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**Department of Planning & Infrastructure,
GPO Box 39,
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Dear Sirs,

Objection to Jervis Bay Aquaculture Project (SSI 5657)

I wish to object to the proposed Jervis Bay Aquaculture Project for the following reasons:-

1. This proposed development is an alienation of a large part of the Bay for private use; a part of the Bay that is close to settlements and extensively used for recreational and tourist based activities. The contribution to the Shoalhaven is not stated but estimates suggest gross income is likely to be less than \$2 million per year. Why risk this priceless environment for so little?
2. The project would be a danger to water based activities particularly at Vincentia, as the lease will be immediately in the path of small sailing boats, kayaks, windsurfers, kite surfers, paddle boarders, which are normally within one kilometre of the shore. These craft are at the mercy of changes in wind and wave strength and direction and could easily drift onto the buoys and mussel lines. Disentangling themselves could prove difficult even fatal. Barnacles on the ropes and buoys would also be a safety issue.
3. Both lease areas, Vincentia and Callala, would be a hazard for all water craft including, larger yachts, motor boats and jet skis as the intention is to make the buoys and lines as inconspicuous as possible. Cardinal marks on each corner of leases will be insufficient particularly for many holiday makers who will be unaware of existence of the leases. Additional markers will only increase the visual pollution. Storms could cause damage to the leases and floating debris would be a further hazard.
4. The surrounding beaches would also be subject to visual pollution and debris from the leases with the possibility that these large structures could change the tidal flows and the nature of the beaches, to the detriment of resident's amenity and a deterrent to tourism which is the mainstay of employment around the Bay.
5. The financial feasibility of the project is unknown. If the project proves profitable it would be very difficult to stop expansion. The Jervis Bay Marine Park Management Plan allows an eightfold increase in the area alienated and Government could extend that further.

Jervis Bay is a magnificent environment that attracts residents to invest in the area and tourists to flock here. The proposed development, if approved would lead to a complete change in the Bay from a recreational haven to a major industrial site. The application must be rejected.

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Saunders.