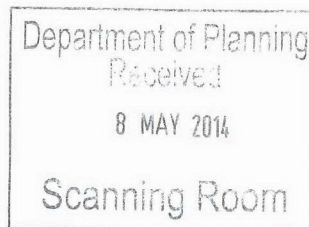


IAN TREHARNE,



169 Clarke Street
PINDIMAR
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6 May 2014

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



To whom it may concern

RE:	Application:	MP 10 _ 006
	Location:	180 Clarke Street, South Pindimar
	Proponent:	Austasia Leefield Pty Ltd
	Council Area:	Great Lakes and Port Stephens
	Approval Authority:	Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I object to this proposal.

I live directly opposite 180 Clarke Street (the site). For many years I have been closely associated with marine activities along our East Coast. I am a Marine Contractor and yachtsman of wide experience.

Port Stephens has complex tidal patterns; it's extensive shallow areas, interspersed with very deep areas (over 30 metres in depth), coupled with being the confluence of two rivers (Myall and Karuah), making the Port one of the largest areas of water on the East Coast of Australia. It bears the Aboriginal name of the Bay of Shifting Sands and is often described as a "clean" port with little commercial shipping. It is a tourism "jewel".

My objection continues on these grounds.

I am convinced that a powerful pump lifting estuarine water from our Port adjacent to a dedicated Marine Park would draw in bi-catch regardless of any filtering process. This entrainment would negate any precautionary duty of care and would be abhorrent to this objector.

The proposal is planned to be sited over 9kms upstream from the ocean headlands. (By comparison Sydney Harbour Bridge is sited 7kms upstream from Sydney Heads).

There has recently been a widespread accretion of sand ranging from 10 to 30 cm in depth in the site area. Why? So much is unknown.

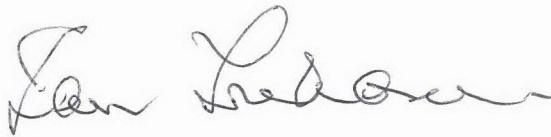
Normally abalone thrive along the coast in cold ocean water. To attempt farming abalone in this estuary 9kms from the open sea is bound to cause grave problems similar to those experienced in South East Australia. Any fouling of the Port from waste pipes may wash around for weeks on end before being flushed out to sea. Any waste discharge into the Port would be abhorrent to this writer and a complete absence of Duty of Care by this Government.

Should those of us who live in and love Port Stephens be asked to share in the risk of fouling the Port?

I would also raise a concern regarding recently discovered aspects of the mining industry in the Hunter Valley that show a profound impact on people's health from ILFN – Infrasound Low Frequency Noise – source *"Rich Land Waste Land"* (2012) Sharyn Munro (Page 126) Pan MacMillan Australia. This proposed "farm" would have electrical machinery going 24 hours a day. Such machinery will clearly generate some form of noise.

Once again it begs the question. Should the people of this area be exposed to such a risk?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ian Treharne', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ian Treharne



Our Port is under attack!

PLEASE, PLEASE READ BEFORE DISCARDING!

ABALONE LAND FACTORY FARM AT PORT STEPHENS

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED URGENTLY - this proposal is **NOT** like an oyster lease. This land based factory will:

- Suck **50 mega Litres (20 Olympic sized swimming pools)** per day, (24/7) of our Port's water in and out of our beautiful, pristine Port Stephens to grow abalone in large tanks in a factory shed
- Circulate sea water and waste/effluent discharged by 4 x 650mm diameter pipes that will extend into the Port by half a kilometre
- **Discharge 1000 kg of nitrogen** and other waste per year into the Port through pipes – 9km inside the port from the open ocean
- Discharge the waste into the estuary, which can take in excess of 12-14 days to flush, potentially causing unimaginable damage to the underwater environment

All other Abalone Farms are in coastal areas, not in estuaries! This is a dangerous, unwelcome "precedent".

The potential risk of **mollusc disease (Ganglioneuritis, Perkinsus and other diseases)** has already happened in Victoria (over 1,200 km on Victorian coast, destroying 90% of wild abalone). This environmental disaster has now spread to Tasmania despite Government agencies efforts to contain it. Mollusc disease has been, and still is killing native marine life. If you care about the condition of our Port and the future of our region...

PLEASE ACT NOW!

If you wish to oppose this project, please act now:

DEADLINE IS CLOSE!

1. Write your letter of objection
2. Send it to: NSW Planning and Infrastructure by
Monday, 12th May 2014. GPO Box 39 Sydney
3. OR email your letter to: NSW Planning and Development Website
www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition

If you have any questions please contact:

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PORT!

Photo of a piece of the diseased/ contaminated pipes from one of the Abalone Farms that contaminated 1200 metres of the Victorian Coast >



Imagine the destruction of **four** trenches of pipes like these being laid > each ½ km long – to pump Port water 24/7! It will be a first for our Port. *What will be next???*

