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Attention: Director, Industry, Key Sites and Social Projects
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Dear Mr Hazzard

Application Name: Proposed Pindimar Abalone Farm

Application #: MP 10_0006

I object to the proposed Pindimar Abalone Farm.

Declaration re: political donations: I declare that I have not made any political donations in the previous two years.

Reasons why I object to the proposal:

We have been holidaying in this area for the last 60 + years, and have always enjoyed the pristine waters, and quiet relaxed atmosphere. We are horrified to think that any government would allow such a jewel of nature to be placed at even the slightest risk of contamination for so very little gain.

When so much effort has been put into trying to introduce more balance with the recent Marine Park restrictions, the thought of this Abalone farm being given consideration is a farce.

Recently an unknown disease has almost destroyed the valuable Pacific Oyster industry in Port Stephens. The proposed Pindimar Abalone Project, now on exhibition, seeks to build a large land based abalone farm and siphon 50 megalitres of water daily through the farm, and then back into our Port. Abalone farms are incubators of disease, as has been expensively demonstrated in Victoria, and we strongly object to another source of possible disease being introduced into this fragile, beautiful, and valuable location.

Abalone is not a vital foodstuff, but an exotic delicacy most Australians would never eat, and yet our beautiful Australian site will be used at great risk to produce a product that will mostly be exported, to the financial gain of a few investors.

Yours sincerely

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