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Pindimar. 2324.

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30/4/2014

Development Assessment Systems & Approvals,

Planning & Infrastructure,

Attention: Director, Industry, Key Sites And Social Projects.

Po Box 39,

Sydney. NSW. 2001.

Attention: Kerry Hamann / Chris Ritchie.

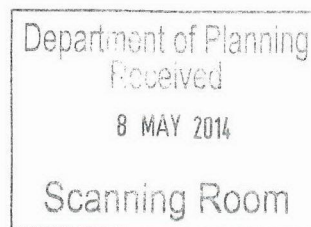
Reference: **Application MP10- 0006 Pindimar. Abalone Factory Farm.**

Location: 180 Clarke St Pindimar. NSW.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge my strong objection to the above Major Project for the following reasons.

1. Abalone aquaculture growing in estuaries, (Port Stephens) land based facilities have been proved in the past, to be an absolute failure and disaster not only financially but environmentally. For example, in Victoria and South Australia where mollusk disease (Perkinsus, Ganglioneuritis and other diseases) has effected wild caught abalone in those areas. This disease has now travelled to Tasmania destroying marine life.
2. There is a high risk of disease for the many oyster farms in Port Stephens



3. If allowed to proceed and in the event of failure and residual disease who will clean up the mess. A very substantial fund held in trust by Government must be implemented.
4. Port Stephens is a Marine Park designated by the Dept of Primary Industries. (see page 7 of Tourism Brochure enclosed) so how could a private company or anyone be allowed to discharge any waste into this area?. This pristine waterway must be kept that way so the public and tourist alike can enjoy.
5. Pindimar & surrounding areas are quite residential and rural and the noise disturbance from a factory 24 hrs a day would be intolerable.
6. The truck movement not only during construction but after, supplying the project would be intolerable owing to the local road structure.
7. Please find enclosed Tourism Brochure and flyer to residents who have not been properly informed of this high risk project.
8. Please ask the Minister Ms P Goward to reject this proposal thus stopping any future precedent for this area.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Ms P Goward', written in a cursive style.

Yours Sincerely,

Port Stephens

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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???*

