



**Subject:** **DECISION ON COASTAL OCCUPATION CHARGING**  
**Variation 15 to the Proposed Regional Coastal Environment Plan**

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## **BACKGROUND**

Variation 15 to the Proposed Regional Coastal Environment Plan (the Coastal Plan) addresses whether or not Gisborne District should establish a coastal occupation charging regime. Council is required under section 64(A) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the RMA) to make a decision on this matter. The proposal notified was not to establish a charging regime at the current time.

The proposed variation drew one submission from the NZ Transport Agency, which is in support of the proposal.

## **GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISION**

Council's Hearings Committee considered the staff report on 29 June 2011.

The committee adopted the planner's Hearing Report, including the section 32 assessment and the decision on the submission (<http://www.gdc.govt.nz/coastal-environment-plan/>).

Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Hearings Committee on Variation on 25 August 2001.

## **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

Council considers the proposed variation to be the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose and principles of the Resource Management Act 1991. Ensuring protection of public access to the coastal marine area is more effectively achieved through a range of other mechanisms including consenting processes and conditions.