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Pindimar Abalone Farm Project #10\_0006

I object to this application #10\_0006 on the grounds that I believe it would be environmentally hazardous to have waste pipes discharging into a closed water environment such as Port Stephens.

A development such as this should be located in an open water, coastal area to take advantage of wave action and good water circulation. Pouring waste into the middle of a port which is subjected to multiple eddying effects throughout is obviously not intelligent and can only jeopardise the existing multi-million Dollar tourism trade, just for the sake of one business.

It is also my understanding that the water temperatures in the Port are too high for abalone for much of the year and would require chilling. The resulting expense would make an already challenged development such as this unlikely to succeed and I wonder what size of bond would be required to be lodged by the proponent to cover the costs of dismantling the plant, retrieving the underwater pipes, stanchions and making good the beach, the mangroves and the damaged underwater sea grasses should it fail.

Yours sincerely.

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