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RE: Eastland Port Twin Berth Stage 2 resource consent - Open for submissions

State what parts of the application you support or oppose or wish to have amended:

The upgrade of the infrastructure to increase import capacity, holding capacity and the means to berth two vessels safety in the harbour.

There is much potential to export all other products form our region especially rural communities on the East Coast north of Gisborne. Importing goods/products to the Gisborne Port provides more freight option for Te Tairāwhiti and the East Coast region right up to Lottin Point, East Cape as there are Manuka Honey Factories, forestry etc.

Less traffic on the highway dispatching produce and products region to region. Faster turn around for truck drivers who have a limited time on the road or no stand down periods for truck drivers as port reaches it capacity. A consistent flow of logs over the wharf meaning forestry crews (our Coast whānau) aren't being laid off or must stop for weeks or even months.

The reasons for making my submission are (briefly describe the reasons for your views, attach further pages if necessary):

Upgrade of assets and infrastructure so:

Two or more vessels can berth in the harbour at the same time – Increasing export trade, accommodating the regions forecast log volumes, produce volumes and much more. .

Employment opportunities in both the upgrade of the port (contractors) and the productivity line.

40% of the traffic volume on State Highway 35 is Heavy Vehicles moving logs, products nationwide. Transportation via vessel is considered much safer and productive as products will move from one port to another. Gives roading contractors ample time to do major emergency works on subsidence sites and dropouts with less disruption.

Blackbee Contractors are a Tier 3 roading construction team of skilled contractor with much experience and expertise. My team have completed alignment works on the port previously, this opportunity also gives my local people employment to work alongside other contractors doing the infrastructure works needed.



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I wish the GDC to make the following decisions (give details, including nature of any conditions sought):

Utilise what space is already available as well as expanding the infrastructure of the port.

Conditions of the port will not only go to waste but become a bigger problem if works don't start soon. Further to this application a comprehensive suite of assessments and reports have been made covering all aspects of the proposed works. I have sighted the proposal and 100% support Stage 1: the rebuilding of Wharf 7 and the slipway. Stage 2: The extension of Wharf 8, rebuilding of the outer breakwater, building a reclamation & upgrading of the Southern Log yard. The commitment of Eastland port to the Environmental shows the initiative of reutilising debris generated in the log yard, recycling all construction demolition materials by incorporating into their designs. Respecting the cultural values of the moana, tangata whenua and the iwi/hapu.

Other supporting comments:

Eastland port are a part of Te Tairāwhiti community who invest in their people like us and help by means of hosting events and sponsorship. Getting the community involved and keeping them informed. For us here at H Blackbee Contractors be it roading, forestry, traffic management, engineering, or any job sector if it brings in more opportunity for work and employment to Te Tairāwhiti for me that's what by local for local means to me. Creating a skilled workforce close to home and creates good outcomes for the community, economy, and the whanau back home.

Naku noa,

Heke O Te Rangi Blackbee

Director

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