

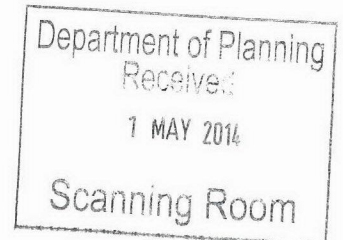


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Attention: Director, Industry, Key Sites and Social Projects  
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Dear Mr Hazzard

**Application Name:** Proposed Pindimar Abalone Farm

**Application #:** MP 10\_0006

**I strongly 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 50 + years, as well as having invested in property in this beautiful area. We have always enjoyed the pristine waters and quiet relaxed environment. Overseas visitors that we have brought to this area are amazed with the beauty and wonder of the area and to think that this area will be contaminated with an Abalone Farm is outrageous. We are disgusted and highly offended to think that a government would allow such a unique area of nature to be placed at even the slightest risk of contamination when so much emphasis and effort has been made to keep this area as close to nature as possible. Entertaining the thought of introducing an Abalone farm to this area is a disgrace and those involved should be holding their heads in shame.

In the Port Stephens area, recently an unknown disease almost destroyed the valuable Oyster industry. The proposed Pindimar Abalone Project, on exhibition, seeks to build a large land based abalone farm and siphon 50 megalitres of water daily through the farm, and then contaminated 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 – and all for what – to produce an exotic delicacy most Australians do not 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. Basically this is GREED over a fragile environment that could be destroyed forever!!

Preservation of such a beautiful and wonderful area is a responsibility that belongs to all Australians – so that future generations can enjoy its beauty, marine life and natural environment.

Yours sincerely

Geoffery & Suzanne Ford