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To whom it may concern,

Pacific Haulage is a large transport company based in Gisborne, the company started in the 1980's and we now run 80 trucks and work solely in the forest industry.

We employ 110 local people and are very aware and proud of the fact that 110 families rely on us for their income.

With forestry being one of the main industries in the region and is going to be for years to come. It is extremely important that we look after our resource and use the income from this resource wisely.

The growth coming on stream from forest export is huge and this is something that other regions in NZ would love to have the benefit from, but this is ours and we need to get the maximum output from this for our region.

With the world changing at an incredibly fast rate part of these changes is we are now seeing more extreme weather events, this is something that we have experienced in recent times and with limited infrastructure to load out export logs these weather events brought the port operations to a stop and eventually what we saw was an industry on its knees.

We fully support Eastland Port's twin birth project and see this as a huge milestone in the future proofing of the industry and the local economy.

Yours Faithfully

Campbell Gilmour General Manager Pacific Haulage Ltd