



EASTLAND SHIPPING LTD.

To Whom It May Concern

My career as a shipping agent begun in 1974 where I was a Junior Agent for Gisborne Sheepfarmers Ltd. I have seen the Port develop and grow overtime but more recently, I have seen it gain a number of limitations due to the current state of the wharf. Therefore, I am writing a submission in favour of the twin berth project.

During my time I have seen meat, cars, onions, apples, kiwifruit, squash, fertilizer, wool and maize leave the waters of our port. The meat trade was cut in half when the UK joined the EEC in 1970's. This demonstrates the need for the port to develop a facility that will adapt to changing markets.

When squash took off in the late 80s we'd see over 20 ships a year and same with kiwifruit. If we were able to have two berths that would accommodate the larger reefer vessels we are seeing today, we would start to see a larger variety of export products which can only be a positive thing for the local economy. More recently I had to turn a European sized reefer vessel away due to the current berth limitations. This vessel was 190 metres long and if we had the twin berth in place we would be able to accommodate two 185-200 metre vessels.

With the closure of the meat works in the early 90s, Juken Nissho started up with plywood where 4000 cubic metres was exported from Gisborne every 3 weeks. We also imported all of their machinery on project vessels which I think has huge scope to do very well here again. In the shipping industry, it's about opening up the opportunity to show people you have a service to give. I have seen this happen at Tauranga where they purpose-built a facility for containerisation and now they have 300 metre container vessels coming to their port. If the facility for a twin berth isn't there, people won't look at it and the full potential of our import and export trade won't be reached.

Logs took off big time through the 90s and remained that way for several years. However, Eastland Port has reached capacity with logs and the log ships are restricted by length so the port is in need of an upgrade to keep up with the forecasted volumes. More importantly though is the need to have a facility that will support different trades as you can't have all your eggs in one basket.

I've taken a record of every ship that I've done and what it exported over the last 48 years so I feel I have a good picture of how quickly things can change and the need to have a facility which can accommodate different trades. By increasing the size of the current berths, we will be able to attract customers back here which will benefit many people and businesses here.

Diversity is the key ingredient here which will give potential Exporters/Importers confidence in looking at the Facility to use. Without the 2 berths we will not have those options.

Yours Faithfully

KW Pitcher
Managing Director
Eastland Shipping Ltd

Submission on
Resource Consent Application

Form 13
Under Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991.



i A copy of your submission must also be given to the resource consent applicant as soon as possible.
All information provided in your submission is available to the public (on request).

1. Person making submission

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2. Submission on

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

Brief description of proposed activity: Upgrade and expand the port

I support the application I oppose the application I am neutral to the application (neither support or oppose)

Clearly state which parts of the application you support or oppose or wish to have amended:

I support the application.

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

Please find the attached letter which explains why I support this application.

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Received date:

Support

Oppose

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

Please tick:

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

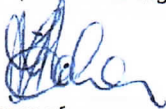
Would you consider presenting a joint case with others who have made a similar submission?

Yes No

I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submission

3. Signature

Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter



Date: 26.10.22.

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