Submission 44 – Mark Clifton

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Dear Sir

Re: Abalone Land Factory Farm at Port Stephens

I wish to register my objection to this proposal.

This proposed development has the potential to cause much damage to the port of Port Stephens, and damage to the local ecosystems that are already struggling with increased urbanization of the area, and environmental variables. This port has large seagrass meadows that support many marine species and we need to protect them.

It is unusual for such a development in an estuary and there is not enough scientific study to support the proposal. In fact, there is much documented evidence of what damage such a development has had on other localities and ecosystems.

I would beg you to urge that more research and study be undertaken before such a proposal be given the go ahead. I am not against development and such proposals, I just believe we should be aware of actual impacts that will occur before we are in a position of trying to rectify or mitigate any damage.

Kind Regards

Mark Clifton