

Submission on

Resource Consent Application

Form 13

Under Section 96 of the Resource Consent Management Act 1991.



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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 Prue Younger

Type of resource consent applied for Coastal Permit Section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Brief description of proposed activity This application is for the second and final stage of the Twin Berths Project (TBP). The full TBP is designed to undertake critical port repair and upgrade works and to enable two ships, one up to 185m long and another up to 200m long to berth at the port simultaneously. This will provide for the port's continued contribution to Tairāwhiti and unlock greater capacity for bulk freight and potential options for container freight in the future.

Position on application I support the application

Clearly state which parts of the application you support or oppose or wish to have amended: There are a few parts of the application that we as a vital industry to the region support and which will see some of the existing challenges hopefully overcome to support a more sustainable industry. There are parts of the application that we have not supported but that is because we see them as integral to the project but not vital to our industry specifically.

The key areas we support include:

- Unlocking Tairāwhiti's long term growth
- Traffic around the port
- Sustaining the economy
- Fixing the breakwater and building a reclamation
- Respecting cultural values & heritage

The reason for making my submissions are (briefly describe the reasons for your views): The development of the second berth and repair and upgrade has significant business environmental impact for commercial forestry growing in the Gisborne and Wairoa district.

Even without including the economic value of erosion avoided, forestry's contribution is significant. On a per hectare basis, previous estimates forestry (excluding processing) directly contributed \$1,461/ha in 2011/2012. This is nearly 2.5 times that estimated from sheep and beef farming (again excluding processing) at \$588/ha in 2010/2011. Harvesting has increased annually particularly up to 2020 by 60% to a level of 3.2 million tonnes. Even at this level, the economic contribution both in absolute terms and per hectare will be spectacular and should be recognised by land users and administrators when making investment decisions and public policy.

It is highly important to have forestry contribute to this submission even from a national organisation with regional members located in Tairāwhiti as within

regional reports it has been disappointing that forestry was not a specific sector like in this PGF Report prepared by BERL and a complete oversight. https://www.gdc.govt.nz/__data/assets/pdf_file/0028/39943/BERL-Report.pdf

I wish the Gisborne District Council to make the following decision (give details, including nature of any conditions sought):

FICA - Forest Industry Contractors Association wish to encourage the GDC without question to accept the consent application by Eastland Port and trust the benefits to the region not just for forestry but for the development of an improved and more valuable infrastructure asset are recognised. Forestry has seen in the last few years disruptions to the supply chain flow due to issues at the Port. Highlighted in the individual parts of the submission, this consent would improve transportation access, availability of ships and more available port space to handle greater volumes on a daily basis. Weather and infrastructure have all contributed to a significant downturn in export compounded by Covid and market prices.

I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submission Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case with others who have made a similar submission? Yes

Confirmation

Are you submitting this form on behalf of another person?

Yes

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I confirm that all the above details are correct. Yes