

Dear Ms Goward,

I have not made any donations to any political party in the last 2 years.

I do not want my submission made available to the Proponent, Interested public authorities, or on the website without my personal approval. I wish to object very strongly to the above mentioned Development Application being approved.

My reasons of objection are as follows:-

I have had holidays in South Pindimar since I was born, and enjoying the cleanliness of the water and all that the Port offers has been a significant part of my life for the last 19 years. My parents own property in Curlew Avenue , South Pindimar, where we holiday with a motor boat. We regularly go out into the Port with friends and visitors who thoroughly enjoy the swimming, the amenities and the atmosphere. I feel that the water's of port Stephens are a major tourist drawcard and make it one of the best locations to visit for nature, water sports and water activities, such as boating, dolphin watching and swimming.

I have read some of the details of the development planned and am appalled that your department would even so much as consider approving this highly invasive, and quite possibly damaging project.

Port Stephens is a Holiday destination for thousands of Australian and overseas tourists, who help generate \$460 million annually by utilising all the businesses that provide services to the Port. These are inclusive of businesses situated within catering, accommodation, liquor, transport, entertainment, aquaculture and maritime industries. Notably, all of these industries in-turn support local government administration. All of these businesses depend on clean port water which will obviously be affected by the introduction of the abalone farm.

Why would you allow one project (which has promised to employ a mere 15 full time workers) jeopardize all the financial benefits and employment of thousands generated in all these businesses? Has there been any consideration paid to the possible repercussions of this decision?

I take it that, as you are an educated person, you will make a decision based upon the needs of the majority, rather than the minority.