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Development Assessment Systems & Approvals, Planning & Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
Sydney, NSW 2001
Attention : Director, Industry, Key Sites and Social Projects

Re: Pindimar Abalone Farm
Application #MP 10_0006
180 Clarke Street, South Pindimar

Dear Sir or Madam:

The word "UNSOUND" comes to mind when reviewing this EA. The project is unsound in some critical areas and I object to it being allowed to proceed.

.....The port – unproven environment for abalone. In fact the waters are probably too warm to grow abalone successfully. They discuss how long the effluent will take to clear the heads at the port entrance. The fact is once the effluent starts oozing out of the pipes, the port will never be cleared. It will be a constant stream turning the port into a cesspool. UNSOUND planning.

..... Risk of disease – much has been written about the diseases and mortality rates of farmed abalone. I will only add that it is a fragile species and the proponents don't present any alternatives if abalone doesn't prove viable. UNSOUND business decision.

.....Employment – proposing to give 15 people on the dole a job. What are their qualifications? Is there anyone available with sound management skills besides Mr. Housefield? 15 unqualified persons in charge of the efficacy of the port's water is IRRESPONSIBLE!!.

.....Money – Money spent to date would be in the hundreds of thousands. Add to that the amount of working capital for the next 3 to 5 years until revenue streams are in place, and the amount to recover would be several million. We have been told there is such an insatiable demand in Asia for this product that there will be endless capital available to chase it. The truth is that while there is some promise, it is a fickle market, and it is naive to believe that there is endless capital. 60 tonnes sold per year would be a long period for capital recovery. Of course, capital could be recovered more quickly if the company were floated on an Asian stock exchange – which would have the possibility of transferring ownership overseas. It would take some pretty gullible investors, but I guess they are out there. Once again Australian resource,possibility of overseas owner. Wealth goes overseas while Aus. rolls over for 15 jobs and enough tax revenue for a Christmas party. UNSOUND and add PUZZLING from a business perspective..

.....There are other fish farms in this area. None of them are allowed to dump their effluent into the port. I believe a very bad precedent would be set for others wishing to do the same. UNFAIR!

All of these points add up to a very strong objection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Merilee Jowett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Merilee Jowett
Private Citizen
Resident, Pindimar

