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Objection to the Pindimar Abalone Farm Project, 10_0006

Dear mr Hazzard,

According to Destination Port Stephens, a tourist organization, there are "over 1500 people employed directly in tourism" in the Port Stephens area, and visitors spend around 400 million dollars here each year. The industry is growing and depends on the pristine, unspoiled ambiance and clear water provided by the port. Valuable fishing and oyster industries also thrive in the port.

The land based abalone farm poses a risk to these industries, through pollution, risk of disease incubation, and the unsightly evidence of heavy industry in a place of natural beauty.

Why risk it?