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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,

Pentarch Offshore Solutions provides this letter in support of the Aus Kelps Disaster Bay Kelp Project as part of its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submission.

This project represents a well-considered aquaculture initiative that aligns with the broader development of sustainable marine industries across the Far South Coast of New South Wales and East Gippsland, Victoria. It reflects the growing importance of the blue economy in supporting regional resilience, environmental outcomes, and diversified economic activity.

From a marine operations and logistics perspective, the proposed development is consistent with the type of activity that can be effectively supported through existing and evolving port infrastructure in the region. Offshore kelp cultivation presents a low-impact, scalable model that integrates well with established marine use patterns while contributing to:

- Sustainable biomass production and carbon capture potential
- Regional employment and skills development
- Increased utilisation of marine and port-based infrastructure
- Strengthening of local supply chains and service capability

The project also aligns with broader industry and collaborative frameworks, including those advanced through O2e, which promote responsible ocean-based economic development and encourage integration between marine industries, infrastructure, and environmental stewardship.



Importantly, initiatives such as the Disaster Bay Kelp Project support the continued diversification of coastal economies while maintaining a strong focus on ecological sustainability and regulatory compliance.

Pentarch Offshore Solutions supports the progression of this project through the EIS process and recognises its contribution to the emerging aquaculture sector and the broader regional marine economy.

Yours sincerely,

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