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To Whom it may concern,

In response to your email regarding the State Significant Infrastructure application to develop commercial shellfish aquaculture within Jervis Bay, SFM applauds the department for the hard work and massive effort that has clearly gone into putting together this highly comprehensive application process for shellfish aquaculture approval in Jervis Bay.

Based on the proposed production area being put forward in this application and FAO production estimates for longline mussel production of between 18-20 tonnes per hectare this would imply that this new area could produce up to 900-1000 tonnes of shellfish per annum. Given the fact that Australia and NSW in particular are net importers of seafood the potential for such growth in local shellfish production is strongly supported by SFM.

The detailed Environmental Impact Statement and draft Environmental Management Plan you have tabled details that this can be done in an environmentally favourable manner whilst creating much needed local employment for a regional area.

We support your application for this new shellfish growing area.

Yours sincerely,

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