

defence of a regional council under the Civil Defence Act 1983 or any other Act; and

(f) The functions, duties, and powers of a pest destruction board under the Agricultural Pests Destruction Act 1967 or any other Act; and

(g) The functions, duties, and powers of a district noxious plants authority under the Noxious Plants Act 1978 or any other Act.

17 RURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(1) The West Coast Regional Council shall, at least until the 1st day of November 1995, establish and maintain a Rural Services Committee.

(2) The Rural Services Committee shall be responsible for:

(a) Agricultural pests destruction; and

(b) Noxious plants control; and

(c) Any other functions considered by the West Coast Regional Council to be of particular concern to the rural community.

(3) The persons appointed by the West Coast Regional Council to the Rural Services Committee established under this clause shall include not less than 2 persons:

(a) Who are not members of that Council; but

(b) Who, in the opinion of the Council, have knowledge that will assist the work of the Committee.

18 REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

(1) The West Coast Regional Council shall establish and maintain a Regional Land Transport Committee.

(2) The Regional Land Transport Committee shall be responsible for:

(a) Regional roading under Part XXII of the Local Government Act 1974; and

(b) Such transport or other roading responsibilities as may from time to time, pursuant to any Act, become a function of a regional council; and

(c) Such other functions as the West Coast Regional Council considers appropriate.

19 ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS

Until the West Coast Regional Council otherwise resolves, the administration headquarters of that Council shall be located in Greymouth.

20 RATING

(1) Without limiting the powers of the West Coast Regional Council under the Rating Powers Act 1988 to make and levy any rate under a different system of rating, the system of rating in the West Coast Region shall be the capital value system.

(2) The West Coast Regional Council shall exercise within the West Coast Region or any part thereof:

(a) Any rating powers possessed by any former authority; and

(b) Any powers to make and levy assessments relating to the functions and powers possessed by any former authority.

21 REGIONAL PLANNING

(1) The West Coast Regional Council shall not be required to prepare a new regional planning scheme immediately.

(2) The approved regional planning schemes and the proposed regional planning schemes under the Town and Country Planning Act 1977 of the former authorities shall be deemed to be the approved, or as the case may be the proposed, regional planning scheme of the West Coast Region.

(3) Where any former authority had, prior to its dissolution, begun the preparation of any review of its regional planning scheme or any change or variation thereof, then subject to any

resolution of the West Coast Regional Council to the contrary, all such preparation shall be deemed to have been done by, or on behalf of, the West Coast Regional Council, and may be adopted and acted upon by it.

22 CIVIL DEFENCE

The operative regional civil defence plans for the former West Coast, Clutha-Central Otago, and Nelson Bays Regions shall continue in force in those areas included in the West Coast Region until a new plan is approved for the whole region in accordance with the Civil Defence Act 1983.

23 VESTING OF PROPERTY

(1) All property, real and personal, vested in the corporations of any former authority and situated in the West Coast Region is hereby vested in the corporation of the West Coast Regional Council, subject to all existing encumbrances.

(2) All property, real and personal, vested in the corporation of any former authority, other than those former authorities named in paragraphs (h) to (m) of clause 10 of this order, and situated in a region in which that former authority is not also a former authority, is hereby vested in the corporation of the West Coast Regional Council, subject to all existing encumbrances.

24 TITLE TO PROPERTY

Any reference, express or implied, to any former authority in any instrument or other document, or in any entry or record made in any register in relation to any property vested in the West Coast Regional Council by clause 23 of this order shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as a reference to "The West Coast Regional Council".

25 TRANSITIONAL COMMITTEE

(1) The local authorities named in subclause (2) of this clause shall unite in appointing a transitional committee for the West Coast Region.

(2) The local authorities to which this clause applies shall be:

(a) The West Coast United Council; and

(b) The Nelson Bays United Council; and

(c) The Westland Catchment Board and Regional Water Board; and

(d) The Buller District Noxious Plants Authority; and

(e) The Grey District Noxious Plants Authority; and

(f) The Inangahua District Noxious Plants Authority; and

(g) The Westland District Noxious Plants Authority; and

(h) The West Coast Counties Pest Destruction Board; and

(i) The Waimea District Noxious Plants Authority; and

(j) The Waimea Pest Destruction Board.

26 MEMBERSHIP OF TRANSITIONAL COMMITTEE

The transitional committee for the West Coast Region shall consist of:

(a) Two members appointed by the West Coast United Council; and

(b) One member appointed by the Nelson Bays United Council; and

(c) Two members appointed by the Westland Catchment Board and Regional Water Board; and

(d) One member appointed jointly by the district noxious plants authorities and the pest destruction boards named in paragraphs (d) to (j) of clause 25(2) of this order; and

(e) One officer appointed by each local authority named in paragraphs (a) to (c) of clause 25(2) of this order, who shall be non-voting members of the transitional committee; and

(f) One officer appointed jointly by the pest destruction boards and the district noxious plants authorities named in