

## Robert A Byrne

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 August 2017 3:44 PM  
**To:** Robert A Byrne  
**Cc:** Chris Ritchie; Joanna Bakopanos; Deana Burn  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Notification of the West Culburra Concept Plan Supplementary Response to Submissions\_Invitation for Comment

Hi Robert,

I've just returned to the office from field work and have been advised of your email. Apologies for not getting back to you until now.

Regarding the West Culbura concept plan the NSW Food Authority can only comment on matters within our remit of food safety. Our colleagues in DPI Fisheries - Aquaculture Management team deal with other sensitive issues of development under SEPP62 and can comment more on impacts under this SEPP.

Regarding issues within our remit the proposed plan may have a localised impact on the estuary over the long term. There are 3 shellfish harvest areas in close proximity to the proposed plan, one of which is approved for Direct Harvest allowing sale for human consumption direct from the water without any further treatment processes. This direct harvest approval is vital to the local shellfish farmers business model. This direct harvest approval is granted based on current water quality findings, however this is reviewed on an annual basis and can be revoked if water quality deteriorates below established limits.

If the proposed development was to proceed there may be a localised impact over the long term with increases in stormwater flows and urbanised run off due to reduced carrying capacity in the developed area which may impact the direct harvest classification.

It is also vital that the development is connected to the adjacent sewage treatment plant as having onsite sewage management systems in this proximity to the waterway greatly increases risk.

I trust that this information is of use for your needs.

Regards

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On 9 August 2017 at 11:55, Robert A Byrne <[Robert.Byrne@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Robert.Byrne@planning.nsw.gov.au)> wrote:

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