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Dear Sir/ Madam,

## PROPOSED ABALONE FARM, PINDIMAR REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

I write to inform you that a Project Application has been lodged for a proposed development at No. 180 Clarke Street, South Pindimar. It is for a land-based marine aquaculture farm for the production of around 60 tonnes per year of live abalone. City Plan Services (a planning consultancy) is currently in the process of preparing a comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposal on behalf of the applicant, Austasia Leefield Pty Ltd. To help inform the EA, we are now seeking feedback from stakeholders to ensure that all key issues are identified so they may be appropriately addressed. You, as a representative of xxx, have been identified as a stakeholder who may be interested in providing input into this process.

The proposed farm is to be located approximately 300m west of dwelling-houses at South Pindimar, as shown in the attached *Location Plan*. If approved, it will comprise a network of land-based buildings and tanks supplied with a constant flow of marine water from Port Stephens. Abalone would be bred on-site and reared to market size, before being transported live from the farm to markets, either domestically or for export. An extract of the *draft farm layout plan* is also attached to this letter, though it should be noted this is a work in progress and may be subject to change. The proposal is expected to generate around 16 full time equivalent jobs, in addition to research and education opportunities. More information on the proposal can be found within the *Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report* on the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure's (DoPI) Major Project Register at <a href="http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au">http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au</a>. An electronic copy of the draft site plan can be emailed to you upon request.

The Project Application was lodged with the DP&I under the (transitional) Part 3A provisions of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*. DP&I is the approval authority for



the proposal, and is responsible for its assessment and determination. The EA currently being prepared has been guided by advice from DP&I and other government stakeholders on key issues to be addressed (i.e. *Director-General's Environmental Assessment Requirements*). The EA will be lodged with DP&I in the coming months to assist in making its determination.

Should you wish to, we encourage you to share your suggestions or comments on the issues that you believe should be addressed within the EA. Please note that this is not the only time the public will be consulted about the proposal- there will be additional opportunities for comment after the EA is lodged with DP&I.

Please send us your feedback by Friday 10 August 2012, to:

City Plan Services

Proposed Pindimar Abalone Farm- Feedback

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Please don't hesitate to contact me on (02) 4925 3286 if you would like any additional information.

Yours Sincerely,

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