

27<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Resource Consent Application  
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**Subject: Submission in support of resource consent application**

**Application No:** CP-2022-111365-00 / CD-2022-111366-00 / CC-2022-111367-00 / CR-2022-111368-00 / CO-2022-111369-00 et all

**Name of applicant:** Eastland Port

**Type of resource consent applied for:** Coastal Permit, Discharge to water/Construction/Dredging/Occupy space  
NES Soil/Land use

**Proposed activity:** Upgrade and expand the port

### Submission

Eastland Wood Council - Te Kaunihera Pororakauo Te Tairawhiti (EWC) members are in support of this planned expansion on the following basis;

- That the twin berth stage 2 development improves the capacity of the port to move logs across the port more efficiently and at no greater cost than is currently experienced.
- That the development delivers increased throughput for forestry products in the face of projected near term increases in available volume.
- The expansion will help Eastland Port diversify its trade and customer base and by doing so further spread the costs of ongoing maintenance and development across that wider number of industries.
- The expansion project is informed by cultural values, heritage, strong community benefits and sound environmental, health, safety and wellbeing practice.
- EWC members are proud to be part of the community and we are pleased our industry provides approximately 50% of the annual dividend distribution to Trust Tairawhiti by Eastland Group. We therefore support an increased capacity for Eastland Port on the basis this expansion increases support for the communities across Te Tairawhiti without increasing per unit costs to our industry.
- Ongoing consultation is paramount: Eastland Port pledge to engage and consult frequently with EWC and its members, including; iwi, the forestry industry supply chain, other primary industry and communities across Te Tairawhiti.

**Request to speak at the hearing**

Representative/s of Eastland Wood Council - Te Kaunihera Pororakauo Te Tairawhiti request to speak to EWC's submission at the public hearing in support of the resource consent application.

*The writer would appreciate receiving written confirmation of this submission and of our request to speak to this submission at the public hearing.*

Naku noa na



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## **Background**

Eastland Wood Council - Te Kaunihera Pororakauo Te Tairawhiti (EWC) is an incorporated society which provides a collective voice for the forestry industry in Tairawhiti, for the benefit of Tairawhiti.

EWC members are proud to be part of the community and we are pleased our industry provides approximately 50% of the annual dividend distribution to Trust Tairawhiti by Eastland Group.

EWC members represent more than 130,000 hectares of production forestry (not to be confused with permanent carbon forestry) and three of the major sawmills in the district. EWC members reflect the industry supply chain; principal forestry companies, forestry management, contractors, logging/trucking, Eastland Port, ISO, export and timber mills.

Planted forestry makes up just 20% of total area in Tairawhiti.

## **Our Philosophy**

*Forestry is a vibrant, respected industry in Tairawhiti*

Our biggest priority remains the health, safety and wellbeing of our workforce and their families. This includes investing in our people and developing the next generation of leaders, by facilitating forestry training and providing visible career pathways.

EWC members are dedicated to the highest standards of sustainable silviculture and environmental practice.

Forestry industry harvest volumes (wood availability forecast) are predicted to exceed four million tonnes in the next 2 - 5 years and we have been planning the significant labour growth required to meet this increased harvest.

We acknowledge production forestry has a key role to help transform our region into a carbon-neutral economy, where all land-based industries are environmentally sustainable.

## **Workforce Development**

The EWC is dedicated to supporting training and education initiatives that will help build capacity and resilience with the forestry industry and other primary industries.

### **Generation Programme - Whakatipua to tatou iwi**

Since the generation programme was launched by EWC in October 2018 (in conjunction with training provider Turanga Ararau), this workforce development initiative has enrolled more than 100 trainees. At least 70 trainees have achieved NZ National Certificates in Forestry level 2 and/or level 3. The majority of these young leaders have also been awarded NCEA. 65 have gone on to secure 'apprentice type employment' in the forestry industry and the majority of others have gained work in other primary industry.

### **The Tairawhiti Road Transport Recruitment & Training Programme (TRTP)**

Eastland Wood Council has led this important driver development programme, in conjunction with the heavy vehicle industry and MBIE to take a planned approach with; recruitment, training and placing heavy vehicle drivers into employment.

EWC's TRTP has trained 294 heavy vehicle drivers which provide diversity and resilience to the heavy transport sector in Te Tairāwhiti. Every industry has benefited from this important driver development programme, including the forestry supply chain which has recruited a further 91 drivers into the forestry industry.

**EWC Member Code of Principles**

<https://eastlandwood.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-EWC-Code-of-Principles-B.pdf>

**Our Kaupapa, Our Mission**

[https://eastlandwood.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022-02-01-EWC-Strategic-Plan\\_V2\\_LOW.pdf](https://eastlandwood.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022-02-01-EWC-Strategic-Plan_V2_LOW.pdf)

**The Forestry Industry is a Key Driver of the Economy in Tairāwhiti**

Further Analysis of Facts & Figures 2019/2020 has enabled EWC to obtain a report specific to Tairāwhiti/East Coast.

- Forestry represents the largest GDP by industry for our region (\$253 million) for year ending March 2019.
- Forestry export revenues through Eastland Port totals \$438,808,547 for year ending March 2020.
- East Coast and Hawkes Bay together supply and manufacture the second largest volume of sawn timber in New Zealand (493,436 cubic metres)
- The forestry industry in Gisborne employed 1072 FTE's for the year ending March 2019

Attachments



# Forestry Facts

**Land use**

Forest export returns per hectare are, on average, half as much again as from pastoral farming. This is despite most of the forests growing on inferior hill country land (reference — Plantation Forestry Aotearoa - Forest Growers Levy Trust).

**Area & volume**

- An average pinus radiata tree yields 2.4m<sup>3</sup> of wood at harvest.
- A hectare of 28 year-old Pinus radiata contains between 650 and 800m<sup>3</sup> of wood.
- One hectare grows up to 28m<sup>3</sup> of wood each year.
- A log truck and trailer carries approximately 30 tonnes of logs (some trucks are rated and permitted to carry loads of up to 53 tonnes on specified routes).

**Climate change**

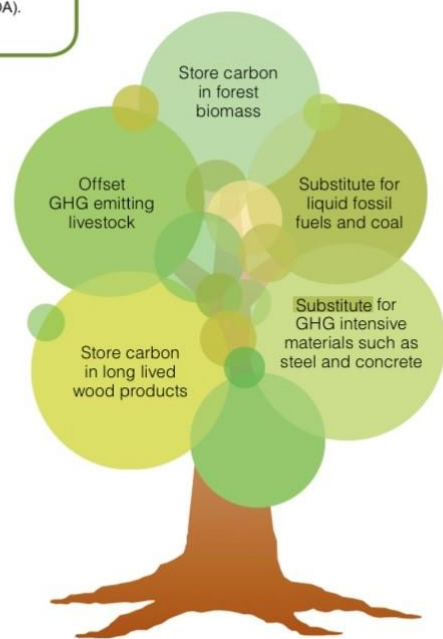
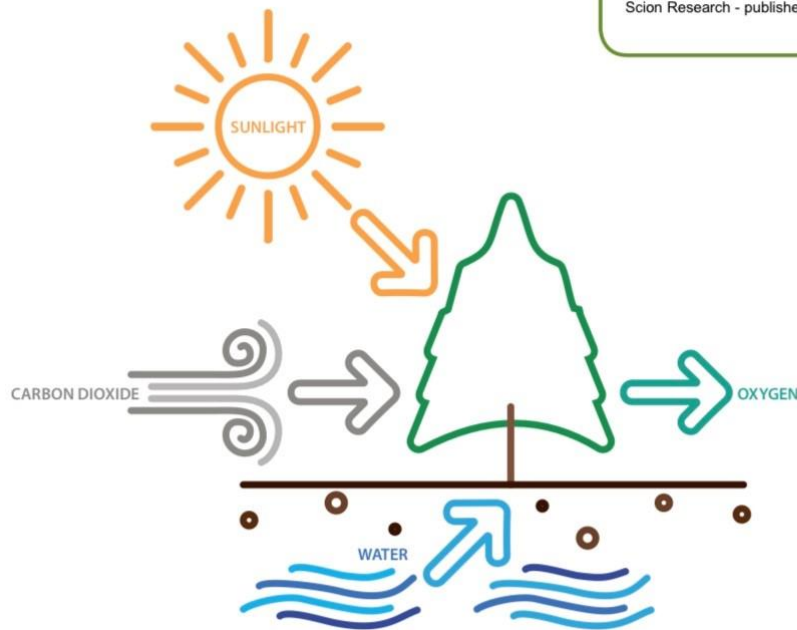
- Planting trees and forests is one of the best immediate responses to climate change.
- Sustainably grown trees capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and the carbon is stored in the forest biomass.
- Wood products and buildings continue to store carbon over their lifetime.
- Trees also provide energy alternatives that can substitute for fossil fuels.
- Timber and other wood products are low carbon-footprint materials compared with concrete and steel (reference — Planted forests and carbon - Scion Research - published by NZFOA).

**Export**

- A log ship contains approximately 30,000 to 35,000 tonnes of logs.
- By weight, the ratio of carbon to oxygen in carbon dioxide is 1-2.66.

**Wood exports by destination**

China	Philippines
Australia	Taiwan
Japan	Hong Kong
South Korea	Malaysia
India	Saudi Arabia
United States	Netherlands
Indonesia	Other countries
Thailand	(Reference — Facts & Figures 2020/21)
Vietnam	



The air is bad ..... Plant a tree 

It is too hot ..... Plant a tree 

Our soils are damaged ..Plant a tree 

Too much wind ..... Plant a tree 

Protect our water ..... Plant a tree 

Shortage of food..... Plant a tree 

You can never undermine a **TREE.**



**I talked to someone about  
climate change, and they told me :  
"Sooner or later we'll invent a machine  
that can capture carbon from  
the atmosphere in an efficient way".**

**I told them that it already  
exists and it's called:  
"A TREE."**

