



Joint Media Release

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Healthy interest in Coast Waters governance

Fifty people have applied from around New Zealand to be one of three directors for the new joint West Coast council-controlled organisation for Local Water Done Well - Coast Waters Ltd.

Coast Waters has been established by the Buller, Grey and Westland District Councils as the Water Services CCO responsible for delivering drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services across the West Coast.

Applicants have included a significant number with experience chairing boards, Coast Waters Programme Director Teresa Wooding says.

“This number of applicants shows really healthy interest in the new entity. Around 10% of the applicants originate from the Coast. There are some very experienced directors putting their names up,” she says.

The subcommittee which will decide on directors is made up of Mayors from the three councils, and an iwi representative. The subcommittee will meet in upcoming weeks to discuss a shortlist of candidates and interview prospective directors.

Directors including a Chair are expected to be appointed and be in place by the end of June 2026.

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