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Attention: Director, Industry, Key Sites and Social Projects

RE: Objection to Pindimar Abalone Farm (MP 10_0006)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hereby object to the proposed above Abalone Farm and request that the NSW Planning and Infrastructure Department rejects the entire proposal for the following reason, to be added to my submission from yesterday the 8.5.2014 :

Research I did recently revealed the following information: Abalone cannot survive in fresh at all. Abalone needs a salinity between 32 – 34 ppt. Most species can withstand SHORT exposure to lower saltiness of around 27 – 30 ppt and higher saltiness of 40 ppt.

Over the last few years we had several times such high rain fall that the Myall Lakes were flooded and large amounts of fresh water entered through the Myall River into Port Stephens. The River water remained completely fresh for several weeks at high and low tide as far down as Corrie Island. At low tide the water was fresh as far as Pindimar and the bay area north of Corrie Island due to the lake water flooding through the northern and southern river channels into the Port. Even at high tides the water was brackish with very low salinity in those bay areas, while at low tides low salinity seawater mixed with brown lake water affected the whole bay.

For above reason alone the Abalone farm in Pindimar, or anywhere in the Bay, is not feasible.

Yours faithfully,

Goetz Schraer