



GISBORNE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Office of the Mayor

15 February 2018

The Chair of Te Rimu Trust

Richard Clarke

Tena koe Richard

Nga mihi o te wa tumanako o koutou katoa.

I write to fully support the wharf project on your properties in your rohenga at Karakatuwhero.

As you and your team described, this is an exciting project as I can visualise the opportunities you articulated to me.

This project has real potential to be a catalyst for many other businesses in your place, but also benefiting the wider Tairāwhiti business whanau.

I can also visualise employment opportunities in the forestry sector, transport, tourism, and quarry regarding education and training. However, most of all giving people hope that they can do anything in the upper reaches of the East Coast as they will now be closer to the market with lower transport costs.

I understand that you have more work to do and it is great you have engaged the best firms to help with your resource consent application.

The government is very keen on regional development and I believe your project is viable for their support, which I would strongly recommend seeking before embarking on any Memorandum of Understanding with prospective investors.

The resource consent will provide you with the necessary licence to operate.

Kia Ora

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Meng Foon", written over a horizontal line.

Meng Foon

Mayor