

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF JON MOORE

1. My name is Jon Moore. I am the Chief Executive Officer of Northport Ltd. I have held this role since June 2007.
2. I have extensive knowledge and experience in the shipping and port sector, which has included a career at sea and considerable time ashore working in a wide range of areas in the port industry.
3. I have been involved with Northport's Vision for Growth project in a strategic and steering capacity since it was first proposed internally in 2010, through its public announcement in 2017, subsequent feedback and refinement, and recent lodgement of resource consent applications with Northland Regional Council and Whangārei District Council. Due to the Project's importance to Northport, and the Northland region, I have stayed abreast of the Project's development and have been actively involved in bringing the Project to its current stage.
4. Ongoing national supply-chain pressures, long lead times in the development of port infrastructure, and growing demand from shipping companies indicate that now is the appropriate time for Northport to expand its facilities. Expansion of Northport can deliver a purpose-built, modern, and efficient container terminal.
5. An expanding port will also represent a catalyst for better infrastructure and services for Northland, as well as providing for regional economic growth by facilitating new industries and jobs for Northland.
6. Northport holds a very important role in Northland's regional economy, supporting import and export activity. This role has expanded and diversified significantly since Northport began operating in 2002. Beyond its local and regional importance, and due to its integration into the NZ port network, Northport is significant nationally for its commercial, transportation and infrastructure functions.
7. Existing and projected growth in freight traffic in Northland and north Auckland, together with a diversification of freight types, means that Northport's current facilities are under pressure and nearing their functional capacity. Capacity to service this forecast growth, and to develop supply-chain efficiencies, alternatives and resilience, are key drivers behind the Project.
8. Therefore, Northport must expand to meet future freight needs and support both Northland and north Auckland's growth. As one of New Zealand's key ports, we must

keep up with global shipping trends. That means being able to accommodate larger ships, handle more freight, offer more diverse services, and adapt to changing freight needs.

9. The Project is an important part of Northport's future business strategy and a key component in Northport continuing to perform an essential infrastructural role within the New Zealand port network into the future. The Project will enable Northport to provide a modern, efficient, container terminal capable of handling and storing expected increases in freight volumes. Such expansion will also enable integration of the port with KiwiRail's proposed Marsden Point spur and wider rail plan, seamlessly connecting rail, road and sea freight.
10. Northport takes its responsibilities to the community and the environment very seriously and is actively involved in numerous environmental and community projects/initiatives. Northport considers that the Project represents a valuable opportunity for the company and the region, which will enable businesses, particularly exporters, to develop and expand with secured access to proximate, efficient, and modern transport infrastructure, thereby securing Northport's ongoing contribution to the region.
11. Northport has shared publicly this Project's design evolution and iterations comprehensively and from an early stage. We consciously and deliberately selected an engagement process that would ensure the greatest degree of community involvement and participation. Proactive, voluntary, and deliberately early engagement with the community, key stakeholders and mana whenua started in late 2017 and has been ongoing since that time.
12. I believe strongly that the Project represents a necessary and positive step in enabling Northport to develop infrastructure essential to the Northland and north Auckland regions, and that it will have significant social and economic benefits including for local businesses, workers, and consumers.

Jon Moore
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