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Letter sent via email
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Dear Ms Bakopanos

RE: Notice Of Exhibition – Marine Finfish Research & Commercial Aquaculture Providence Bay

I thank you for your correspondence dated 8 March 2016 regarding the Notice of Exhibition – Marine Finfish Research & Commercial Aquaculture, Providence Bay Notice, located in open waters from Hawks Nest NSW.

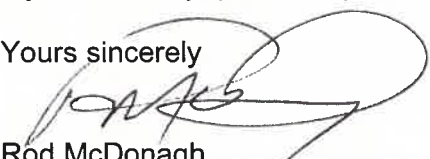
Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is responsible for the safety of navigation in the area specified. RMS has no objection to the placement of the facility however, we request that the conditions noted below are complied with and the information requested is provided before commencement of works.

- RMS to be informed during consultation phase to the boating community
- Prior to commencement of works, RMS to be provided with a copy of the Traffic Management Plan for the operational stage of the modification – as mentioned in 8.2.1.2 of the Environment Assessment. Furthermore supply the specifications of Aids to Navigation and lights (AtoNs) intended to be utilised.
- Free passage of vessels must be maintained around the structure and buoyed area.
- Aids to Navigations (AtoNs) and affixed lights need to be adequately moored and maintained.
- An appropriate procedure is to be in place to retrieve any AtoNs that break-away to avoid a navigation hazard to shipping and other vessels.
- Any vessel related incident that occurs in the vicinity of the proposed area to be reported to RMS.

RMS will monitor the boating activity in the area and may request modifications to the Traffic Management Plan and buoyage systems if it is deemed necessary.

Please provide the information requested to email - boatingoperationsnorth@rms.nsw.gov.au
If you have any questions please contact Senior Boating Officer Brett Boehm on 0428626603.

Yours sincerely



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