

Sent: Friday, 30 November 2018 12:11:29 PM
To: planning@glenelg.vic.gov.au
Subject: Submission - Yumbah Aquaculture abalone farm

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my absolute horror, disgust and disappointment at the proposal of locating the Yumbah Aquaculture abalone farm in a location so close to so many homes on the Dutton Way near Portland.

After reading the documents pertaining to this proposed development it is clear the company has very little regard for the residents and holiday makers that frequent this area.

I have been holidaying (almost exclusively) in Portland, [REDACTED], with my family for the past 31 years. Prior to that, my father and his siblings had been visiting the area many times per year since the 1950's [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. I had planned to take my future kids and grandkids to our Portland house for many years to come.

My parents operate a 7000 sheep property in central Victoria and work extremely hard for their age. They have very few opportunities for rest and relaxation. "Going to Portland" is one of them. They (and I) spend days swimming on the Dutton Way beach (regardless of the season), walking along the rocks and enjoying the fact they can cross the road to the beach safely knowing there is very little heavy traffic.

It seems this is the way of life the new abalone farm is intent on completely obliterating. Do you think we can wander over to the beach with heavy machinery and trucks whizzing by at all hours of the day? Do you really think we can enjoy walking along the beach without fear of tripping on an effluent pipe or being attacked by a shark which will without doubt be more attracted to our swimming space with abalone waste water being pumped into the bay right next to it!

If this abomination is approved, are the approvers willing to accept the death of the first child being ran over by a truck crossing the road to the beach or the group of swimmers being mauled by sharks as on their conscience? Are a couple of newly created jobs worth destroying the way of life of hundreds of people, many of whom cannot afford to move elsewhere?

This development will be forever. This will become a stain on the Dutton Way. A horrible ugly destruction of a once pristine piece of coastline. Just think of that famous song lyric "They paved paradise to put up a parking lot".

The Dutton Way is our paradise.

I have just shed a tear thinking about what horrible future awaits it if this project is approved.

I beg you from the bottom of my heart - please don't let Yumbah Abalone Farm go ahead!

Kind Regards,

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