

Objection to Jervis Bay Aquaculture Project

I object to this project on the following basis:

- As a landowner at Callala Beach I believe that this will have a detrimental effect on land values, particularly beachfront property due to the visual impact directly out from the beach. Jervis bay is a pristine, unspoilt marine park environment which attracts tourists and holidaymakers due to its untouched beauty. Allowing commercial aquaculture activities is detracting from this environment and will be a visible eyesore for all residents and tourists to Callala Beach, making it a less desirable location and therefore reducing property values and impacting local businesses.
- The area of Jervis Bay just off Callala Beach is extensively used for recreational boating and particularly sailing due to the prevailing winds and the aqua farm buoys, lines and nets could easily get caught in yacht keels and boat motors. The increased boat activity that the farm will produce is a hindrance to this recreational activity.
- The underwater lines and infrastructure will attract sharks according to the Threatened Species Assessment, including the Great White. Callala Beach is a recreational swimming area and attracting sharks to the area is dangerous.