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Dear Ms Hamann,

Jervis Bay Aquaculture Project (SSI 5657) Response to exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement EIS)

I refer to your letter dated 3 October 2013 and subsequent email dated 4 October 2013 requesting advice from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter.

Comment by NSW Office of Water

The NSW Office of Water:

 (i) notes that the EIS indicates that land based infrastructure such as a depot/ warehouse and launching facilities will be required to operate and maintain the aquaculture leases (page 118).

(ii) advises, in this regard, that depending on the location of these land-based facilities, the Office of Water may have an integrated approval/water licensing role with the separate development approval process.

For further information please contact Janne Grose, Planning and Assessment Coordinator (Penrith office) on 4729 8262, or at: Janne.Grose@water.nsw.gov.au.

Comment by Crown Lands

Crown Lands advises:

(i) no issues in respect to the environmental aspects of the proposal.

the proposed land-based activities will in part require Crown foreshore reserve infrastructure (boat ramp, wharf). These reserves are under Council trusteeship. Any required commentary on this matter should be sought from and given by the Council.

For further information please contact Mark Edwards, Group Leader (Nowra office) on 4428 9101, or at: Mark.Edwards@lands.nsw.gov.au.

Comment by Agriculture NSW Agriculture NSW advise no issues.

For further information please contact Wendy Goodburn, Resource Management Officer (Goulburn office) on 4828 6635, or at: wendy.goodburn@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Comment by Fisheries NSW

As proponent, relevant Fisheries NSW matters have been addressed as an inherent part of the application and assessment. It is not considered appropriate for Fisheries to provide a response to this proposal. By way of advice, the following additional comment is made by Marine Parks.

(i) aquaculture is permissible in the Habitat Protection Zone of Jervis Bay Marine Park (clause 1.18 of the Marine Parks (Zoning Plans) Regulation 1999),

(ii) clause 3.7 of the Marine Parks (Zoning Plans) Regulation 1999 limits aquaculture in Jervis Bay Marine Park to extensive aquaculture of shellfish on long-lines.

(iii) the Operational Plan for Jervis Bay Marine Park further limits aquaculture to a

maximum total area of 440ha, and

(iv) the proposal is consistent with all of the above requirements.

For further information please contact Matt Carr, Manager Jervis Bay Marine Park (Huskisson office) on 4428 3001, or at: matt.carr@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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