

Submission on

# Resource Consent Application

Form 13

Under Section 96 of the Resource Consent Management Act 1991.



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**Application No**

CP2022-111365-00, CC2022-111367-00

**Name of Applicant**

Eastland Port Ltd

**Type of resource consent applied for**

Coastal Permit and Coastal Permit - construction

**Brief description of proposed activity**

Reclamation of the Coastal Marine Area next to the Southern Log Yard

**Position on 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:**

We support the parts of the application that carry out the recommendations stated in the 4SIGHT Consulting report of Aug 2022 "Eastland Port TBP, little penguin/korora Assessment of Ecological Effects", the "TB Korora Management and Monitoring Plan" and the Ecoworks "10 Year Korora Conservation Management Plan" of March 2022.

The RC conditions need to ensure that the recommendations in the above reports are fulfilled, e.g. in the EcoWorks 10 year plan; "develop a protected coastal habitat which protects and supports visiting and breeding korora into the future." "...into the future." This should mean more than 10 years, which means ongoing pest control and ecological monitoring such as population counts by detector dog survey work.

Ideally the sea wall construction and reclamation should be between May and July, which would avoid penguin disruption and deaths. The other option, as per 7.1.4 in the 4SIGHT report, is to make the construction area uninhabitable prior to nesting and moulting time.

We do not fully support this RC application because of the lack of any serious consideration regarding carbon emissions. The GDC has carbon emission/climate goals and could be encouraging Port Eastland to consider more use of the Matawhero log marshalling yard and using an upgraded rail link to the port. Will double the number of ship movements equal double the number of truck movements through the city to the port?

**The reason for making my submissions are (briefly describe**

Forest & Bird is Aotearoa New Zealand's largest non-

**the reasons for your views):**

governmental conservation organization, with branches all around the country advocating for our unique flora & fauna and their habitats and ecosystems.

Under the Wildlife Act 1953, korora are a protected species.

Korora have a threat classification of "At risk - declining" with an ecological value of "High"

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

Approve the RC Application only if the wildlife protections are guaranteed and there is more effort put into reducing carbon emissions associated with this proposal.

**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?**

No

## Confirmation

**Are you submitting this form on behalf of another person?**

No

**I confirm that all the above details are correct.**

Yes