sustainable regional development—strengthening both the region and the national economy.

10.
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WEST COAST REGIONAL DEAL

A partnership to unlock economic growth



LGNZ four-monthly report for member councils

// November 2024 – February 2025





Ko Tātou LGNZ.

This report summarises LGNZ’s work on behalf of member councils and is produced three times a year. It’s structured around LGNZ’s purpose: to serve local government by **championing**, **connecting** and **supporting** members.

Please consider putting this report on the agenda for your next council meeting so that all councillors can review it and provide feedback. Sam, Susan or other National Council members are very happy to join council meetings online to discuss the report or any aspect of it – just let us know.

This report complements our regular communication channels, including *Keeping it Local* (our fortnightly e-newsletter), providing a more in-depth look at what we do.

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Introduction

This four-monthly report covers the summer holiday period when you hopefully had a well-deserved break. LGNZ continued to work hard on your behalf, delivering two All-of-local government events, meeting with Ministers, making submissions and producing resources for members.

January's Cabinet reshuffle meant a new Minister for Local Government, Simon Watts. LGNZ had dinner with the Minister on his first official day in the job, hosted him at February's All-of-local-government event and had our first formal meeting of the year on 6 March. As the Minister said at our February event, we have a positive relationship and want to work together. He acknowledged local government was fatigued by waves of reform and that a lot of the cost and burden that falls on local government is because of central government legislation (as LGNZ's research last year demonstrated). We're looking forward to working constructively with the Minister.

The political year unofficially starts at Waitangi, which offers many opportunities to mix formally and informally with Ministers, MPs and Iwi leaders. This year LGNZ stepped up our involvement and had a strong presence, including a number of National Council members, who were part of an official pōwhiri and delivered a prayer for the nation at the Dawn Service.

In the advocacy and policy space, in November we launched a set of [funding and financing tools](#) that could make a difference for local government. These tools, which include things like sharing GST on new builds, congestion charging and value capture from growth, gained strong media coverage. We also highlighted to media the potential negative implications of rates capping, with Australian guest speakers at both our November and February All-of-local-government events underlining the negative fiscal impacts for Australian councils and communities.

Other highlights of this period included:

- A range of quality submissions shared with members, including on resource management and water services reform.
- The launch of our Electoral Reform Issues paper, with the draft position paper launching 13 March. As well as four-year terms this covers the inevitable decline of post and how to respond.
- Members can now access for free more than \$1.2 million worth of professional development assets via our Ākona professional development platform (this is what it would cost councils to commercially develop the 15 Ako hours and 22 courses available).
- We distributed a free Vote 25 toolkit to all member councils just before Christmas – which you can use and adapt to promote voter registration, standing and voting.

We always welcome your comments and feedback.

Ngā mihi
Sam and Susan



Champion

Government relations

In January a reshuffled Cabinet meant a new Minister for Local Government along with other portfolio shifts relevant to local government, including a new Transport Minister. We have seized on the reshuffle and our already-strong relationship with incoming Local Government Minister Simon Watts to reset the relationship between central and local government. Sam and Susan had dinner with Minister Watts on his first official day in the job, we've locked in regular ongoing meetings, and the Minister spoke at our All-of-local-government meeting on 27 February. As well as staying as long as he could to answer questions, the Minister joined Mayors, Chairs and Chief Executives for morning tea ahead of his session.

As well as sending the Minister [an immediate letter](#) on key issues, we have developed a briefing for the Minister that sets out the state of play of local government issues, including where there are opportunities to work together in support of New Zealand's economic development. [Read the Briefing to the Incoming Minister.](#)

We have confirmed quarterly meetings with the Prime Minister throughout 2025. We also meet regularly with Infrastructure and Resource Management Reform Minister Chris Bishop, who now holds the Transport portfolio as well, with Regional Development Minister Shane Jones, and of course Minister Watts. During this four-month period, we met with Minister for Building and Construction Chris Penk and got a good insight into what he would like to achieve in the portfolio. He is keen to make changes work on the ground and, as he put it, "make life easier for councils not harder". We are in conversation with MBIE as to how options for the building consents regime might be received by councils and how they might work in practice.

We secured a strong line up of Ministers and representation from the Opposition at both the November and February All-of-local-government meetings and individual sector meetings.

Waitangi Day kicks off the political year and this year LGNZ had a strong delegation that included a number of National Council members. We held formal and informal meetings with local MPs and iwi leaders, and had the opportunity for conversations with a range of Ministers we would not normally meet with, like Education Minister Erica Stanford. Sam, Campbell and Susan attended the Waitangi Trust's dinner alongside with political leaders, including Minister Watts and the Leader of the Opposition. We had a particularly useful meeting with Northland MP Grant McCallum, who was sympathetic to our safety concerns relating for Māori elected members given the tenor of debate around Māori Wards referenda. He was action-focused and was keen to support neutral messaging that promoted safe and informed local elections. He was also interested in looking into working with us to brief National MPs on other local government issues such as funding and financing.



Media

Our media engagement means balancing standing up for councils with being seen as a constructive partner of the Government. LGNZ has gained proactive media coverage of our perspective on rates capping, and our launch of funding and financing tools, and the closure of regional newspapers. Our advocacy positions on all three topics tied into our wider strategy to make local government feel more relevant and improve ratepayers' understanding of issues faced by councils.

Over the past 12 months, the media landscape has shifted significantly with the closure of major platforms, key newsrooms and culling of experienced journalists. These shifts made it harder to place proactive stories but we have intensified our efforts and continue to gain traction on major advocacy issues important to councils and our communities.

An example of these efforts coming to fruition was the coverage of LGNZ's All-of-local-government meeting, which drew the attention of media outlets from across the country on a range of topics, from rates capping and four-year terms to a new stalking bill and housing growth.

We got coverage on our position on [rates capping](#), including [Newsroom](#) leading with a well-written piece alongside stories on [NBR](#), [BusinessDesk](#), [RNZ](#), [The Press](#) and [The Post](#). [Four-year terms](#) for local government was also a hot topic, with Sam Broughton appearing on the [Mike Hosking breakfast](#) on [Newstalk ZB](#) to discuss the issue, with his comments included in [The Post](#).

LGNZ's CE Susan Freeman-Greene and Invercargill Councillor Alex Crackett also spoke with [Stuff/ThreeNews](#) and [RNZ](#) about the Government's proposed [stalking legislation](#) and the need to increase safety for elected members.

On Friday, Minister Bishop's announcement around new and improved funding and financing tools to reduce the disincentives for housing growth for councils made headlines. Analysis articles ran on [Stuff](#), [NZ Herald](#) and the [Gisborne Herald](#), with Stuff's Luke Malpass penning an insightful piece on the financial conundrum facing councils that appeared in [The Press](#), [The Post](#) and the [Waikato Times](#).

Some other specific media highlights in the past four months include:

- LGNZ's rollout of [a funding and finance toolkit](#) for councils got plenty of traction.
- We urged caution around central government's proposed [rates capping](#) introduction in New Zealand.
- We advocated to the Government [to share IVL funding](#) with councils to reduce pressure on ratepayers.
- We [welcomed the new Minister of Local Government](#) and presented the reshuffle as an opportunity to collaborate more.
- Sam penned an [op-ed](#) for Stuff, talking about the benefits of a true partnership between local and central government.
- LGNZ spoke out about the proposed Government changes to the [water and waste levies](#).



- We [welcomed the move](#) towards benchmarking and more transparency, but pushed the Government to ensure any report card provides a 'full and accurate picture'

Local government funding and financing

In late November we launched a [set of 25 tools](#) to help councils better fund infrastructure and services – from sharing GST on new builds to value capture to improving councils' ability to recover costs.

It's a pragmatic list with three distinct tiers:

1. Tools that are on the Government's agenda
2. Tools the Government has shown an interest in
3. Tools councils want but the Government isn't interested in, so need longer-term advocacy.

While rates will always be local government's primary funding tool, these tools could make a real difference to the challenges councils face. We are starting to see the fruits of this work with the Government's announcement at our February All-of-local-government meeting on new tools that will see development contributions replaced with a development levy system, allowing councils to charge developers a share of long-term infrastructure costs – more on this below.

As well as the [set of tools](#), we developed some resources to support councils' conversations with communities and central government:

- [A set of key messages](#) explaining why we need new tools
- [Slides](#) with key messages and data
- [A draft op ed](#) that you can repurpose
- [A draft letter to your MP](#)

Treasury has released advice to the Minister of Finance on funding tools available to councils. The Minister is seeking to reduce funding calls on the Crown. Treasury considers that council funding tools are generally fit for purpose. Their view is that the barriers to the full use of these tools relate to political economy, such as a general resistance to increasing rates. This is a valid point, but LGNZ believes these tools need improvement to allocate costs better, address affordability, improve efficiency, and align government objectives with local incentives.

The Government's stance against rates increases and its consideration of rates caps risks deepening public resistance to existing funding tools and increasing pressure on Crown funding. LGNZ will continue to engage with Ministers on this issue and work to enhance public discourse on the relationship between the costs of services and infrastructure and rate rises.

Ratepayer Assistance Scheme (RAS)

The new Local Government Minister has expressed interest in progressing the RAS. The RAS would allow ratepayers to cheaply borrow for specific improvements or ratepayer charges and in support of local and central government priorities. By leveraging the high credit quality of local government



rates, it accesses efficient capital market financing, passing savings to ratepayers. The RAS lends directly to ratepayers, keeping councils financially whole.

We are looking to capitalise on the Minister's interest and secure the necessary financial commitment and legislative changes. Minister Watts is positive about the scheme and has identified potential alignment with his energy portfolio if the RAS could foster investment in rooftop solar generation. We are working with Rewiring Aotearoa, an electrification advocacy group, to develop this element of the scheme.

Infrastructure funding and financing

In November, the Government released an [infrastructure funding and financing framework](#). This framework outlines the principles and processes underpinning the Crown's funding and financing decisions. It will have implications across water, energy, housing, climate adaptation, and transport. The framework makes it clear that the Government intends to only fund or finance projects as a last resort (and in minimal viable quantities). The Government also expects user pays and private financing to play a greater role in infrastructure funding and financing. Local government is not mentioned in this framework.

LGNZ will engage with new government agency *Infrastructure Funding and Financing Ltd (NIFFCo)* to ensure this framework is operationalised with councils in mind. Operationalising the framework will be challenging, given the substantial investment required for future infrastructure and the limitations of user-pays models in some sectors, as highlighted by the Infrastructure Commission.

We are also engaging with DIA and MHUD on their current work on changes to the development contributions system.

The Minister for Infrastructure announced changes to New Zealand's infrastructure funding and financing settings at February's All of Local Government meeting. The Government will replace development contributions with a development levy system, allowing councils to charge developers a share of long-term infrastructure costs. There will be regulatory oversight of development levies to ensure charges are fair and appropriate. Councils will also have more flexibility to set targeted rates that apply to new developments. Finally, the Infrastructure Funding and Financing (IFF) Act will be improved for developer-led projects and expanded to support major transport projects like those led by NZTA.

LGNZ has welcomed these changes, which were in our funding and financing toolkit. We will await further detail and work to ensure these reforms work effectively on the ground for councils.

Regional deals

Instead of the initially announced approach of inviting five regions to participate, all councils were eligible to express interest in a Regional Deal by 18 December 2024.

The Minister was clear that councils should work together across a region when submitting an expression of interest. This meant providing a light-touch proposal with an outline of the drivers of economic growth in a region, what the region will do to unlock growth, and what the region needs



from central government to assist. These expressions of interest will be assessed, and the Infrastructure and Investment Ministerial Group will decide which regional deals proceed to the next steps, which involve a MoU process and final negotiation.

Our understanding is that new Minister may be interested in seeing more than one deal agreed by the end of 2025 (we will certainly be encouraging this), with more agreed by the end of 2026.

Rates capping

Rates capping was a significant topic at both the November and February All-of-local-government meetings. This included presentations on the operationalisation and impacts of rates capping from local government representatives from New South Wales and Victoria (in November); and on transparency as an alternative from South Australia (in February).

In Australia, while rates capping has been effective in terms of constraining rates increases, it has failed to deliver an optimal mix of local services and rates. It has degraded council delivery and left councils increasingly financially unstable. In every overseas jurisdiction that has implemented rates capping, councils are advising us to oppose it as strongly as we can because of its negative impacts on councils' ability to deliver for communities.

We raised concerns about rates capping in meetings with numerous ministers, highlighting this policy's risks for communities and advocating for alternative measures. We are suggesting performance reporting and benchmarking should be prioritised instead – and that these would better achieve the Government's aims.

Water services reform

The Local Government Water Services Bill was introduced in December, with submissions closing in late February. This piece of legislation will establish enduring settings for the new water services system and is expected to be enacted in mid-2025. The bill sets out arrangements for the new water services delivery system, a new economic regulation and consumer protection regime for water services, and changes to the water quality regulatory framework and the water services regulator (Taumata Arowai). To help members prepare their submissions, in December LGNZ shared an [explainer on the stage three legislation](#) with members, based on [proactively released decisions](#) on the future system. In January, we circulated a draft submission on the Local Government (Water Services) Bill for member input, and we expect to present our oral submission in March.

The Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) carried out a short consultation on levies to fund water services regulation, with submissions closing in late January. These levies will be collected from councils or their water organisations, and will fund or part fund the water services regulatory functions of Taumata Arowai and the Commerce Commission. These agencies are already empowered by legislation to charge levies in this way. Taumata Arowai proposes to recover \$20.658 million per annum for the next three years from local government though this levy, around 84% of its operating costs. The Commerce



Commission is seeking to recover \$6.5m per annum for the next two years from local government (or their water organisations) from their levy. They both propose to allocate these on a population basis, resulting in a total for both levies of \$5.44 per person per year.

Councils will soon start consulting on aspects of their Water Service Delivery Plans (WSDPs), which must be finalised by 3 September 2025. As councils consult their communities, for some councils it will become obvious how difficult it is for water services to be financially sustainable, especially if charges to consumers are kept low. We will support member councils by providing information, connecting members to support from DIA, and advocating for DIA to increase this support. The Minister was also clear when speaking at LGNZ's All-of-local-government event on 27 February that councils should reach out for help now rather than wait till September.

Resource management reform

We are awaiting Cabinet decisions on the “blueprint” for new legislation to replace the Resource Management Act (RMA), which we understand was presented to the Minister Responsible for RM Reform last month.

In the meantime, the Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Act, and the Fast Track Approvals Act were both passed by Parliament.

In February, we submitted on the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill. This legislation progresses targeted amendments to the Resource Management Act to improve its performance while work on replacing the RMA continues. We are still awaiting the accompanying changes to National Direction, which LGNZ will also submit on.

Some councils have approached LGNZ seeking support for removing specific projects from the Fast Track process. For example, Waimate District Council has written to Ministers raising concerns about the inclusion of the proposed Waste to Energy Plant at Glenavy, primarily on the basis of environmental, health and economic impacts. While LGNZ can't lobby central government about specific projects for individual councils, this serves as another illustration of the tension between central and local government decision making. The Fast Track Approvals Bill aims to speed up consenting for major infrastructure, but the inevitable trade-off is less input from local communities on significant proposals that affect their area. We will continue to reflect this broader concern in our advocacy work.

We are currently working on a plan for how LGNZ will respond to the significant volume of consultations expected in the RM space over the next 12-18 months.

Transport

We have surveyed Transport Forum members to get an idea of the cost of implementing the Government's new policy of variable speed limits in school areas. While councils are at varying stages in terms of quantifying the impact of this policy, early indications are that this is having a



significant fiscal impact on councils that are already facing significant fiscal pressure as a result of funding decisions made in the NLTP 24-27.

Transport Forum meeting dates have been locked in for 2025, and following the letter from Sam and Neil to Simon Bridges, NZTA board members Paul Dougherty and Warwick Isaacs attended the Transport Forum meeting in February.

In November, the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi released a discussion document on increasing the private share (i.e. the portion of fares not subsidised by central or local government) of public transport operating expenditure, and wrote to regional councils suggesting specific targets for this share. This had been signalled in both the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport and the National Land Transport Programme, both of which were released earlier in 2024. The Regional Sector and LGNZ have raised concerns about the impact on passenger fares in the media and with Ministers.

The new Transport Minister also holds the Housing, Infrastructure, and RM Reform portfolios, presenting significant opportunities for alignment. We have secured a meeting with Minister Bishop in March and also have briefed him in writing on the LGNZ Transport Forum, which met on 10 February and discussed how best to work with the new Minister.

The Government's 2025 Q1 action plan commits to passing the first reading of the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Bill. This bill, which was introduced last year, would enable time of use charging (aka congestion charging). This is one of our tier one funding and financing tools and LGNZ will be submitting on this legislation: the model adopted needs to give councils as much flexibility as possible.

Climate change

In November, the Office of the Auditor General has released a report [How well four councils are responding to a changing climate](#). The report highlights that climate change poses significant challenges for councils, requiring long-term strategies, governance clarity, and collaboration. While the four councils audited have taken steps to prioritise climate action, gaps remain in embedding these priorities into planning and resourcing. Recommendations include enhancing collaboration, setting clear climate objectives, strengthening performance measures, ensuring governance clarity, and improving public reporting. The Auditor-General encouraged all councils to consider these recommendations.

On 29 January, the Government published its [response](#) to the Finance and Expenditure Committee's inquiry into climate adaptation (which outlined high-level objectives and principles to guide development of New Zealand's climate change adaptation policy framework). The response signalled the Government intends to adopt a decentralised approach to climate adaptation, with decision-making and resource allocation occurring at the most-local level possible. This suggests residents and councils will generally bear the cost of adaptation. LGNZ will keep advocating for councils to be provided with adequate funding and policy tools to meet adaptation obligations. The Government has said it will consider the committee's recommendations as it finalises the adaptation framework and associated legislation, which is expected to be introduced this year.



Electoral Reform Working Group

Thank you for all your feedback on the Working Group's issues paper, which has been taken into account by the group in developing a draft position.

Mayor Nick Smith will be launching the Electoral Reform Working Group's draft position paper in March, including presenting to all zone meetings to get your feedback. As well as looking at a four-year parliamentary term, the group has also been looking at the unsustainability of postal voting and considering alternatives.

Other policy issues

Earthquake prone buildings

The steering group set up by MBIE to inform its comprehensive review of the seismic strengthening system has had its first meeting, with Nigel Bowen, Helen Craig, and Liam Hodgetts (all put forward by LGNZ) providing a local government voice at the table.

LGNZ has also set up our own informal Seismic Strengthening Group, chaired by Manawatū deputy mayor Michael Ford, which met for the first time in late November. This was a positive meeting that underscored what members want from the Government's comprehensive review of the seismic strengthening regime. This group will meet on an as-needed basis to help guide LGNZ's response to the Government's review, and to support wider advocacy for the remit from Manawatū District Council passed in 2023.

Stalking

We produced [a submission](#) on the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill, which introduces a new stalking and harassment offence and other measures to reduce the harm that victims experience. In our 2022 survey of elected members, 43% had experienced harassment, prejudice, threatening or derogatory behaviours in their role. Aggressive and abusive behaviours can constitute stalking – or be a precursor to it – and we want to see elected members better protected.

Update on 2024 remits

Remit	Progress update
Appropriate funding models for central government initiatives That LGNZ proactively promote and lobby for the development of a more equitable and appropriate funding model for central government initiatives.	This remit is being progressed as part of the wider funding and financing work programme (and is a core objective of this work).
GST revenue sharing with local Government That LGNZ be proactive in lobbying central government on sharing GST revenue with local	This remit is being progressed as part of the wider funding and financing work programme. We understand the Government is looking at



<p>government, derived from local government rates and service fees related flood protection mitigation, roading, and three waters, for investment in these areas.</p>	<p>alternatives to this policy (such as more enabling changes) and will consider advice on this later this year.</p>
<p>Local Government Māori Wards and Constituencies should not be subject to a referendum That LGNZ lobbies central government to ensure that Māori wards and constituencies are treated the same as all other wards in that they should not be subject to a referendum. We oppose the idea that Māori wards should be singled out and forced to suffer a public referendum.</p>	<p>Now that legislation has been passed, we know that 42 councils will be holding a referendum on Māori wards. See the separate National Council paper on Māori wards, which discusses how LGNZ will support Te Maruata and the wider membership around the referendums and elections broadly.</p>
<p>Proactive lever to mitigate the deterioration of unoccupied buildings That LGNZ advocate to Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For legislative change enabling local authorities to compel building owners to remediate unoccupied derelict buildings and sites that have deteriorated to a state where they negatively impact the amenity of the surrounding area. • To incentivise repurposing vacant buildings to meet region-specific needs, for example, accommodation conversion. 	<p>Late last year we had an initial discussion with Gisborne District Council to determine the work programme for progressing this remit, which was also discussed at the first meeting of the LGNZ Seismic Strengthening Group. Information from GDC is currently being used to develop a work programme.</p>
<p>Representation Reviews That LGNZ advocate for changes that support the provision of timely and accurate regional and sub-regional population data to councils for use in council representation reviews.</p>	<p>Statistics NZ is reviewing the methodology for the 2028 census. We are monitoring this process in case it provides an opportunity to progress this remit. A move to a four-year term, which we are actively lobbying for, would require a change in the timings of representation reviews so this remit is also informing the thinking of the Electoral Reform Working Group.</p>
<p>Community Services Card That LGNZ advocate to Central Government to amend the Health Entitlement Cards Regulations 1993 so that the cardholder can use the Community Services Card as evidence for the purposes of accessing Council services which would otherwise rely on a form of means testing.</p>	<p>We wrote to relevant Ministers asking that councils be allowed to make use of the Community Services Card when offering discounts to council facilities. We have yet to receive a response. We also put out a media release, which got good coverage, and engaged via social media.</p>
<p>Graduated Licensing System That LGNZ advocate for changes to the fee structure for driver licensing, better preparing young people for driver licence testing, and greater testing</p>	<p>MTFJ has agreed to progress this remit because it relates to its work with the Driving Change Network.</p>



capacity in key locations throughout New Zealand, in order to relieve pressure on the driver licensing system and ensure testing can be conducted in a quick and efficient manner.	
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Connect

2025 calendar

We released a [final version of the 2025 calendar](#) in early December (though this remains subject to change if the need arises).

Vote25

In December, we shared our [free Vote25 toolkit](#) with member councils. This includes a set of creative assets that councils can customise, such as posters and social media tiles. The campaign covers all three phases: register to vote; stand for election; and vote.

All-of-local-government meetings

The November meeting, with a strong programme that focused on local government reform, drew more than 170 members. It was an opportunity to lay the foundations for stronger advocacy on key parts of reform in local government, such as rates capping. At that event we also launched the funding and financing toolkit discussed above, which gained strong media coverage.

February's All-of-local-government meeting focused on accountability and demonstrating value, with more than 180 members attending. Government speakers included Local Government and Climate Change Minister Simon Watts; Infrastructure, Transport, RMA Reform and Housing Minister Chris Bishop; and RMA Reform and Infrastructure Parliamentary Under-Secretary Simon Court. This was Minister Watt's first chance to address a large local government gathering in this role, and he set out his intention to work in partnership with local government while delivering on the reform agenda. Our guest speaker from South Australia's local government association shared how they managed to convince their government to not implement rates capping by implementing greater transparency; an advocacy approach that LGNZ is also taking.

The theme of the 1 May meeting is delivering infrastructure for growth. Confirmed speakers so far include Minister Chris Bishop and former Minister Steven Joyce – we'll be releasing the programme and inviting registrations in March. As usual, individual Regional, Metro and Rural & Provincial Sector meetings will happen on the following day.

Metro Sector

The Metro Sector meetings on 22 November and 28 February confirmed the group's focus areas for the remainder of the current electoral term, as follows:



1. Enabling and supporting economic development and growth by showcasing the role of cities as engines of the national economy and driving regional collaboration.
2. Lift LGNZ governance and accountability in order to improve LGNZ's impact.
3. Improve alignment of central and local government investment cycles to reduce inefficiencies and encourage more bipartisan agreement on key infrastructure decisions.

Regional Sector and Te Uru Kahika

The final meeting of the Regional Sector for the year included engagement with Hon Mark Mitchell, the Minister for Emergency Management, a discussion with Hon Simon Upton, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment on water and land use roles, and discussions on Taumata Arowai's stormwater performance standards and phase 3 of resource management system reforms.

LGNZ has met new Te Uru Kahika Executive Director Iain Maxwell to welcome him on board and build on the positive relationship we enjoyed with his predecessor Liz Lambert. We work closely to coordinate Regional Sector meetings and collaborate on policy work.

February's Regional Sector meeting included new Transport Minister Chris Bishop, Taumata Arowai on wastewater performance standards, and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on significant natural hazard events and recovery settings. This meeting also welcomed new Taranaki Regional Council Chair Craig Williamson, with Cr Charlotte Littlewood recently standing down from the Chair position.

Rural & Provincial

February's R&P meeting canvassed a number of areas impacting rural and provincial councils, with Local Water Done Well a key topic on people's minds, as well as new wastewater standards. The Department of Internal Affairs and Taumata Arowai spoke at the first R&P event of the year and took questions. Rural health was also a big topic so we had speakers address growing concerns over access to health in our rural communities and provided some examples of the hands-on role some councils are playing to bridge the gap. The Roding Efficiency Group also delivered a presentation.

Minister Chris Bishop used our February event as a platform to announce some major changes to local government funding and financing as part of his Going for Housing Growth programme. The event wrapped up with a session with KPMG's infrastructure financing expert Karen Mitchell on infrastructure funding and financing options such as using debt and PPPs.

SuperLocal25

Planning for SuperLocal25, which is from 16-17 July at the Te Pae Convention Centre, is well underway: the conference's theme will be Brilliant Basics and Beyond. We are currently finalising the programme and will open registrations in April.



Based on feedback from SuperLocal24, we have compressed the programme so that the event starts much earlier on the first day (the AGM will be at 8.30am on the Wednesday) and wraps up with the awards dinner on the Thursday night. This leaves Friday for visits to the wider region or travel home. Te Maruata and Young Elected Member hui will be held on Tuesday, before the conference, and there will be a breakfast for Women in Local Government at 7am on the Wednesday morning before the AGM.

Te Ao Māori

Iwi engagement

Waitangi presented new opportunities for engagement, thanks to LGNZ's representation by National Council. The Iwi Chairs Forum held one of their conferences ahead of the Waitangi commemorations at Waitangi, which allowed us to continue building that relationship as well as with Northland Iwi, hapū and whanau. It was the first year we were formally included in a pōwhiri at Waitangi, alongside the legislature, diplomats and the Waitangi Tribunal.

Te Maruata

Te Maruata met early in November to reflect on 2024 and look forward to 2025. The Treaty Principles Bill and broader election-related issues, including how to support members, were also a hot topic. Te Maruata also provided support to LGNZ's participation at Waitangi.

Te Maruata Rōpū whakahaere will hold its first official meeting of the year at the beginning of March. The focus will be on fleshing out plans for Elections 2025, preparations for Te huinga o ngā roma – the in-person whānui hui in April – and plans for the Te Maruata hui at SuperLocal25.

Te huinga o ngā roma will be held from 3-4 April in Taupo. Te huinga o ngā roma acknowledges the tributaries of Lake Taupō and the role of water in the revitalisation and connection of people and place, which will ground the event. There will be a range of inspiring speakers, workshops and discussions to equip, support and inspire members.

Young Elected Members Network

The annual YEM Hui took place in Christchurch from 16-18 October. It was held there despite Christchurch City Council's decision to withdraw from LGNZ, because the YEM Committee had decided earlier this year to shift away from having a host council, with the Committee taking on full responsibility for hosting. We worked closely with Cr Deon Swiggs (Environment Canterbury and member of the YEM Committee) on planning for the event. Former Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel delivered the keynote address, with the theme of the hui being "mā mua kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua" – driving change through community leadership. The programme was about councils empowering community leaders to make real change and equipping YEM with the key skills needed to make good decisions around council tables. We also had former YEM Lan Pham from the Greens and Cameron Luxton from the ACT Party give their perspectives on how to deliver for communities.



Tikanga sessions were organised to support members to prepare for the whakatau at the commencement of their hui.

Planning is now underway to work through how the YEM network want to address voter turnout and get more young people to stand in the next local election.

The YEM Committee met at the end of February to develop a plan for the elections – this includes how to get more young people to stand and vote, as well as induction material specific to supporting YEMs. We will also be holding a three-hour YEM hui before SuperLocal25.

Community Boards

The Community Board Executive Committee met in early November and again in February. The committee welcomed a new member, Ross Munro from Pleasant Point community board (who replaces Simon Britten who stepped down due to Christchurch City withdrawing from LGNZ).

The meeting reflected on discussions with the Remuneration Authority on the formula for setting community board remuneration and an option for recognising and compensating boards which have additional responsibilities.

CBEC is keen to strengthen alignment with both YEM and Te Maruata, and also discussed using Ākōna for community board members and community board induction, and the impact of representation reviews and on community boards

CBEC is continuing to work on its Relationship Agreement guide for councils and community boards, with a draft available soon for consultation. CBEC is also working on a community board workshop session for SuperLocal25; providing support to boards going through representation reviews; and liaising with the Remuneration Authority ahead of its review of elected members' remuneration.

Women in Local Government

Last year we brought women elected members together online and in person at SuperLocal24 (at a pre-conference lunch with keynote speaker Nicola Willis). We've had a lot of feedback that this work is valuable and should continue. As a result, we've developed a plan for this work that includes creating opportunities to connect; advocacy for system change that improves all elected members' safety (like submitting in support of the stalking legislation currently before Parliament); and championing this work.

Member visits

Susan and Sam are on track to have visited all councils since Sam became President, with the last visits scheduled in early 2025. For the remainder of the triennium, we will have a structured programme of calling Mayors and CEs (by Susan and Scott) as well as ad hoc visits/calls as needed.



Support

Ākona

We are seeing an increase in users as members realise how comprehensive it is, and that they can use it to suit their needs. Ākona has about 500 active users, with 42 users choosing to engage with the platform over the summer break. Over 200 users have made use of the skills analysis tool and 483 members have enjoyed the top five e-modules.

Between November and February, we held six Ako hours attracting a total of 184 registrations – and many individual registrations were for groups attending together.

The value of Ākona to councils continues to grow. An interactive professional development platform with 15 Ako hours and 22 courses would cost about \$1.2 million if you paid for it commercially.

The Induction 2025 pre-elected package of learning is on track for release at the end of March. This package teaches people about what it means to be an elected member, including what councils actually do, and will include a series of animated videos, along with interactive e-modules. You'll be able to share this pre-elected package with anyone interested in standing for council (they don't have to be members).

The Mayor Induction Hui and EM Induction hui around the country have been booked and details released to councils, which have welcomed the early communication. We'll also be holding a Chair Induction Hui after regional councils have elected their chairs.

The Ako Hour Academy, which will provide post-induction learning for all elected members, is being built collaboratively with members, in our governance bi-monthly hui. The response has been very positive, with everyone we have spoken to committing to weaving Ākona into local induction activities. Our Learning and Development Manager is meeting with each council in turn to discuss what materials they could upload into the new Ākona platform so it's a one-stop shop for all elected member learning.

Te Korowai – CouncilMARK

Te Korowai has progressed from three successful trials to a soft launch.

We are now seeking registrations of interest for participation in Te Korowai in 2025. There are multiple ways to engage with the programme:

- **Full programme cycle:** This includes an independent assessment by external assessors, an evaluation by the independent evaluation panel, and a development workshop following the evaluation report.
- **Integrity survey:** This serves as a stepping stone for councils wanting to assess their ability to function with integrity. Similar to an engagement survey, it involves an organisation-wide



rollout — including elected members — followed by an in-person workshop to discuss the findings.

Roading Efficiency Group

LGNZ is a founding partner of the Road Efficiency Group Te Ringa Maimoa (REG) sector partnership, which is entering its 12th year. We welcome the continued collaboration with RCAs and support REG in rolling out a number of exciting initiatives:

- A new governance dashboard in the Transport Insights web portal that provides elected members with valuable insight into the performance and benchmarking of their road network and RCA – www.transportinsights.nz
- An extensive learning and development programme to continue to raise capability.
- Delivering the Consistent Condition Data Collection project, which captures surface condition data for all sealed roads for local authorities.

Learn more at www.nzta.govt.nz/reg

Governance support

The 2025-2028 edition of the LGNZ standing orders template was [published in late December](#). This version has been updated to include recent legislation and additional principles. It's also been redrafted in plain English. As we have done previously, three templates have been developed, one for city and district councils, one for regional councils and one for community boards.

The 2025-2028 Guide to Standing Orders will be published in March. It has been updated and expanded with additional guidance, including:

- Advice on implementing the Ombudsman's Guidance on public access to workshops;
- More information on delegations and setting agendas;
- Guidance on issues that emerged in the last term, such as using co-chairs and vacating the chair;
- Protocols for webcasting and people joining meetings remotely; and
- Templates for parental leave and childcare policies.

LGNZ continues to provide support to a number of councils experiencing tension between elected members and/or between elected members and CEs.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Jamie Cleine

19 February 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

Carnegie Cultural Centre Incorporated - Letter of Support

The Buller District Council wishes to express our full support to the Carnegie Cultural Centre Inc for funding applications that can assist in the renovation, restoration and operation of the historic Westport Carnegie Library.

Council has committed significant funding in our Long Term Plan as co-funding for any restoration project. However ratepayer affordability means that without additional external funding the project will not proceed.

Once full project funding is secure Council will support the Carnegie Cultural Centre Inc and engage with the community to ensure the full use and opportunity this building presents can be realised for the community.

It would be fantastic to see this building restored and available for the community to use once again.

Your faithfully



Jamie Cleine

Buller District Mayor
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25 February 2025

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Jamie Cleine

Attn: Chairperson
Heritage West Coast
PO Box 499
Greymouth

To whom it may concern,

As Mayor of Buller District, I support Heritage West Coast's application to the Lottery Environment and Heritage fund. Securing funding for the Heritage Facilitator role is important to our district and the wider West Coast region.

The Buller District possesses a unique heritage, encompassing everything from natural landscapes to the enduring legacy of our industrial past. We recognise the significance of our heritage in shaping our community identity and driving economic opportunity. The facilitator position has already demonstrated remarkable effectiveness in growth and prosperity for our heritage sector, and the role is much needed to build upon the foundations established over the last 18 months. As a Council, we have backed this work and provided \$10,000 from our Community Grant funding towards the role and the project work being undertaken for 2024/25.

The Heritage Facilitator has already championed numerous projects and initiatives within Buller District, including: providing expert guidance to the team at the Northern Buller Museum in Granity, assisting them with exhibit enhancements of the area's history, helping secure Lotteries funding for upgrades, and expanding their reach through promotional efforts. The Karamea Museum has also been supported by helping to fit out its archive and research room and to begin the development of its Explorer Room exhibit. I understand this next year will be building on that previous work, implementing the concept plans developed and creating a heritage strategy that will provide a focused direction for the individual groups and assist with our Council planning in the sector.

This role is instrumental in protecting and presenting our history, strengthening our communities, showcasing our cultural identity, and paving another step towards a sustainable future for our heritage assets.

Please consider this application favourably; I am happy to supply any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely,



Jamie Cleine
Buller District Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Jamie Cleine

25 February 2025

Attn: Treasurer
Karamea Historical Society Inc.
P O Box 160,
Karamea.

To whom it may concern,

As Mayor of Buller District, I support the Karamea Historical Society's application to fund the enhancements of their museum's Explorer Room and archive facilities. This project is important to our district and aligns with the Lottery Fund's priorities for preserving and promoting New Zealand's cultural heritage.

Karamea's unique geological and settlement history deserves to be celebrated and shared. The Karamea Centennial Museum has already demonstrated its commitment to this mission through significant recent upgrades, including building a new research and archive space, and installing new carpets through the premises. The staff's ongoing training in archival practices builds on that foundation, helping to develop and manage an engaging and informative place to showcase the area's collection and tell the stories that shaped Karamea. The hard work coming out of such a small team cannot be understated.

By investing in new display cabinets and interpretive materials, the museum will further safeguard and showcase irreplaceable taonga, enhance the visitor experience, and strengthen community identity. The project will also help contribute to regional tourism and improve research access through the enhanced archive facility.

The Karamea Museum's collaborative approach, working closely with local stakeholders, Buller District Council and Heritage West Coast, ensures this project will be developed and implemented in a culturally sensitive, timely and competent manner.

I hope the Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee will consider this application fully.

Best Regards,



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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3 March 2025

Mike Geddis
via email mike@energylight.net

Dear Mike

Letter of Support – Dark Sky Status in Paparoa National Park

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Council discussed this at our meeting held 26 February and agreed to provide initial support to your work. We note there is potential upside to our community, environment and economic development in establishing a dark sky sanctuary.

However, Councillors wanted to ensure that the full implications this may have on our ratepayers was fully understood if and when your project proceeds. It is likely that in time these issues will need to be considered via the Te Tai o Poutini Plan process.

Please take this letter as confirming councils “in principal” initial support for your work towards a dark sky sanctuary.

We look forward to being kept informed and involved as the project progresses.

Best Regards,

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Sean Walker
via email seanwalkerdesign@xtra.co.nz

Dear Sean

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BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 MARCH 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 16

Prepared by Simon Pickford
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments 1. Regulatory Report March 2025

Public Excluded: No

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. REPORT PURPOSE

This report provides an overview of activities across the previous month and a 'horizon-scan' of upcoming strategic focus areas and opportunities. No decision is needed in relation to this information.

2. DISCUSSION

3. Legislation tracker

The table below outlines the known and anticipated future legislation with some direct impact on the local government sector. Legislation is classified into three categories:

- in the final stages of the Parliamentary process (**orange**) - the Bill has passed the point where public submissions or other action can influence the final design of legislation (i.e. the Bill is reported from the Select Committee. It is unusual for Parliament to accept an amendment in the Committee of the House stage that is not promoted by the Government)
- live for submissions (**white**) – legislation is on the Parliamentary Order paper and is either open for submission or awaits a referral to the Select Committee
- upcoming (**green**) - legislation has been signalled in coalition agreements or Ministerial statements, etc noting that some items may be speculative.

Bill	Description	Status in Parliament
Arms Amendment Bill (Government Bill)	Loosens requirements on shooting ranges, shooting clubs regarding consents.	Second reading on 13 February.

Bill introduced September 2024		
Responding to Abuse in Care Legislation Bill (Government Bill) Introduced 12 November 2024	Allows the Chief Archivist to audit agencies more frequently.	At Select Committee – written submissions are closed. Report due on 14 March.
Building (Overseas Products, Standards and Certification) Amendment Bill (Government Bill) Bill introduced September 2024	Responds to competition issues by reducing barriers to overseas building products entering New Zealand.	At Select Committee – written submissions closed. Report due 26 March.
Statutes Amendment Bill Introduced 23 September 2024	Omnibus Bill making technical and non- controversial amendments to legislation (often these are to correct drafting errors).	At Select Committee – written submissions closed. Report due 17 April.
Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill (Government Bill) Introduced 7 November 2024	Bill proposes a set of Treaty Principles to replace those developed through case law. Note: while a Government Bill, the Prime Minister has ruled out National party	At Justice Select Committee – submissions closed. Select Committee report due 14 May,

	support for this Bill at second reading.	
Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill Introduced 14 November 2024	The Bill strengthens the law around foreign interference targeting New Zealand. The Bill brings local authorities into the provisions related to the wrongful communication, retention or copying of official information in section 78A of the Crimes Act.	Bill referred to Justice Committee – submissions closed. Select Committee report due 19 May.
Resource Management Act (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill Introduced 9 December 2024	This Bill amends the Resource Management Act 1991 to progress Government priorities, including making it easier to consent new infrastructure, encouraging investment in renewable energy, and making medium-density residential standards optional for councils.	Bill referred to Environment Select Committee – submissions closed. Select Committee report due 17 June.
Local Government (Water Services) Bill (Government Bill)	Gives effect to the Government decisions about the powers and duties of new water services entities, and the framework for economic regulation. Makes changes to quality	Bill referred to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee. Submissions closed. Report due 17 June.

Introduced 10 December 2024	regulation and powers of Taumata Arowai.	
Customer Guarantees (Right to Repair) Amendment Bill Introduced 19 February 2025	Bill requires companies to hold stocks of spare parts to enable repair of goods that develop a fault.	Bill referred to Economic Development, Science and Innovation Select Committee. Submissions due 3 April. A member's bill.
Term of Parliament (Enabling a 4 Year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill Introduced 27 February 2025	Provide for a four-year term for Parliament, subject to a referendum and certain criteria around membership of Select Committees	Bill referred to the Justice Select Committee. Submissions due 17 April. Report due 5 September.
Land Transport Management (Time of Use charging) Amendment Bill (Government Bill) Introduced 16 December 2024	Gives effect to the Government decisions to allow time of use charging on roads that meet policy criteria.	Bill referred to the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee. Submissions due 27 April. Report due 4 September.
Public Works (Prohibition on the Compulsory Acquisition of Māori	This bill amends the Public Works Act 1981 to protect Māori freehold and Māori	A private member's bill awaiting first reading. Likely will <u>not</u> be referred to Select Committee as the core issue has been

Land) Amendment Bill (Private Members Bill)	customary land from being acquired for public works.	added to the review of the Public Works Act.
Sale and Supply of Alcohol (sale of Alcohol on the morning of Anzac Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday and Christmas Day) Amendment Bill Introduced on 20 February 2024	Bill would extend the sale of alcohol to those four named days. Likely to be a conscience vote.	A member's bill waiting first reading.
Resource Management (Prohibition on the Extraction of Freshwater for On-selling) Amendment Bill Introduced on 13 March 2025	This Bill would amend the Resource Management Act to make the extraction of freshwater for the purpose of on-selling in a packaged form a prohibited activity,	A member's bill awaiting first reading.
Granny Flats Amendment Bill	New NES and changes to Building Act to allow for building of 60m2 secondary dwellings without consents.	Signaled in coalition agreements this is expected by the end of March 2025. Follows MBIE consultation that closed August 2024.
Public Works Act (Critical	Gives effect to recommendations made by	Policy decisions to be made in late 2024. Legislation is expected May 2025

Infrastructure) Amendment Bill Previously in tracker as Public Works Act Amendment Bill	PWA Expert Panel and other tidy-ups.	
Local Government Systems Improvements Bill	Gives effect to proposed change of purpose of local government, rate-capping and performance comparisons.	Signaled in the back to basics announcements at the LGNZ Conference. Expected in June 2025.
Local Water Done Well Bill #4	Speculative – we anticipate a final tidy-up Bill to fix errors or additional policy matters.	Would be needed by mid-2025 at the latest.
Te Ture Whenua Māori Amendment Bill	Amends Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 to “better enable Māori economic development”.	Announced in the release of the Quarter One 2025 Action Plan. Policy decisions in the first quarter and legislation late 2025. This may include changes to the Rating Act?
RMA Replacement Bill	A new act to “manage environmental effects that arise from the use of natural resources”.	Signaled in coalition agreements – late 2025.
Urban Development and Infrastructure Bill	Bill to enable urban development and infrastructure. This act will also be aligned with the Government’s Going for Housing Growth plan and	Signaled in coalition agreements – mid- late 2025.

	its 30-year National Infrastructure Plan.	
Building Act Amendment Bill	More comprehensive changes to Building consenting making it easier for private BCAs, address barriers to voluntary consolidation, national consenting body, ensuring national consistency, strengthening roles and responsibilities, new consent pathway for commercial buildings, new assurance pathways more self-certification – further streamlining, risk and liability.	Late 2025?
Emergency Management Bill	<p>The Government will implement a programme of changes in five broad areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give effect to the whole-of-society approach to emergency management. • Support and enable local government to deliver a consistent minimum standard of emergency management across New Zealand. • Professionalise and build the capability and capacity of the emergency 	In preparation – expected late 2025

	<p>management workforce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable the different parts of the system to work better together. • Drive a strategic focus on implementation and investment to ensure delivery. 	
<p>Treaty Clauses Legislation Bill</p> <p>(New initiative)</p>	<p>Bill implementing results of the review of existing Treaty clauses in legislation.</p>	<p>Mid-late 2025</p>
<p>Local Government (Infrastructure Funding and Financing) Amendment Bill</p> <p>Previously appeared as the Going for Housing Growth Bill</p>	<p>Bill will replace development contributions with a system of development levies. Possible changes to targeted rates.</p>	<p>Signaled in Ministerial speech on 28 February, Expected in September 2025</p>
<p>Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill</p>	<p>Would give effect to refinements to the vehicle for special purpose vehicles.</p>	<p>Signaled in Ministerial speech on 28 February, Expected in September 2025</p>
<p>Biosecurity Amendment Bill</p>	<p>Bill to give effect to any policy decisions to modernise this legislation. Consultation closed December 2024.</p>	<p>Mid-late 2025</p>

Regulatory Standards Bill	Bill to improve standards of government regulation and the policy-making process in general. (This would give effect to any policy decisions arising from the November 2024 consultation document).	Signaled for introduction in late -2025.
Public Works Act Amendment Bill #2	Bill to implement results of the wider PWA review.	Signaled by Ministers of Land Information and Infrastructure.
Land Transport Legislation Bill	Bill to place government under an obligation to prepare the GPS Land Transport with a ten-year investment horizon (as signalled in the draft GPS). Will empower road tolling. Will be needed to empower transition away from fuel excise, and value capture.	Signaled by minister – expected in late-2025.
Waste Management Bill	Potentially implementing the conclusions of the 2023 consultation on waste management?	Not clear how fast this is progressing within MFE. Mid-late 2025.
Emissions Trading Scheme Amendment Bill	Introduces the split gas approach and methane targets referred to in the National/Act agreement.	Not clear how fast this is progressing within MFE.
Hazard Substances and New Organisms Amendment Bill	Liberalises the laws around GMOs as set out in the National/Act agreement.	Not clear how fast this is progressing.

Credit Contracts and Customer Finance Bill	Intended to make access to this finance easier and cost effective.	Review announced in June. Late 2025?
Climate Adaptation Bill	Bill sets the legal framework for powers and responsibilities with respect to climate adaptation. If there is a climate adaptation fund it will likely be in this Bill.	Not clear how fast this is progressing within MFE.
GST Amendment Bill	A Bill may be needed to give effect to any decision to hypothecate a share of the revenue from GST for new builds to the sector.	Signaled in the ACT/National agreement for investigation. Likely to be and end of 2025 (if at all).
Rates Rebates Amendment Bill	Extends scheme for Super Gold Card holders.	Investigation signaled in the NZ First/National agreement has not progressed to date.

4. **Brougham House HVAC System Installation**
The installation of a heating, ventilation, and cooling (HVAC) system for Brougham House is progressing well, and is running ahead of schedule. Staff relocation as part of this project occurred without significant disruption
5. **Regulatory Report**
See **Attachment 1**.
6. The standard considerations have been thoroughly evaluated, and there are no additional comments at this time.
7. **DRAFT RECOMMENDATION**
That the Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 26 March 2025 be received.



Regulatory Report

26 March 2025

Simon Bastion

Group Manager, Regulatory Services

Group Manager Update

Another busy month with a lot of focus on supporting the completion of the Long Term Plan. Budget review, Levels of Service and Fees & Charges have all been worked through and finalised pending council ratification. We have been working closely with other West Coast councils to standardise our approach to regulatory matters and common charge out rates.

An increase in non-compliance across the board which has diverted staff from direct consent processing. There will be further work in the coming months in regards to a number of matters of concern.

We have seen a significant increase in LIM's requests and a number of new subdivision applications.

A full review of our Regulatory Applications forms is underway and we are looking at the opportunity to improve our service delivery through online forms for Regulatory Services via Business Connect. We expect this project to have its first new templates developed and online from July 25.

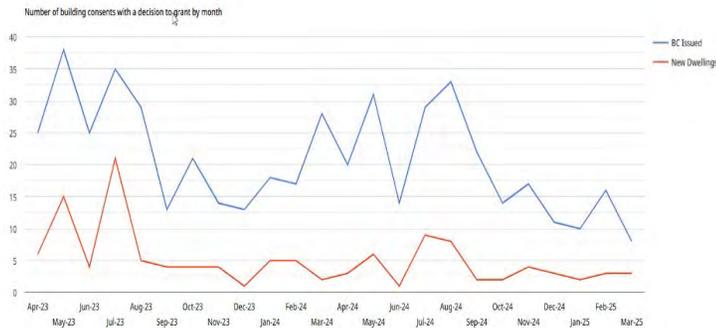
I have started working closely with CDEM team to validate community readiness in regard to resources and supplies. The focus will be on the community welfare centres to ensure they have the ability to stand alone during a extended crisis.

We will start revising the Business Continuity Plans for the Buller council. The current plans need a full revision to ensure we have the plans to manage any future business crisis.

Building Team

Building Consents – Feb – 15 consents issued – 3 dwellings

Councillors Report



BC Decision to Grant - 21 or More Stat Days
Monthly for All Building Types and All Complexities

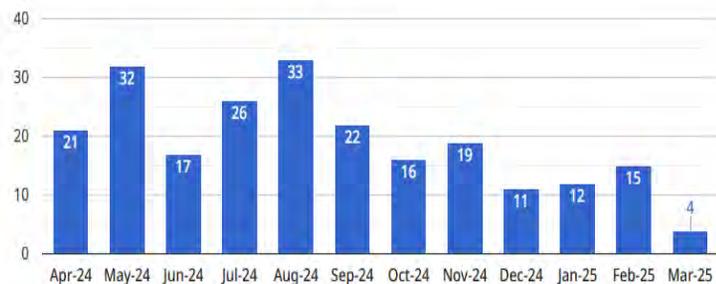


1 consent over time –The statutory time frame for BC has been exceeded for the following reason: Workload of the processing officer and staff training.”

Total Building Consents

× BC Granted/Issued

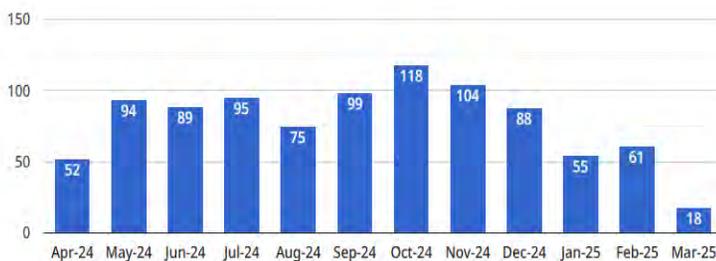
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INSPECTIONS – 55 inspections undertaken

× Inspections Undertaken

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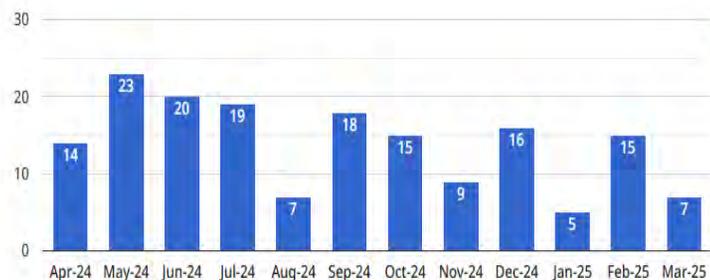


- Compliance Schedule audits are being arranged – Target of 58 business to check starting the 24 March.
- 27 Earthquake prone buildings to check on progress, that their notice is displayed etc as an audit.
- Daniel has received his Diploma in Environmental Health

Code Compliance Certificate – 15 CCC issued – all within 20 day time frame

× CCC Decision to Issue

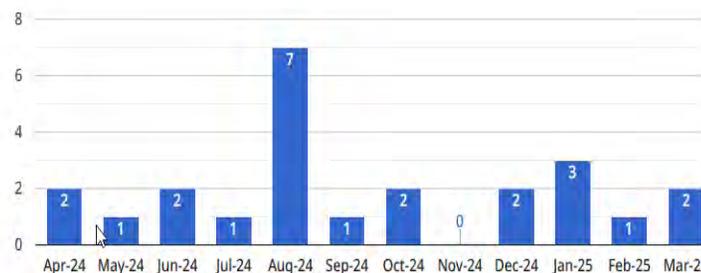
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Project Information Memorandum (PIM) – 3 PIM's

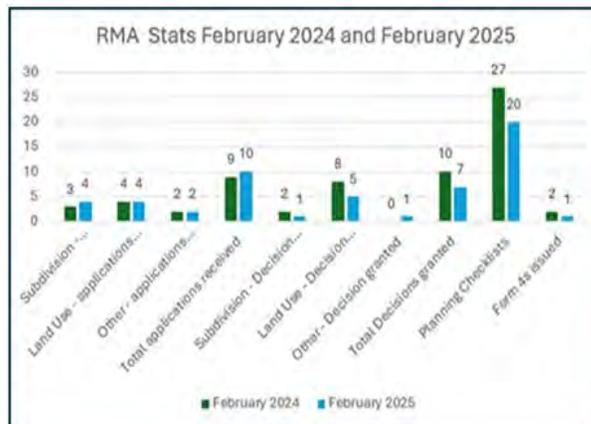
× All PIM Apps Issued (Incl. PIM Only and PIM/BC)

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Planning Team

	February 2024	February 2025
Subdivision - applications received	3	4
Land Use - applications received	4	4
Other - applications received	2	2
Total applications received	9	10
Subdivision - Decision granted	2	1
Land Use - Decision granted	8	5
Other - Decision granted	0	1
Total Decisions granted	10	7
Planning Checklists	27	20
Form 4s issued	2	1
LIM applications received	23	18
LIMs issued	25	24
Enquiries	206	214



Compliance Team

Animal Control:

- Unregistered dogs – backlog of property visits to reduced from 120 to 88. Some of these visits are tailored around working with a range of people who are struggling financially, suffer varying degrees of mental health issues etc. Working with these people takes time and delicate discussions to reach the right solution. 1 dog rehomed.
- We are working closely with our comms team and EMO to start educating pet owners to be prepared in an emergency.

Alcohol

- 9 new applications received for Feb
- Working through a backlog of licence applications delayed due to various reasons.
- Have reviewed and updated licence applications form online

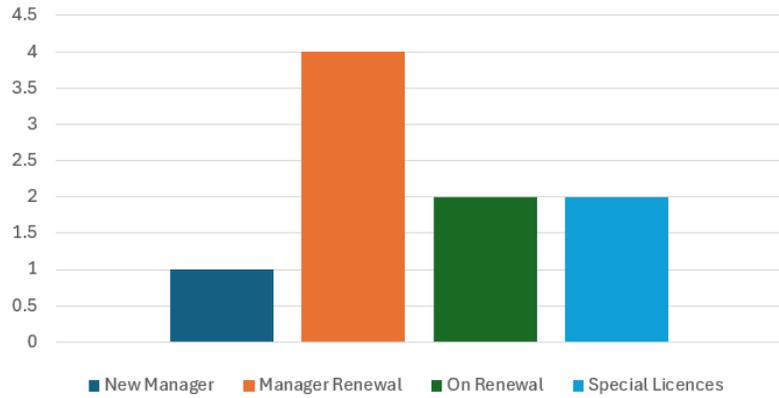
General Compliance Complaints:

- An increase in noise complaints related to a couple of addresses
- 1 abandoned vehicle request.
- 3 smoke complaints.

Freedom camping:

- The visitor numbers are still high
- Campers’ habits have been excellent this season with minimal rubbish being left behind.
- Popular campgrounds checks are still occurring at Punakaiki, McMillians Road, Nth Beach, Shingles, Tauranga Bay, Okari and Hector.
- We have completed works at the Hector Camping area with an upgrade of signage and the placement of large rocks to restrict access.

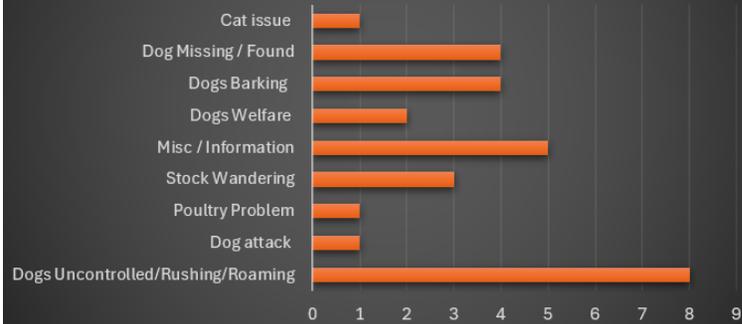
Liquor Licence Applications Received Feb 2025



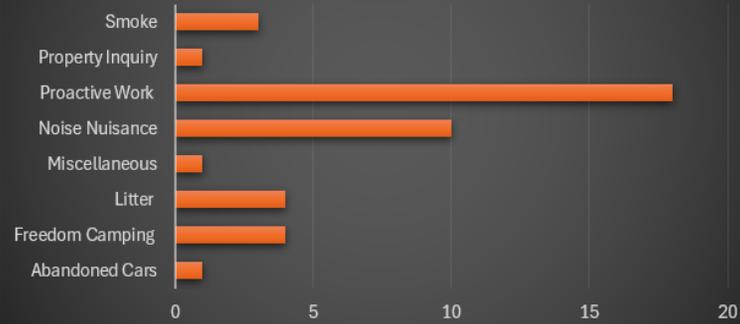
Liquor Licencing Applications in Progress Feb 2025



Animal Management and Compliance Service Requests Feb 2025



Enviromental Services Service Requests Feb 2025



BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 MARCH 2025

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Prepared by Simon Pickford
Chief Executive Officer

PORTFOLIO LEADS VERBAL UPDATE

1. **REPORT PURPOSE**
A summary of updates is verbally provided by each of the new Portfolio Leads and Council Representatives listed below.

2. **DRAFT RECOMMENDATION**
That Council receive verbal updates from the following Chairs and Council Representatives, for information:
 - a) Inangahua Community Board – Councillor Webb
 - b) Regulatory Environment & Planning - Councillors Neylon and Basher
 - c) Community Services - Councillors Howard and Pfahlert
 - d) Infrastructure - Councillors Grafton and Weston
 - e) Corporate Policy and Corporate Planning - Councillors Reidy and Sampson
 - f) Smaller and Rural Communities - Councillors O’Keefe and Webb
 - g) Iwi Relationships - Ngāti Waewae Representative Ned Tauwhare and Mayor Cleine
 - h) Te Tai o Poutini Plan – Mayor Cleine and Councillor Neylon
 - i) Joint Committee Westport Rating District – Mayor Cleine, Councillor Howard and Councillor Reidy
 - j) Regional Transport Committee – Councillor Grafton

BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AGENDA ITEM: 18

Prepared by Simon Pickford
Chief Executive Officer

PUBLIC EXCLUDED REPORT

1. **REPORT SUMMARY**

Subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) s48(1) right of Local Authority to exclude public from proceedings of any meeting on the grounds that:

2. **DRAFT RECOMMENDATION**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

Item No.	Minutes/ Report of:	General Subject	Reason For Passing Resolution under LGOIMA
PE 1	Simon Pickford Chief Executive Officer	Confirmation of Previous Public Excluded Minutes	(s 7(2)(i)) - enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); or (s 7(2)(j)) - prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.
PE 2	Simon Pickford Chief Executive Officer	Westport Rating District Joint Committee – Appointment of Community Representative	(s 7 (2)(a)) - protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons