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Dear Mr Ritchie

Marine Finfish Cage Trials (SS1 5118)

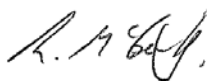
I write in reference to the above proposal and your request as to whether or not the Marine Park Authority (MPA) supports the proposal.

The MPA supports in principle sustainable finfish production and research and in this instance we find no reason to object to the proposal. Please note that in addition to any other requirement, the Department of Primary Industries will still require a permit from the MPA under Section 19 of the *Marine Parks Act 1997* before works commence.

The MPA has some concerns regarding the risk of fauna entanglement and possible impact on ecological process and threatened species. These will be addressed in the MPA permit by a number of specific conditions if or when the proposal goes ahead. The details of these conditions will be finalised after consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Department of Primary Industries and appropriate experts.

If you have any enquires please contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely



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