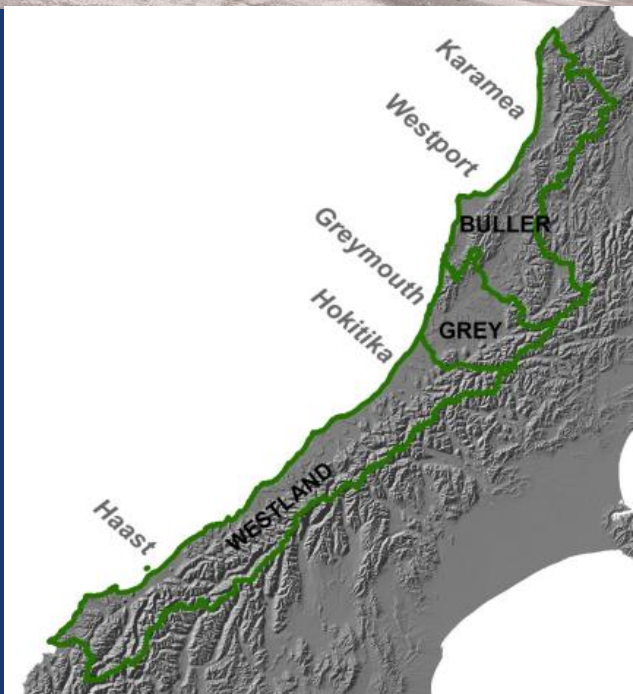




West Coast Regional Council

2025 elections

Candidate information July 2025



WEST COAST
REGIONAL COUNCIL

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What are West Coast Regional Council's responsibilities?

- Enabling a thriving, sustainable long-term regional economy;
- Ensuring a healthy natural environment by regulating the use of land, air, water and coastline;
- Keeping our community safe from natural events and being prepared to support the community when a natural event occurs;
- Monitoring the state of the environment; and
- Administering regional transport functions.



Current Council and committee structure

Council and committee meetings are open to the public except when there are specific items of business which require the public to be excluded.

Council

- Buller constituency – two councillors
- Grey constituency – three councillors
- Westland constituency – two councillors

At the first meeting of the new Council councillors appoint a chair.

Committees

Risk and Assurance Committee	Te Tai o Poutini Plan Joint Committee	West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee	Regional Transport Committee
Franz Josef Joint Committee	Hokitika Joint Committee	Greymouth Floodwall Joint Committee	Westport Rating District Joint Committee
Resource Management Committee	Corporate Services Committee	Operations Committee	Remuneration and Employment Committee

In addition, there are 19 rating districts and Council is also involved in external forums such as Mayors, Chairs and Iwi.

Role of West Coast Regional Councillors

Councillors are elected to represent the views of their community at the council table.

Councillors play an essential **governance** level role. That means:

- Directing priorities and helping shape policy.
- Making decisions – some are not always popular short-term but deliver long-term benefits.

It's a balancing act:

- Meeting the needs of Coasters;
- Delivering on Government legislation and national direction; and
- Efficient and effective use of rates and other funding streams.

Councillors employ the Chief Executive to manage the day-to-day **operations** of Council staff to deliver on governance expectations.

Expectation of a West Coast Regional Councillor

Time commitment varies widely and requires flexibility. Some weeks require a significant number of hours to be spent and others less. Monthly tasks will include:

- Attending monthly Council meetings and twice monthly committee meetings (sometimes these can last all day, including workshops);
- Attending twice yearly Joint Committee and Rating District meetings across some, or all, 23 rating districts/joint committees from Karamea to Franz Josef;
- Attending workshops about different topics such as the development of the Annual Plan, Long-term Plan and other significant work;
- Meeting preparation including reading agendas, other papers, follow up questions, calls, emails etc; and
- Talking with the community to understand their needs.

Salaries as at 2024/2025: Chair - \$100,238, Councillor - \$54,604

Why stand for West Coast Regional Council?

The role of a constituency councillor provides a valuable opportunity to engage and support the West Coast community, ensuring the West Coast Regional Council delivers on its mandatory commitments of a balanced approach to meeting community needs, supporting a healthy environment and enabling the long-term economy for the Coast.

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ENSURING YOUR
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BRINGING YOUR
UNIQUE SKILLS TO THE
COUNCIL TABLE

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