

This submission is written for Duncan Richardson.

Duncan has frequently visited Pindimar where his family have had a residence for the last 39 years.

Duncan has Down Syndrome and complications associated include: poor eye sight (Duncan has cataracts and retinal detachments) resulting in poor mobility and generalised coordination difficulties. Duncan has a significant intellectual delay and requires close supervision and support.

Duncan enjoys his holidays at Pindimar. There he is able to feel safe. He is able to accompany his family on walks up Cambage Street. For physical reasons, it is very challenging for him to walk very far along the beach.

For Duncan – this is a very enjoyable activity. It is made possible as this is a residential road in a supportive street.

Duncan enjoys the tidal waters and shallow water of Pindimar. He enjoys swimming and relaxing in the water for long periods around the full tide, out the front of Cambage Street.

On behalf of Duncan-

We place an objection as to the use of Cambage Street as access for the Abalone Farm. It will no longer be a safe street to walk upon. There is no footpath for which to walk upon. It is not safe to walk along the Swales which fill with water and do not always immediately drain after rain.

If the Abalone Farm is to go ahead- then the Proponents should be expected to immediately pay for a footpath to be created along Cambage Street and to maintain the footpath in the future. This should occur prior to any additional use of the road with respect to building of the Abalone Farm itself.

Secondly- water quality issues remain a concern. There needs to be a 100% guarantee that water quality in Port Stephens will not be affected. Why should Duncan be expected to compromise his health any further?

Yours sincerely
Judith Richardson and Family