



Ian Ruru

Yesterday at 7:09 PM · 🌐

Routinely checking our research gear and found this under the Gisborne wharf today. This is the largest species of rock lobster in the world (*Sagmariasus verreauxi*). Lucky ones grow to 15kgs and a metre long! Sadly, all the toxic runoff from the log storage bowls them over long before that.



Millan Ruka and 207 others

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ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

"Eastland Group takes its Environmental Issues very seriously."

"Eastland Group seeks to change its water quality limits for higher protection of marine life."

"It is our responsibility to protect and improve the environment for the whole community."

"The 'toxins' are mainly dirt and tannins which are naturally occurring and not particularly dangerous"
Eastland Group CEO.

"The Port is environmentally conscious."

Opens a 12 million dollar world-class-state-of-the-art water treatment system. "The minute it starts raining - it starts working."

Currently operating logyard illegally and without RMA Resource Consents (has done for 27 years)

Every proposed change is a decrease in water quality and a reduction in protection of marine life.

Charged for RMA offences by Hawkes Bay Regional Council. Waihi Dam 20th May 2016.

"Logyard leachate will exhibit toxicity to aquatic life."
Eastland Group Scientist.

Port receives Abatement Notices & Infringement Fines for Pollution discharges as recently as April 2016.

World-class system served an Abatement Notice by the GDC Pollution team. "The rain caught us by surprise."

**Objection to Eastland Groups Kaiti Beach Logyard Pollution
by Ngati Oneone and Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa**

DILUTION IS NOT THE SOLUTION TO POLLUTION

Eastland Ports Kaiti Beach Logyard

Logs sprayed green with toxic anti-fungicides

Outfall pipe

Mixing zone
Dilution factor

This beach is meant to be protected by its "SA" Water Classification - the highest level of protection available.

2010 - 2015 PROBLEM:

FAILS Pollution Limits set for Lead, Copper, Zinc, pH, TSS & cBOD.
* Doesn't even test for tannins.

2016 SOLUTION:

Applies to have Pollution Limits **INCREASED**.

* Still won't go near tannins.

CALLS IT "INCREASING MARINE LIFE PROTECTION"

**NGATI ONEONE & TE RUNANGA O
TURANGANUI A KIWA** **OBJECTION**

Consent granted for variation to yard monitoring

'Maori bitterly disappointed'

by John Jones

MAORI groups are "bitterly disappointed" that Eastland Port has been granted variations to a resource consent for the monitoring of water quality around its southern log yard, and say the potential for pollution is unacceptable.

A reserved decision from independent commissioner Peter Callender grants the company's application for the variation to the four conditions to the company's discharge consent, subject to a number of conditions.

Eastland Port general manager Andrew Gaddum says the decision now aligns the port's southern log yard consents with recognised Australasian standards and the underlying intent of the Resource Management Act, "striking the right balance between environmental outcomes and the need to pragmatically operate an important community-owned regional asset".

However, Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa and Ngati Oneone spokesman

Ian Ruru says Maori are "bitterly disappointed" with the decision to relax Eastland Port's pollution levels.

"Mixing zones and dilution levels have increased in spite of our pleas for the opposite," he says of water quality around the inner harbour.

"The fundamental problem is the abuse of the term 'reasonable mixing zones' as that was written in the RMA in 1991.

"Back in 1991 it was reasonable to smoke a pack of cigarettes a day. Our community no longer finds that reasonable and nor do we find polluting Kaiti Beach to save a few dollars reasonable, either. We remain steadfast that dilution is not the solution to pollution."

At the hearing in May at which the company sought variations to the consent, iwi claimed that the log yards were affecting water quality and aquatic life.

Speaking then on behalf of Te Runanga o Turanganui-a-Kiwa and Ngati Oneone, Mr Ruru accused the company of a "history of broken promises" and said

Now out of the

Port rejects claim that log yards pollute sea

Impact on aquatic life in dispute

by John Jones

CLAIMS that Eastland Port's log yards are causing pollution and affecting water quality and aquatic life have been denied at a hearing before an independent commissioner.

Speaking on behalf of Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa and Ngati One One, Ian Ruru accused the port company of a history of broken promises and said they were trying to shift the goalposts in their attempt to change the conditions of the consent for the southern log yard.

In response, consultants for the port company said there was no firm evidence of the claimed decline in aquatic life within the port, and not all contaminants found in stormwater originated from the log yard.

The port is seeking to have variations to four of the conditions for the monitoring of water quality for its southern log yard.

The Gisborne District Council staff

environment.

The port company had operated the inner harbour log yard illegally and without discharge consents for 27 years, he said. There was a track record of habitual non-compliance of consent conditions with the Kaiti Beach and Crawford Road log yards.

The proposed water quality limits in the consent were a step backwards, he said.

He was speaking on behalf of people who "knew this area like the back of their hands", he said.

He had spent 20 years paddle-boarding and diving in the area and had noticed that the biggest change came from the introduction of logs.

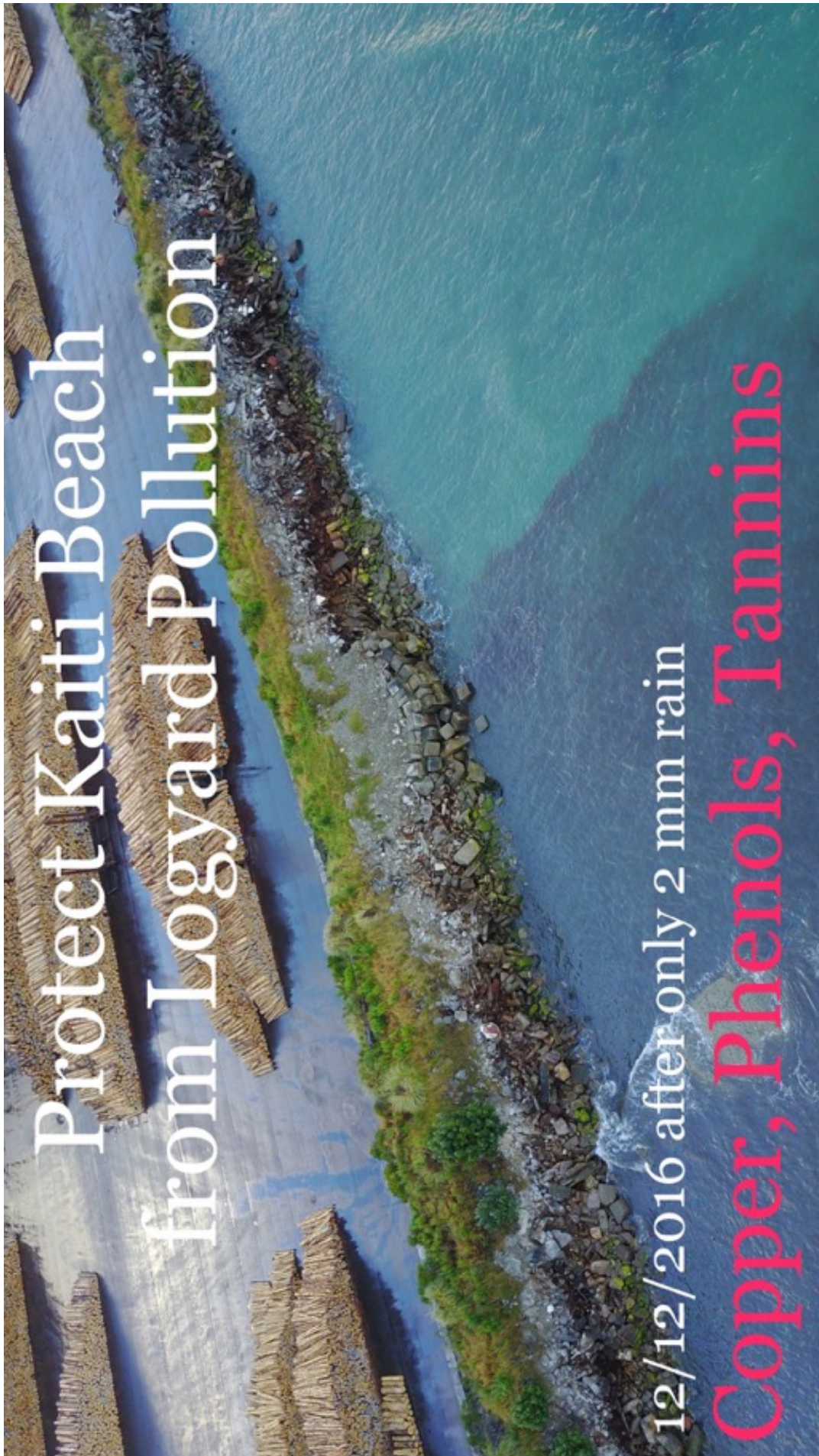
Referring to the finding of a rare juvenile packhorse lobster at the port, he said he saw that as a sign saying

"we are here, we are struggling, it is not a place where we thrive".

"Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence," he said.

"Dilution is not the solution to pollution."

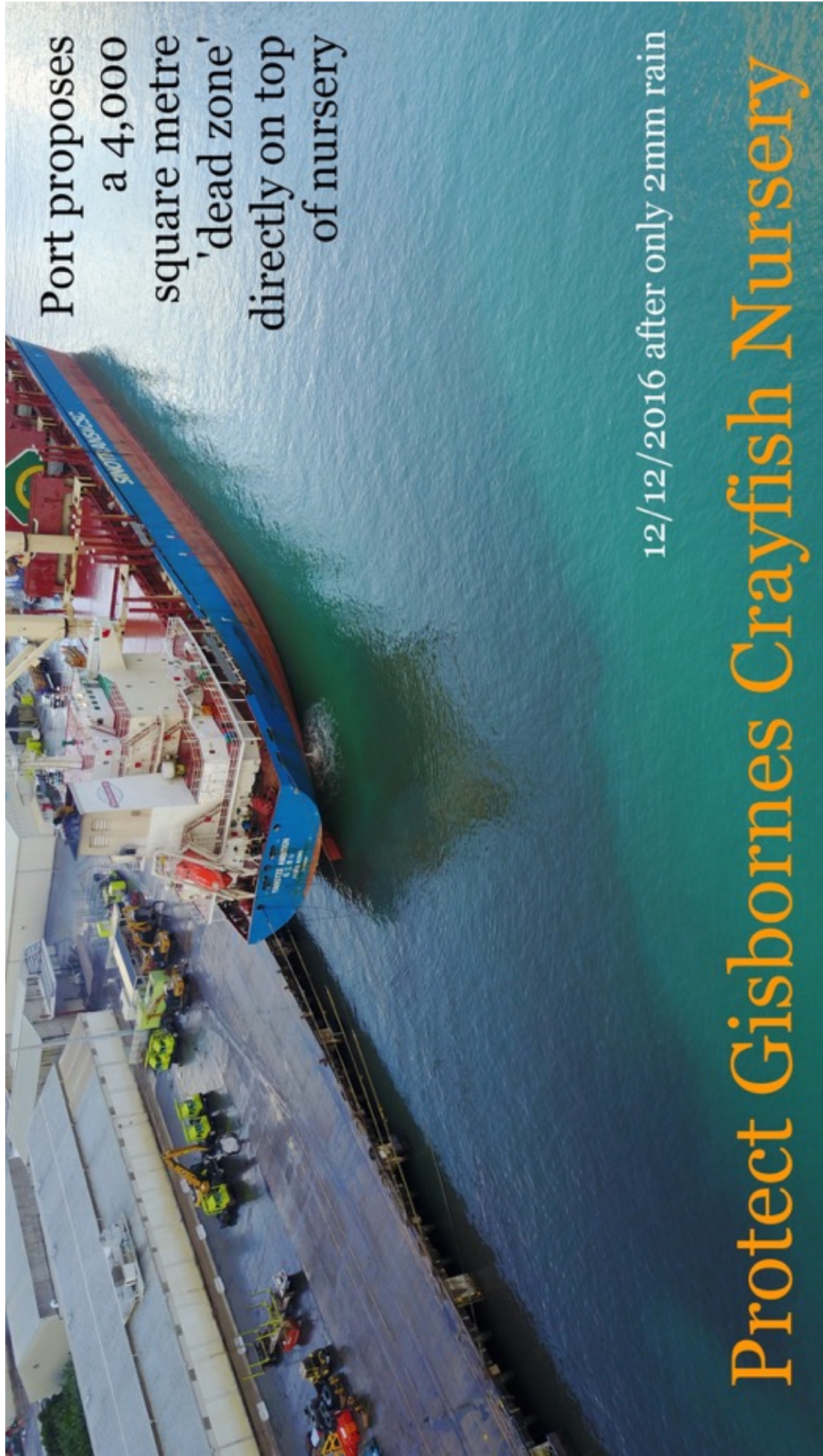
‘Dilution is not the solution to pollution’



Protect Kaiti Beach from Logyard Pollution

12/12/2016 after only 2 mm rain

Copper, Phenols, Tannins



Protect Gisbornes Crayfish Nursery

12/12/2016

Proposed Logyard will destroy a 4,000 square metre "deadzone" directly on the nursery

