

# 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

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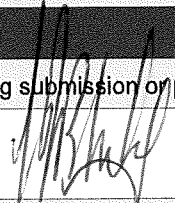
I wish the Gisborne District Council to make the following decision (give details, including the nature of any conditions sought):

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: 21/10/22

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

Mr Chris Blake, Director, Swire Shipping NZ Ltd. PO Box 3747, Auckland 1140

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

Contact person:

Mobile:       Other phone:

Email:

21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

## **Submission in support of Eastland Port Twin Berth Stage 2 project**

Pacifica Shipping is a wholly owned entity of Swire Shipping. Pacifica is Aotearoa New Zealand's only dedicated coastal container service operator with two vessels (MV Moana Chief and MV Takutai Chief) operating weekly services between North and South Island ports. Domestic freight makes up part of the volume mix, with export volumes making up for the majority of volume trans-shipped to the Port of Tauranga for export to the world. Pacifica plays an important role in connecting export shippers with key supply chains across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Pacifica Shipping has identified the Tairāwhiti region as a developing market in need of a strong coastal connection. Pacifica Shipping has been investigating opportunities with Eastland Port to establish coastal shipping options between Gisborne, Napier and Tauranga. Our studies have determined significant support for the potential of coastal shipping to and from Eastland Port. A resilient coastal shipping service would provide sustainable and efficient connections with key markets for exporters at comparable and lower rates than road freight.

In addition, utilising the assets of the port would provide the lowest emission transport option for exporters, and remove up to 11,000 long distance truck journeys out of Tairāwhiti every year. This opportunity aligns with numerous NZ Government strategies and plans.

- It supports the Ministry of Transport 2030 Road to Zero strategy where the initial phase targets a reduction of death and serious injury.
- It also supports Ministry for the Environment Emissions Reduction Plan which has a target for net zero greenhouse gas emission by 2050.

Less trucks on our roads would result in a reduction in wear and tear of our public roads, our State Highway network in particular.

At the time of investigations, Eastland Port was unable to provide guaranteed berth space due to the current infrastructure restrictions and therefore Pacifica could not develop a fixed schedule for shippers. Pacifica's coastal schedule provides fixed day schedules at various ports and this provides the needed predictability for shippers to assemble cargoes and equipment. Without a commitment to berth space, a regular service cannot be offered.

Eastland Ports Twin Berth development unlocks significant potential, competitiveness, and resilience for the region. Pacifica Shipping and Swire Shipping, fully support the application.