

Submission on alternative applications and change to West Coast local Government

This application is made on behalf of myself and my Mining Company

My name is Michael Peter Rogers



My business is Rockies Mining Ltd (RML)
Based on the Stockton Plateau above Granity
M P Rogers Company Director

My submission proposes the following under Section 24:

1. A union of Grey District Council with Westland District Council.
2. Buller District Council to remain.
3. The dissolution of the present West Coast Regional Council (WCRC).
4. The statutory obligations of the WCRC being taken over by the two remaining Councils.

I have not provided a map, as the area covered by the present WCRC would be the same. The only difference would be a change of boundaries for Grey and Westland District Councils.

Reasons for change:

The West Coast covers an area long in distance, but sparse in population. The present situation with Councils is not efficient, in particular the WCRC e.g if staff are to travel to Karamea or to Haast for a resource consent issue, they are charged mileage and time. This is hugely expensive for consent holders and gives an unfair advantage to those within a short distance of the Greymouth office.

I agree with the original reorganisation application on efficiency, less staff and management costs etc, but feel we also need to keep local knowledge, as the regions can vary considerably. I believe my application is a reasonably practicable option.

Based on experience of my business dealings with the WCRC, I believe this Council is almost dysfunctional. I have not been able to operate my mining operation for three years now because of this Council's inability to understand our Resource Consent

conditions and changes that have occurred since the original Assessment of Environmental Effects. There has been an Environmental Court ruling that has been ignored by the Council. I also have been charged for costs that do not relate to my Companies Resource Consent. I have spoken to a staff member by phone at this Commissions Office about the above, but have been given the run around that I find typical of Government Departments. Please, we all have jobs and responsibilities. West Coast Regional Council needs to go.

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Thank you
Mike Rogers