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2B

1 Submitter name

Individual or organisation name:
Te Rimu Trust

2 Contact person

Contact person name:
Richard Clarke

3 What is your job title

Job title:
Trustee / Chairman

4 What is your contact email address?

Email:
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5 What is your phone number?

Phone number:
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7 Is your address for service different from your postal address?

No

Organisation:
Te Rimu Trust

Contact person:
Richard Clarke

Phone number:
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Email address:
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Job title:

Please enter your service address:

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Section 1: Project location

Site address or location

Add the address or describe the location:

Te Rimu Trust is located 3.5 kilometres Northwest of Te Araroa Township on the East Cape NZ.

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Do you have a current copy of the relevant Record(s) of Title?

Yes

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Who are the registered legal land owner(s)?

Please write your answer here:

Te Rimu Trust Responsible Trustees

Sir John Clarke

Hepa Akuhata Brown

Rowena Akuhata Brown

Maaka Tibble

Richard Clarke (Chair)

Detail the nature of the applicant's legal interest (if any) in the land on which the project will occur

Please write your answer here:

Responsible Trustee

Section 2: Project details

What is the project name?

Please write your answer here:

Kahui Kupenga Marine Facility

What is the project summary?

Please write your answer here:

To build a barge port to export logs from the North East Cape region.

What are the project details?

Please write your answer here:

Construct 2 breakwaters protruding out from the beach connecting to an internal port designed to berth log barges.

Other potential uses Maritime centre, aquaculture facility and export of river aggregate.

Describe the staging of the project, including the nature and timing of the staging

Please write your answer here:

Detail Design: 6 months.

Procurement: 12 months

Funding 6 months

Site works commencement January 2025

Completion January 2028

What are the details of the regime under which approval is being sought?

Please write your answer here:

The following investigation have been completed with positive results.

Community Engagement Consolation -completed.
Enviromental Investigation - completed (Tonkin Taylor)- Completed
Heritage Archaeological Investigation - Completed
Marine Ecological Investigation - Completed
Business Case/Model - Completed
Social Economic Investigation- Completed.

If you seeking approval under the Resource Management Act, who are the relevant local authorities?

Please write your answer here:

Gisborne District Council

What applications have you already made for approvals on the same or a similar project?

Please write your answer here:

To the EPA for Covid !9 fast track consenting process.
Our application was declined and directed to the environment court.

Is approval required for the project by someone other than the applicant?

No

Please explain your answer here:

Te Rimuj Trust Trustees were mandated by Te Rimu shareholders to proceed with the development of the facility.

If the approval(s) are granted, when do you anticipate construction activities will begin, and be completed?

Please write your answer here:

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Section 3: Consultation

Who are the persons affected by the project?

Please write your answer here:

Gisborne District Council
Te Runanaganui o Ngati Porou
Te Whanau o Kahu Hapu
Te Hinerupe Hapu
Ngati Porou Taku Tai Moana Trust

Detail all consultation undertaken with the persons referred to above. Include a statement explaining how engagement has informed the project.

Please write your answer here:

A full disclosure of all environmental, cultural, archaeological investigation reports were published on website and presented at public hui.

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Describe any processes already undertaken under the Public Works Act 1981 in relation to the land or any part of the land on which the project will occur:

Please write your answer here:

NA

Section 4: Iwi authorities and Treaty settlements

What treaty settlements apply to the geographical location of the project?

Please write your answer here:

NA

Are there any Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019 principles or provisions that are relevant to the project?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Are there any identified parcels of Māori land within the project area, marae, and identified wāhi tapu?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Is the project proposed on any land returned under a Treaty settlement or any identified Māori land described in the ineligibility criteria?

No

Has the applicant has secured the relevant landowners' consent?

Yes

Is the project proposed in any customary marine title area, protected customary rights area, or aquaculture settlement area declared under s 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 or identified within an individual iwi settlement?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Has there been an assessment of any effects of the activity on the exercise of a protected customary right?

No

If yes, please explain:

Upload your assessment if necessary:

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Section 5: Adverse effects

What are the anticipated and known adverse effects of the project on the environment?

Please describe:

No Adverse effects

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Section 6: National policy statements and national environmental standards

What is the general assessment of the project in relation to any relevant national policy statement (including the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) and national environmental standard?

Please write your answer here:

Refer to the attached project report

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Section 7: Eligibility

Will access to the fast-track process enable the project to be processed in a more timely and cost-efficient way than under normal processes?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

As previously stated the investigation have been completed.

The Gabriels affect on the region requires the project to start as soon as possible.

In 2020 Treasury supported the need to build a log port on the east cape by offering \$45m government funding grant for the project

What is the impact referring this project will have on the efficient operation of the fast-track process?

Please write your answer here:

Remove the anxiety of locals to actually have a project underway creating 40 jobs during the construction and another 100 full times jobs when the project is completed. New industries will be established as a result of the facility.

Has the project been identified as a priority project in a:

Central government plan or strategy

Please explain your answer here:

In 2020 Treasury proposed \$45m as a grant to the project.

This project ticked a lot of boxes and based on feasibility study carried out 2018 on harvesting logs from the East Cape region i.e savings on road management, reduce road accidents and deaths, emission reduction etc.

Utilising the blue highway to transport logs between the regions and export ports.

Will the project deliver regionally or nationally significant infrastructure?

Regional significant infrastructure

Please explain your answer here:

Definitely.

A log port has been proposed for the region several years ago when the first pine forest was established.

With out a port the log forest will not be harvested because of road transport cost to Gisborne or Tauranga, A port in the north east cape will provide a greater return to the landowner.

If the port does not go ahead and the pine lags aren't harvested it will be a major environmental disaster.

Will the project:

increase the supply of housing, contribute to a well-functioning urban environment

Please explain your answer here:

The social economic report by Dr Brent Wheeler states circa 40 jobs created during construction phase and 110 jobs post construction.

Will the project deliver significant economic benefits?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Te Araroa currently is in the top group of unemployed. . Gabriel has certainly changed the landscape and added to the importance of having a port facility on the East Cape.

Will the project support primary industries, including aquaculture?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Yes definitely the marine facility will provide access to the moana for aquaculture.

Test in Kawakawa Bay have revealed high levels of nutrients ideal for oyster and mussel farming.

Should the Kahui Kupenga project receive Fast Track consent and proceed, aquaculture consent will definitely be the next project.

Will the project support development of natural resources, including minerals and petroleum?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Potentially

Will the project support climate change mitigation, including the reduction or removal of greenhouse gas emissions?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Over 25 years 24million log truck kilometres will be saved.

Will the project support adaptation, resilience, and recovery from natural hazards?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Immediate employment to the Forest workers now unemployed due to the down turn in forestry.

State Highway roads are sceptical to damage due very poor geotechnical soil structure. The marine/port facility will provide resilience and adaptation to natural hazards.

Will the project address significant environmental issues?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Significant savings will be achieved by reducing the road transport.

Is the project consistent with local or regional planning documents, including spatial strategies?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

The Gisborne District Council regional plan includes promoting the Blue Highway.

Anything else?

Please write your answer here:

A marine port facility is required to unlock the economic potential in the east coast region.

Te Rimu Trust as land owner offers its land with beach front for this project as a major resource to the community.

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Does the project includes an activity which would make it ineligible?

No

If yes, please explain:

Section 8: Climate change and natural hazards

Will the project be affected by climate change and natural hazards?

No

If yes, please explain:

Section 9: Track record

Please add a summary of all compliance and/or enforcement actions taken against the applicant by any entity with enforcement powers under the Acts referred to in the Bill, and the outcome of those actions.

Please write your answer here:

No enforcement actions have been taken against Te Rimu Trust.

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Declaration

Do you acknowledge your submission will be published on environment.govt.nz if required

Yes

By typing your name in the field below you are electronically signing this application form and certifying the information given in this application is true and correct.

Please write your name here:

Richard Clarke

Important notes