

Community Feedback Request

Proposed Abalone Farm- Pindimar Environmental Assessment

What is happening?

A *Project Application* has been lodged for a proposed development at No. 180 Clarke Street, South Pindimar. The proposal is for a land-based marine aquaculture farm. If approved, it will aim to produce around 60 tonnes per year of live abalone for human consumption, and is expected to employ up to 15 people during operation. The farm is proposed to be located approximately 300m west of dwelling-houses at South Pindimar.

The Project Application was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure (DoPI) under the (transitional) Part 3A provisions of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*. DoPI is the approval authority for the proposal, and is responsible for its assessment and determination.

The applicant (Austasia Leefield Pty Ltd) has begun a comprehensive environmental assessment of the Project, guided by advice from DoPI and other government stakeholders. This assessment will ultimately inform an *Environmental Assessment* report, which will be lodged with DoPI to assist in making its determination. As part of this environmental assessment process, the applicant is seeking public feedback and input to ensure that all key issues and concerns are addressed.

City Plan Services, representing the applicant, is a planning consultancy coordinating the environmental assessment. City Plan Services invites local residents and interested members of the public to offer their thoughts about the proposal.

This is not the only time the public's opinions will be sought. There will be additional opportunities for community consultation after the Environmental Assessment report is lodged with DoPI.

Where can I find out about the proposal?

A *Location Plan* and an extract of the draft *Site Plan* of the proposed development is attached to this notice. You can find out more about the proposal by:

- Viewing the Project Application and *Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report* on DoPI's website. This contains general information about the site and the proposal. The proposal is continuing to be refined as a result of the environmental assessment process. See:
http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=3715
- Attending a **community feedback session** at the Pindimar Bundabah Association Community Hall at Koree Street, Pindimar. This session will be held on **Wednesday 11th July** from **6:30pm- 7:30pm**. Information will be provided

about the proposal and the environmental assessment process, and constructive feedback will be sought on key issues of concern.

Please call Jillian at City Plan Services on 4925 3286 if you need more information on the community session, or are having difficulties accessing DoPI's website.

How can I provide feedback?

We encourage the community and interested persons to share their suggestions or concerns about the proposal and the environmental assessment process. This feedback will be taken into account as the design of the proposal is refined and assessments are undertaken. A summary of how consultation has been undertaken and addressed will be included in the Environmental Assessment report, which will be available on DoPI's website.

You can provide feedback by:

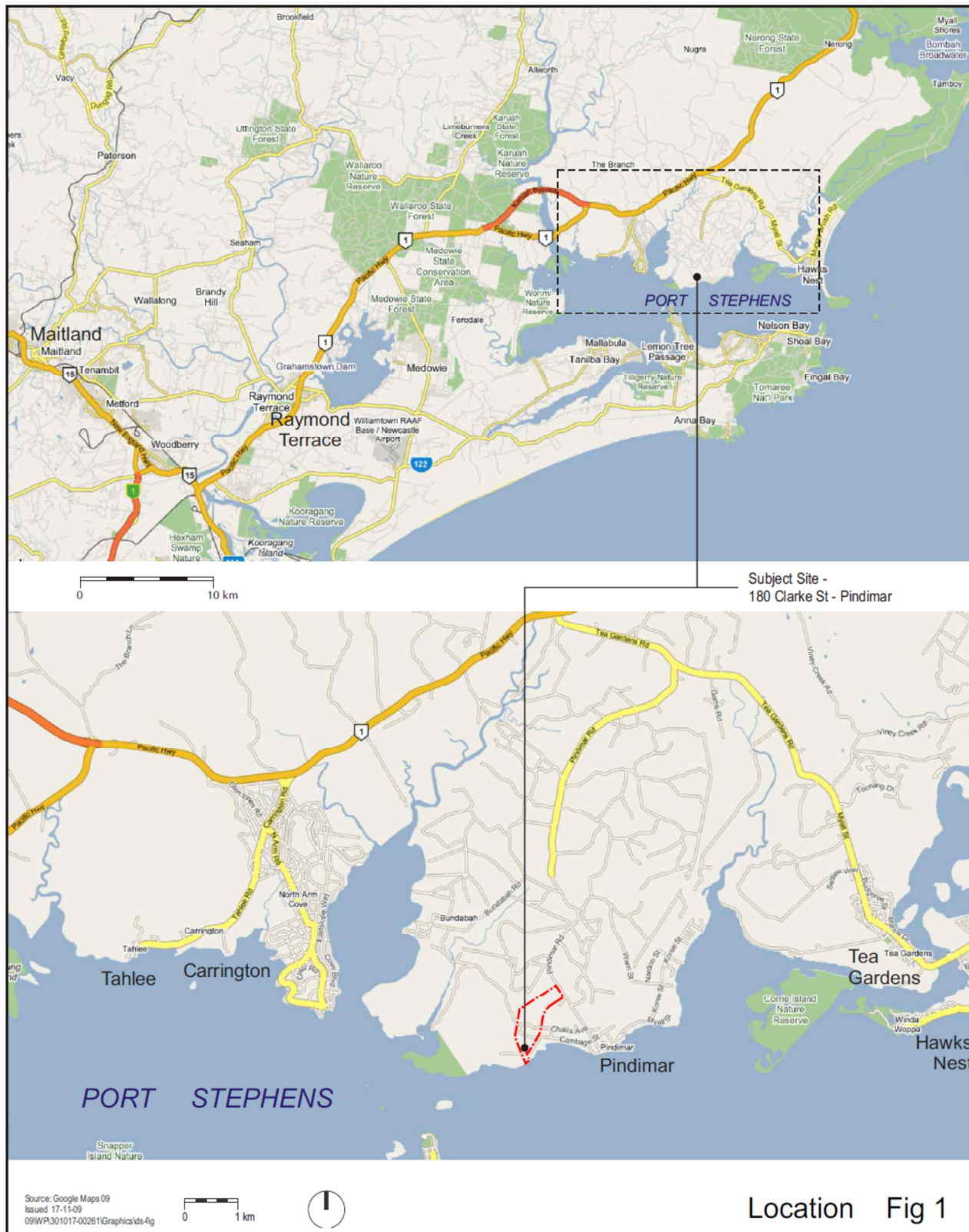
- Attending the community information session, and providing written or verbal feedback; or
- Sending your written feedback to City Plan Services by **Friday 3rd August**:

Proposed Pindimar Abalone Farm- Feedback
PO Box 688
Newcastle 2300; or
pindimarfeedback@cityplan.com.au

Tips on providing feedback

Some tips on providing written feedback are provided below:

- Submissions are easier to read if they are typed, although legible hand-written responses will also be accepted.
- Please include your name and contact information on the submission so you can be contacted if necessary.
- It would be helpful if the important parts of your submission are provided as *dot points* or under *headings*, which help to make your submission clear and succinct.
- For longer submissions, it would be helpful if you provided a one page summary to clarify the key points you are making.
- We recommend you keep a copy of your submission for your own records.



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