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NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Support for Seaweed Aquaculture Lease Disaster Bay Eden (AusKelp Pty Ltd)

To whom it may concern.

Ocean2Earth Pty Ltd (O2E) is pleased to provide this letter in strong support of the proposed kelp aquaculture development at Disaster Bay, Eden, as outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement submitted by AusKelp Pty Ltd.

O2E is an Australian marine bioproducts company focused on converting underutilised seafood and marine biomass into high-value, regenerative agricultural inputs. Our operations are centred in Eden and are directly aligned with regional circular economy outcomes, sustainable waste management and the development of low-emission fertiliser alternatives.

We view the AusKelp project as highly complementary to O2E's existing and planned operations. The proposal represents a strategically important opportunity to establish a reliable, scalable and sustainable source of kelp biomass within the region. This has clear downstream benefits for the development of biological fertilisers and soil health products, where kelp plays a critical role as a biostimulant and nutrient source.

From an industry perspective, the synergies between O2E and AusKelp are material:

- **Feedstock security:** A consistent local supply of cultivated kelp strengthens sovereign capability in marine bioproduct manufacturing and reduces reliance on imported inputs.
- **Circular economy outcomes:** Integration of aquaculture biomass into value-added agricultural products supports waste minimisation and resource efficiency.
- **Regional job creation:** Both projects contribute to skilled employment, infrastructure investment and long-term industry development in the Eden region.
- **Environmental benefit:** The project aligns with broader objectives to reduce pressure on wild kelp systems, improve ocean health and support low-emission agricultural practices.

O2E has been actively involved in the development of marine-derived fertiliser products, including kelp and fish hydrolysates, and is currently progressing scale-up initiatives in partnership with industry and research organisations. The availability of locally cultivated kelp is expected to significantly enhance product development, manufacturing capability and commercial viability.

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Importantly, the AusKelp project has undergone extensive environmental assessment over a number of years. Based on our understanding of the EIS, the proposal has been designed with appropriate consideration of ecological, social and operational factors, and represents a responsible approach to aquaculture development.

In our view, this project is aligned with regional, state and national priorities relating to sustainable agriculture, emissions reduction, biosecurity resilience and circular resource use.

Accordingly, Ocean2Earth Pty Ltd strongly supports the approval of the AusKelp kelp aquaculture project at Disaster Bay.

Should you require any further information regarding our support or the synergies between our organisations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyran Crane". The script is cursive and fluid.

Kyran Crane
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