

17th October 2022

The consents manager
Gisborne District Council.
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GISBORNE 4040



Hayden Swann
Mangaotane Farm Trust Chairman
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Kia ora,

RE Eastland Port Twin Berth Stage 2 resource consent application – Supporting submission

This letter accompanies our submission in support of Eastland Port and their resource consent application to allow for the upgrade and extension of Gisborne Port.

The Mangaotane Farm Trust (MFT) is an Ahuwhenua Maori Land Trust. The Trust administers the 5,500 ha of Mangaotane land capturing the Mangaotane River located in the headwaters of the Motu River Catchment, and on the north-western boundary of Mangatū Forest. MFT manages these assets on behalf of its over 7,000 Māori landowners.

Mangaotane is marginal land, classified as a mix of Land Use Class 6-8 like much of the Tairāwhiti hinterland. This limits its land use to be either agriculture, forestry, or retired to indigenous forest. With the majority of the land being classified as LUC 7-8, Mangaotane is only suitable for the later uses. Consequently, most of Mangaotane remains in permanent indigenous forest cover with the balance in exotic plantation forestry. In 2000-2003 MFT decided to retire most of its pastoral hill country, and invested in exotic forestry planting 1,602 hectares in radiata pine in an effort to make a positive return for our people from our assets.

These investments are set to mature for harvest between 2028-2031 right at the peak of forecast forestry harvest across Tairāwhiti. Eastland Port's proposal is essential for Mangaotane. With the port already at capacity without these works, or significant investment by others in domestic wood processing in the region, we could find our investment not being realised or need to wait for supply chain capacity to become available at an unknown time and lower returns for our people.

Currently the Mangaotane investments are sequestering carbon which does provide a financial return but provides few employment opportunities for our people. We want to be able to help provide sustainable employment opportunities especially for the communities of Mangatū, Whatatutu and Te Karaka through the harvest these of trees when they mature. Without the ability to harvest these forests the land value of Mangaotane will in time reflect this unless an alternative productive land use is found.

This will be a representative theme for many Māori landowners of these land classes across Tairāwhiti. Without sufficient infrastructure to support getting our forest products to market there are few opportunities for investment other than carbon sequestration.

I wish to talk to the importance of Eastland Ports proposal to Māori landowners like Mangaotane at the hearing in due course.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Hayden Swann'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Hayden Swann

Chairman – Mangaotane Farm Trust

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

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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:
The full application was over 2500 pages, I have read the Summary Key points and support the application.
Hayden Swann, Mangaotane Farm Trust Chairman.

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

In attached letter

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Received date: Support Oppose W.T.B H N.B.H

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

Approve all consents

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:

20/10/2022

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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