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Submission on: **Resource consent application to upgrade and extend Gisborne Port**

Submission by: Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated

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1. This is a submission on an application by Eastland Port Limited for resource consents to upgrade and extend the Gisborne Port (the **Proposal**). The Proposal includes:
 - 1.1. Extension of Wharf 8 to accommodate concurrent berthing of 200m and 185m shipping vessels.
 - 1.2. Reclamation of the Coastal Marine Area next to the southern log yard.
 - 1.3. Rebuilding the outer breakwater.
 - 1.4. Upgrading stormwater treatment infrastructure in the Southern log yard.
 - 1.5. Capital and maintenance dredging with disposal of dredged material to the Off Shore Disposal Ground.
2. Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated (**Federated Farmers**) is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. This submission relates to the whole of the Proposal.
4. Federated Farmers **supports** the whole of the Proposal as it will:
 - 4.1. Enable the development of the regional economy; and
 - 4.2. Increase the resilience of the region.
5. The Gisborne Port is a vital part of the region's infrastructure as it enables imports and exports to and from the region, however, the port is currently at capacity. The Proposal will enable an increase in imports and exports allowing for economic development. For the agricultural sector, this will mean greater access to goods that enable development of farms and an increased ability to get produce to market. Consequentially, this will increase cash flow to the region enabling economic development.
6. Additionally, the Proposal will increase export and import resilience in the region by decreasing reliance on roads to access ports for export (namely Wellington or Tauranga). There are three main roads into Gisborne,¹ all of which are prone to closures because of slips, washouts and other hazards. Closures of these roads mean freight may not make it to ports for export on time and delay in timely delivery of imports required for primary production.
7. Federated Farmers seeks Gisborne District Council grant Eastland Port Limited's application for resource consents for the Proposal.
8. Federated Farmers does not wish to be heard in support of its submission.
9. Federated Farmers is neutral as to whether Gisborne District Council delegates its functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who

¹ North on SH2 via Wharērātā, south on SH2 through the Waioeka Gorge, and the SH35 coastal highway.

are not members of the local authority, pursuant to s 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

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Mike Campbell
on behalf of Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated

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Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.

