

mahaki.com Eastland Port Objection December 1 2011

Submission on Resource Consent Application Under Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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Eastland Port Application Online here: <http://www.gdc.govt.nz/eastland-port-limited/>
Application Number LU2011-105052-00,k LL2011-105050-00, DW2011-105049-00
Eastland Port Proposal: To extend the existing log yard into an area identified as a contaminated site, earthworks to modify a spur ridge and discharge treated stormwater from the extended log yard and the possible replacement or upgrade of a stormwater pipe in the bank of the Kopuawhakatapa Stream.

Closing Date: 10 November 2011 at 4:00pm

"Turanganui a Kiwa harbour is undisputedly New Zealand's largest crayfish nursery!" –
Ian Ruru

"While the crayfish nursery has existed at the port for a number of years, Eastland Port is first and foremost a working forestry port and any secondary activities (such as crayfish breeding) need to be able to exist in harmony with the port activities.

We are not sure the current port stormwater run-off is adversely affecting the crayfish nursery":

Eastland Group chief executive Matt Todd. Gisborne Herald 3/09/2011.²

We **oppose** the Application based on the following:

1. The contaminant levels in the stormwater run-off **will adversely impact** on the water quality and aquatic life in both the Kopuawhakatapa stream and the Turanganui a Kiwa Harbour.
2. The terms of Eastland Port's Application are at the expense of future generations³, the life supporting capacity of natural resources and the natural and physical environment. This is contradictory to the principles of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. Actual and potential adverse effects have not been avoided, or appropriately remedied or mitigated as required under the Resource Management Act 1991.

We propose that the Gisborne District Council:

1. Declines the Application because of the reasons above.
2. Re-examines the identical Dunstan Road consent conditions because they adversely affect the Awapuni Stream which then feeds into the Waipaoa River.
3. Re-examines Eastland Ports "Southern Log Yard" Resource Consent that was issued un-notified in 2010. Discharge from stormwater and the fungicide treatment plant flows onto the Kaiti Reef/Beach as well as into the harbour.

Our representatives are happy to speak about this Objection at a hearing if invited.

Ian Ruru

Person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

¹ Click here to read about New Zealand's largest crayfish nursery <http://www.gisborneherald.co.nz/article/?id=24349>

² Click here to read the full quote: <http://www.gisborneherald.co.nz/article/?id=24397>

³ Click here to view the YouTube Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq3HmhmdS2s&hd=1>

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Neighbours up in arms at log yard

Friday, November 18, 2011 • Sophie Rishworth

EASTLAND Port Limited's proposal to extend log storage to a site on the corner of Crawford Road and Ranfurly Street has hit opposition from nearby residents and the New Zealand Recreation Fishing Council.

But Eastland Port Limited (EPL) says the expansion is critical to the ongoing success of the port.

The project includes removal of fertiliser storage sheds and levelling of the 2.9 hectare site to extend log storage by an extra 150,000 tonnes a year.

At least seven residents around that area are preparing submissions to oppose the resource consent application, based on noise, dust and pollution from the site.

The area is already used to store logs, even though it does not have resource consent to do so. Run-off from the yard spills untreated into the Kopuawhakapata stream.

Tannins from the timber were toxic to fish, rock lobsters and the marine environment, said NZ Recreation Fishing Council past president, and editor and publisher of Professional Skipper Magazine, Keith Ingram.

His primary concern is making sure run-off is treated properly before it enters the water.

Gisborne District Council resource consent team leader Kurt Ridling confirmed the site did not have resource consent to operate as a log yard.

"The site is a former petrol depot and is identified as a contaminated site, and that is why they cannot use it. Any use of that site requires resource consent."

Mr Ridling said EPL had used it in the past and were told to remove the logs when that happened. Noise and dust complaints had also been received, and there had been abatement notices and infringement fines imposed.

Environmental health officer Louise Bennett said infringement fines were \$750 for non-compliance with an abatement notice. In 2008 the company was fined for non-compliance with the district plan for noise and offensive and objectionable dust beyond the boundary.

Port general manager Andrew Gaddum said the multimillion-dollar upper log yard development had been two years in the preparation stage, with a particular focus on design and

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The advertisement is a collage of small images and text boxes. At the top left, it says 'GISBORNE JOBS'. Below this, there are several small images: a sunset over water, a group of people, a building, a person working, and a person in a boat. To the right of these images, there are several text boxes with titles and descriptions of services or jobs. One prominent box is titled 'Quiet Agent' and another is titled 'Gisborne Jobs'. A large diagonal banner across the bottom of the advertisement reads 'GISBORNE JOBS'.

preparation stage, with a particular focus on design and consultation.

“We have worked hard and tried to be completely upfront and transparent with the residents to ensure their concerns are met.

“Part of the process has been a cultural assessment of the impact the project is likely to have on the historic area.”

The upper log yard development will give Eastland Port another 1.5 hectares of general storage.

Mr Gaddum said it was an essential part of the 10-year development programme.

A report from Opus International Consultants said the yard would not be sealed initially but within two to three years an asphaltic concrete would be put down.

The expanded site would require stormwater treatment to minimise the impact of log yard run-off on the adjacent stream.

Mr Gaddum said the area would be landscaped and a four-metre high by six-metre wide earth wall – or bund — would be built.

A hearing on the resource consent is expected in February.

An average of 6500 tonnes of logs a day are received into the port for export. October was a record month for EPL, with 207,000 tonnes of logs exported.

The resource consent includes EPL cutting away part of the hill to extend the size of the yard.

Parau Street is across the road from the site.

Resident Lesley Glassford said neighbours in their quiet cul-de-sac had together written joint submissions opposing the application.

“It’s just the noise. They will be able to work 24/7 when the boats are in and it wakes us up at night — it’s just there all the time.

“It’s OK during the day — you can live with that — but it woke me up at 12.50am this morning, 3am the other morning and 4am another morning.” Residents are concerned it will devalue their property.

“We are in a lovely little cul-de-sac here. It’s private, away from the madding crowd, five minutes walk from town but who’s going to buy our property?

“It’s just such a shame, I get a bit depressed about it then I think, ‘no, it will be alright’. Then you are woken in the middle of the night and you think, ‘can I handle this for the next 20 years?’ ”

Eastland Group CEO Matt Todd said their view was that the new upper log yard, despite being bigger, would be quieter and less visible due to the earth bund around the perimeter.

“At street level, people will not be able to see directly into the log yard.

“The log yard will also have cement-stabilised pavement so the dust issues that are experienced in summer and mud issues in winter will be minimised. The project will include a more efficient drainage system that will trap sediment and stop it entering the inner harbour ”

Mr Todd said the net result of all that meant it was hard to see how the project would devalue houses, as the environment was being improved.

“Eastland Group, through its subsidiary Eastland Investment Properties, owns residential properties on the port perimeter, with the purchase price based on market valuation. A number of owners have felt that because the port wished to buy the houses, they could charge a premium. As a result, some sales have not been achieved.”

Mr Todd said they remained open to discussion.

Another resident close to the log yard described it as “like living in a warzone”, with dust flying and trucks tooting at 2am in the morning.

“These guys are like a law unto themselves. They operate outside their hours and Gisborne District Council does not do anything about it,” he said.

Keith Ingram said his first concern was that it was initially a non-notified consent.

“Which we believed was unreasonable and not in the public’s best interest.”

Since then a public notice on November 10 in The Gisborne Herald extended the submission time for the resource consent.

“We also believe it is unfair because two other timber milling yards in the Gisborne district had to install settling and treatment ponds and we see no difference with the risk or threat to the environment in this application.”

A report from Opus International Consultants said settling ponds would be the first choice for log yard treatment where room permitted.

“However, the upper log yard site is constrained for room and it is understood all (or as much as possible) of the site is needed for log storage. There is no off-site location for treatment ponds either. Ponds have therefore not been considered further.”

The report said the proposed strategy for the Gisborne log yard stormwater treatment was to maximise retention of stormwater on-site, within the area limitations, and slowly release treated water to get maximum dilution in the Kopuawhakapata Stream.

Units that are effective at removing coarse sediment from areas with high vehicle use will be used.

Mr Ingram said all that was doing was removing debris.

“It is not removing the fine sediment carried in suspension in the water column, nor is it removing the toxic substances carried on the water column like the leech out of tannins and rubber tyres.

“These vortex swell chambers, while they are very good at separating out visual debris, stones and bark, and stuff like that, are not able to remove fine sediments or eco- toxicity.

“We recognise that this consent application has not taken into account the adverse effects on fishing and aquatic life as prescribed in the Fisheries Act 1996, and we equally submit that the adverse effects of the existing log farm activity and proposed

increased activity have not been advised or appropriately remedied or mitigated as required under the Resource Management Act 1991.

“The activity and adverse effects of the marine environment are culturally- unacceptable to Maori,” he said.

“We’re not saying they cannot do it — just catch the water, pump it to an area where it can be treated. They might have to treat it out of town.”

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Bill said many adults may know where to "get a feed of crayfish" but he is "pretty sure" they would not have any idea about the lifecycle of the koura.

"Did you know that crayfish are also called rock lobster or koura," said Shakahn Lamont-Hihi "and that a female can hold half a million eggs under her tail for six months and then releases them and they drift out to sea for about a year."

The children learned that eggs become transparent larvae and drift long distances on the ocean currents.

"The lucky ones that survive change into tiny transparent crayfish called puerulus and head back to the Gisborne Harbour. They would be two years old at this time."

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Ian Ruru

09:51 a.m. Tuesday, Sep 20, 2011

Kia ora. A YouTube video about New Zealand's largest crayfish nursery can be found here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq3HmhmdS2s&hd=1>

Ian Ruru

11:34 a.m. Tuesday, Sep 20, 2011

Wainui Beach School YouTube Video

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Unlikely, but addressing it

Saturday, September 03, 2011

Footnote from Eastland Group chief executive Matt Todd:

1. While the crayfish nursery has existed at the port for a number of years, Eastland Port is first and foremost a working forestry port and any secondary activities (such as crayfish breeding) need to be able to exist in harmony with the port activities.

2. The “toxins” that the writer refers to are mainly dirt and tannins, both of which are naturally occurring and neither of which is particularly dangerous. In fact, those of us that grew up on the West Coast of the South Island remember how brown the tannin-laden beach forest rivers were, yet still supported any amount of aquatic life.

3. Having said that, the port is environmentally conscious and we recognise the need to manage the run-off better than we have in the past. The \$15 million asphaltting project on the lower log yard includes a massive new stormwater management system including sumps, capture and containment facilities. This perhaps goes some way to explaining how expensive it is. The lower log yard project will be followed by a similar upper log yard project.

4. So while we are not sure the current port stormwater run-off is adversely affecting the crayfish nursery, the writer will be pleased to know we are doing something about better managing the run-off.

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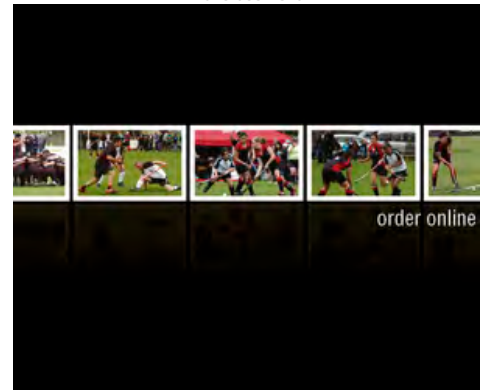
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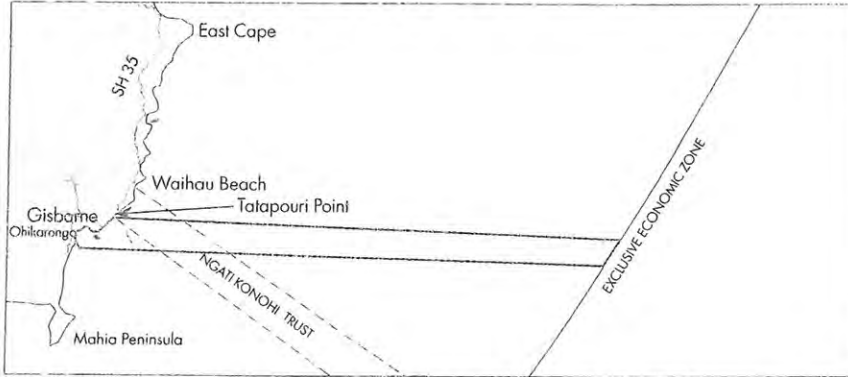
Notification of Tangata Kaitiaki - Te Aitanga a Mahaki Trust

maihaki.com Eastland For Objection December 2011

The following notice is given pursuant to regulation 6 of the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998.

Under regulation 5 of the above Regulations, Te Aitanga a Mahaki Trust, being representative of iāngata whenua who claim management rights over an area off Gisborne, has notified the Minister of Fisheries of its Tangata Kaitiaki/Tiaki (Tangata Kaitiaki).

Phillip Lewis Gully, Ian Hector Ruru and Poiatutatu Bill Ruru have been nominated as Tangata Kaitiaki to assist with the management of customary food-gathering from Tatapouri Point around to Ohikarongo. The area extends seaward to the EEZ. An outline of the area follows.



A more detailed description of the above area is available by contacting the Ministry of Fisheries on 0800 313 626, or by writing to the Ministry at Private Bag 14, Nelson.

Te Aitanga a Mahaki Trust has made it known that it claims non-exclusive customary interest of the area and promotes shared and sustainable management of the proposed area/rohe moana. Under the customary fishing regulations this would mean sharing the management with tangata whenua.

Te Aitanga a Mahaki Trust represents Te Aitanga a Mahaki as an iwi authority for the purposes of the Resource Management Act 1991, and as a mandated iwi organisation under the Maori Fisheries Act 2004. The boundaries of Te Aitanga a Mahaki are defined by Schedule 4 of its Trust Deed.

Submissions in response to this notification are invited from authorised representatives of:

- Te Aitanga a Mahaki Trust
- any iwi, rūnanga, tribal trust board or other organisation representing the relevant iwi interest
- any other whānau, hapū or iwi claiming manawhenua manamoana in respect of customary food-gathering in any part of the above area.

Submissions, which on request will be made public, must be made by Tuesday, 4 November 2008 and be addressed to:

Tangata Kaitiaki Notification
(Te Aitanga a Mahaki Trust)
Ministry of Fisheries
142 Peel Street
GISBORNE

The Ministry notes the above notification of Tangata Kaitiaki by Te Aitanga a Mahaki Trust is in respect to the management of customary fishing; being the taking of fish, aquatic life or seaweed for a customary purpose. Tangata Kaitiaki, once appointed, do not manage recreational or commercial fishing.

This is the second publication of this notice.



Ministry of Fisheries
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McLean Street Fish Supply 1976 Ltd, Main Road, Whatatutu, Gisborne, Tavern Owner, has made application to the District Licensing Agency at Gisborne for the renewal of an On/Off Licence in respect of premises situated at 1145 Whatatutu Road, Gisborne, known as Oil Springs Tavern.

The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is Tavern.

The days on which and the hours during which liquor is sold under the licence are:

7.00am to 3.00am
Monday to Saturday.
10.00am to 10.30pm
Sunday.

The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the Office of the Gisborne District Licensing Agency at the Gisborne District Council, 15 Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the grant of the application may, not later than 10 working days after the date of the first publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the Gisborne District Licensing Agency at 15 Fitzherbert Street (P.O. Box 747), Gisborne.

This is the first publication of this notice inserted in The Gisborne Herald on the 4/10/08. The second publication will be inserted on the 11/10/08.

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