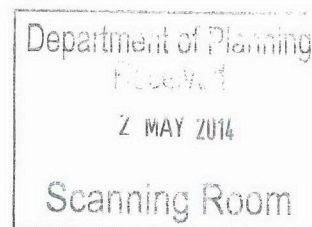


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Attention: Director, Industry, Key Sites and Social Projects
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Dear Mr Hazzard,

Application Name: Proposed Pindimar Abalone Farm
Application #: MP 10 0006

As a family we totally object to the proposed Pindimar Abalone Farm and declare that we have not made any political donations in the previous two years.

My husband Shane and I have spent the last 40 years enjoying our annual leave yearly in the Tea Gardens/Port Stephens area because it is a beautiful, quiet and unspoilt location. Shane and I also intend to retire into this beautiful area. As Australian taxpayers and good citizens, we should be ensured the absolute right to continue to enjoy this quiet and beautiful environment of the Port Stephens area.

WE totally object this proposal for the development of an Abalone Farm. We have Marine Parks set in place in the area to protect our Marine Life, of which we totally support and abide by. It is absolutely senseless for this Abalone Farm to be allowed. Where does this leave the good work that the Marine Park has tried to bring to our waters?


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, and this 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.


Why allow our Australian environment to be used, and risked, to produce a foodstuff that is not used by most Australians? Clearly, the product of Abalone is an expensive and exotic delicacy that will be mainly exported. Why allow the rape of this beautiful area for exportation of a product that is clearly not a vital foodstuff and rarely used here?! How can the Government support this? It will simply only be to the gain of the investors that want to start this Abalone Farm.


We strongly urge that this proposal is rejected TOTALLY!!

Yours sincerely,


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Leonie Burke


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Renae Burke (Daughter)


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Shane Burke


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Rick Burke (Son)