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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: PINDIMAR ABALONE FARM (MP 10_0006) – Exhibition of Environmental Assessment

Reference is made to your letter dated 19 March 2014, advising Council that the Environmental Assessment for the above mentioned Major Project is on exhibition, and Council's letter dated 18 April 2013 regarding the adequacy of the draft Environmental Assessment.

Following review of the Environmental Assessment dated February 2014, Council would like to re-confirm the concerns raised in its original letter, being:

- The Council is concerned that the development has significant potential for environmental impacts, particularly to water quality and associated environmental and marine degradation from the discharge of nitrogen and acid sulphate soils.
- Assessment of the proposal should include careful and comprehensive assessment of these environmental impacts, and ensure that the commercial operation of the proposed abalone farm does not negatively impact upon the existing viability of the oyster, prawn, and fishing industries currently operating within the area.
- It is considered that the proposed wastewater management system is appropriate, however it is noted that Great Lakes Council will be responsible for the legislative aspects covering the installation and operation of the wastewater system.
- It is recommended that any approval require ongoing environmental monitoring and critical review by a third party (at the developers expense) to ensure there is no unacceptable environmental impacts. Alternatively, any approval could require an annual contribution (indexed) from the developer to GLC and PSC sufficient to enable the undertaking of a critical review of the annual report, site inspection and any necessary compliance action via appropriate Development consent conditions.
- It is noted that the nearby area of Port Stephens is zoned W2 Recreational Waterways under Port Stephens Local Environmental Plan 2013.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please don't hesitate to contact Council's Development Services Section on (02) 4980 0115.

Yours faithfully,


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