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Gisborne District Council  
15 Fitzherbert Street  
Gisborne 4010

To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of Downer Transport's Gisborne team as we wish to record our support for Eastland Port Ltd's (referred to hereafter as EPL) Twin Berth Stage Two resource consent application. The relevant application numbers are CP-2022-111365-00 / CD-2022-111366-00 / CC-2022-111367-00 / CR-2022-111368-00 / CO-2022-111369-00 / NC-2022-111370-00 / LU-2022-111371-00.

Downer New Zealand is the leading provider of integrated services in Australia and New Zealand. We are committed to building strong relationships with our customers and our people, and supporting our communities in their infrastructure needs.

I understand that Eastland Port's infrastructure is aging and that EPL's view is that this upgrade is needed, not only for functionality but to support the community and the region for future opportunities and development.

Downer New Zealand recognises the potential benefit the project will provide to the local, regional and wider community, should the consent be granted. EPL has outlined its expectation that the project will create many jobs during construction and into the future. We concur that any contractor/s which EPL engage to construct the project will likely be required to recruit many staff members and engage subcontractors, positively impacting the local and wider economy.

Downer New Zealand are committed to supporting sustainable growth for transport and increased efficiency across the country, including for freight. Developments within sectors such as rail, port, and air have the potential to increase our country's capacity for sustainable growth and increased efficiency. This commitment supports EPL's submission.

Please accept this submission in support of EPL's resource consent application. I look forward to hearing the outcome of this resource consent.



Yours sincerely,

Nigel Pollock