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Submission

Re: SSI 5657, Commercial Shellfish Aquaculture Leases Jervis Bay, NSW

I oppose the proposed leases on the basis of the environmental risks posed to an unique area and the related degradation of an amenity enjoyed by locals and visitors from all parts of Australia and overseas.

I am not opposed to aquaculture generally. But Jervis Bay is of such special value that it should not to be put at risk by such developments.

I have been visiting the Jervis Bay area for almost forty years, particularly Greenpatch and Calalla Beach. The clear water and white sands; the sight of dolphins and whales swimming freely; these are magical experiences. This is truly a special part of Australia.

I believe the risks detailed in the EIS are unacceptable. I refer particularly to the EIS finding that there would be a moderate risk of biofouling, and that diseases, parasites and pests could be introduced. It is completely unacceptable that these materials and other waste from the proposed leases could find their way to such pristine beaches.

Also, the operation of the leases close to the residential areas of Calalla Beach and Vincentia will be a continuous and unwanted visual intrusion into the lives of residents and holidayers alike.

We have stewardship of a unique place. It is not a place for aquaculture leases. Just don't do it.