

## **Submission 26 – Diana Adamson**

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Hello

I am quite alarmed to read about the Abalone Factory Farm that is planned for construction on land on the northern shores of Port Stephens.

The short term gain of employment during construction and operation should be weighed against the long term degradation to the water that will be fed back into the Port Stephens harbour.

I note from the documents supplied by the developer, that they plan to have their pipes for water intake from the harbour at quite some distance from their outlet pipes, so they can maintain a clean water for their business. So what does this say about the water they will be pumping back in to the harbour? I think I can correctly assume that the level of effluent and waste being discharged is so great that no one would want to swim in this area . . . and the local tides and currents will very effectively distribute this pollution throughout the bays.

As I understand it, any other abalone farms are located in a coastal area rather than estuarine; at least they can then pipe their waste a further distance from the land.

I would hope that our government agents will make a close study of those farms located in Victoria and Tasmania, and take careful note of the detrimental effects they have had.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to live in the Port Stephens area are very appreciative of the wonderful natural environment we have, and I for one would wish to retain this for the use of our visitors and future generations.

I trust you will take these matters into consideration,

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