

## **SUMMARY STATEMENT OF MURRAY JAGGER**

1. My name is Murray Jagger. I am the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Northport.
2. I have deep personal ties to the Whangarei Harbour area and I am committed to ensuring that any change planned for Northport is of benefit to, appropriate for, and addresses the sensitivities and concerns of all parts of the community.
3. I have been involved with this Project since 2015, primarily in a governance capacity.
4. Northport plays a critical role in the Northland region and forms an important part of national port infrastructure. The Northport Board has considered carefully the need for expansion. We have considered a range of possible future scenarios, each of which indicate that port congestion, particularly in the Upper North Island (but also nationally), will become an ever-more significant problem in the coming decades.
5. The Northport Board sees the current Project as an opportunity to address this issue by using the country's only naturally deep-water port to help ease congestion and enhance levels of resilience in the national supply chain. Therefore, the Board actively supports development necessary to enable the port's infrastructure to meet Northland's (as well as the Upper North Island's) evolving freight needs.
6. The Board is highly aware of Northport's community and environmental responsibilities and takes these responsibilities very seriously. The Board, and the Northport management team, are firm in their conviction that we absolutely have to bring the community with us in this process. Therefore, proactive and meaningful consultation with the community and mana whenua has been ongoing across multiple channels for several years. Due to the importance of engagement, including cultural engagement, I have also personally taken an active role in this process.
7. I believe strongly that this Project presents New Zealand with a rare opportunity to develop, and enhance the resilience of, its national supply chain infrastructure. It also represents a necessary and positive step in the development of infrastructure that the Northport Board believes will become essential to the effective economic development of the Upper North Island. The Board believes that the Project will deliver significant social and economic benefits not only for Northland, but also for North Auckland.
8. Accordingly, the Board has committed to seeking the necessary resource consents to enable the Project to assist Northport to remain current, capable and efficient - and to continue to provide accessible, resilient, and cost-effective port infrastructure into the future.

**Murray Jagger**  
Northport Limited  
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