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To the Assessing Officer,
NSW Department of Planning, Housing and infrastructure

Dear Sir or madam

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

Pentarch Forestry writes in support of the proposed Seaweed Aquaculture Lease, Disaster Bay – Eden 1 project.

Pentarch Forestry owns and operates significant forestry export and related assets in the Eden region, and we have a long-standing interest in the sustainable economic development of the local area. Through our operations, we understand the importance of regional investment, local employment, responsible resource management and maintaining strong, diversified industries that support the broader community.

We consider this proposal to be a positive opportunity for the Eden region. The development of a carefully planned seaweed aquaculture project has the potential to contribute to local jobs, new skills, regional investment and supply chain activity. It also represents the type of forward-looking industry that can complement the existing economic base of the region while supporting innovation in sustainable marine production.

Pentarch Forestry recognises the importance of environmental stewardship in industries that rely on natural resources. We support proposals that are subject to proper scientific assessment, transparent regulatory oversight and robust environmental management. Based on the Environmental Impact Statement and associated assessment process, we understand that this project has been carefully studied and evaluated over a number of years.

We also acknowledge the broader environmental context in which this proposal sits. Marine ecosystems are under increasing pressure, and wild kelp forests are declining in many areas. Responsibly managed seaweed aquaculture has the potential to contribute positively to environmental outcomes while creating a sustainable new industry for the region.

As a major regional operator with a direct interest in the long-term prosperity of Eden and surrounding communities, Pentarch Forestry supports projects that encourage investment, employment and sustainable development. We believe this proposal aligns with those objectives and should be considered favourably, subject to appropriate approval conditions, ongoing monitoring and compliance requirements.

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For these reasons, Pentarch Forestry supports the Seaweed Aquaculture Lease, Disaster Bay – Eden 1 proposal and respectfully asks that the NSW Government give it favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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