

Submission on Resource Consent Application

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



! 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

Name in full:

Surname:

First Name(s)

Address:

No.

Street/Road

Suburb

Town/City

Postcode

Mobile:

Other phone:

Email:

2. Submission on

Application No:

Name of applicant:

Type of resource consent applied for:

Brief description of proposed activity:

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:

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

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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):

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:

Postal address of person making submission (if different from previous page):

Name and phone number (if different from previous page):

Contact person:

Mobile:

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**Resource Consent Team
Gisborne District Council
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10 October 2022

To whom it may concern,

Submission in Support of Eastland Port's Twin Berth Stage Two Resource Consent Application

1. This letter accompanies our Submission on Resource Consent Application by Eastland Port (CP-2022-111365-00 / CD-2022-111366-00 / CC-2022-111367-00 / CR-2022-111368-00 / CO-2022-111369-00 et al).
2. Forest Enterprises is one of New Zealand's leading forestry investment managers. We manage 20,000 hectares of sustainable production radiata forestry, half of which is located in the Gisborne region, on behalf of 6,500 individual retail investors.
3. We began the significant harvest programme of our 10,000ha Gisborne estate in 2016. Our current annual harvest volume is approx. 300,000 tonnes per annum, managed locally from our regional office in Gisborne city (4 full time staff).
4. Our projected future woodflow from Gisborne is 6 million tonnes, averaging over 500,000t/p.a. for the next 12 years. Approx. 83% of our managed harvest is exported, after first having satisfied the demand of our domestic log customers.
5. Eastland Port is essential infrastructure to log producers like Forest Enterprises. The port must be fit for purpose in providing for export sector needs today and into the future. However, in its current state and configuration, the port is an operational constraint to log export trade, not an enabler. The long-term viability of our business, and that of our supply chain partners (e.g. logging and cartage contractors), relies on the efficiency and effectiveness of export port infrastructure.
6. Forest Enterprises will benefit from the supply chain redundancy a second log ship berth and upgraded portside infrastructure can provide. When we began harvesting in Gisborne in 2016, we had been anticipating port expansion and planned ahead accordingly. The port reached its capacity limit for log export in 2018. We have had to reforecast our strategic harvest plan each year the port capacity remains unchanged and while operating under increased competition for access.
7. Our log export business has been disrupted by ongoing capacity constraints and periodic closures caused by aged and damaged port assets which cannot withstand more frequent and intense weather events. We have had to respond by reducing harvest log volume overall, as there is limited additional demand/capacity from domestic customers to take export log grades/volume. This reduced productivity negatively affects the profitability and viability of our contractors, and on investment returns to the thousands of retail investors we serve.

8. With Stage One well underway (redevelopment of Wharves 6 and 7 and the former slipway), Forest Enterprises supports the completion of Eastland Port's two-stage expansion plan. We support the key objectives of Eastland Port's Twin Berth Stage Two project:
 - a. Provide necessary upgrades to ageing port infrastructure that will allow for the port to be suitably resilient to natural hazards
 - b. Increase the export capacity to cater to forecast export wood resource volumes
 - c. Provide future opportunities for regional exports and other activities from Eastland Port

9. We look forward to the opportunity to be heard in person at the hearing.

Yours faithfully,



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