

Submission No. 346 Online Gopetition

Petition started 7 Nov 2018 - 514 Signatories as at 5pm Friday 30 Nov

Extracted listing of all viewable comments, unedited via one comment moderated for racist content

Comment provided
A prohibited use in the planning zone (intensive animal production), and overwhelming in scale. This industrial-sized facility has no place in a small coastal community. — Commented by Anonymous
Totally wrong for this area. — Commented by Anonymous
Stop destroying the environment!! — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Please reconsider putting this at The proposed location. Great concept just not the right location. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Keep Dutton Way residential/turisum....NOT INDUSTRIAL!! — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Completely wrong place for this development. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Not keen on the extra traffic and unknown affect it may have on the beach. We have young children who love to play along this beach. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
There is too much at risk for this massive industrial abalone factory to go ahead. Once it is gone we will never get it back. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Relocate proposed abalone farm. Don't spoil the Dutton Way. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
I believe that the proposal for the Yumbahs Abalone farm is an excellent opportunity for Portland however that said the current Planning Permit Application P18147 & Works Approval Application 1003316 (Yumbah Aquaculture Facility Dutton Way should be rejected. In this day and age with the technology available there can be no reason why the current facility of Yumbahs Abalone farm be extended or established close by - it just makes sense to do so. The environment and people living within the Dutton Way area must be protected along with the Town of Portland who over recent years under the current administration and support of the Mayor & Councillors have increase the look and beautiful environment of our great city to attract tourists and people moving into a delightful place to live. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Inappropriate location for such a large scale, industrial sized project. I have grave concerns for the impact this will have on the emerging Southern Right Whale Nursery. We must preserve this beautiful coastal area for future generations, once gone it is lost forever. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
This is not a good idea.. I lived on Dutton way for over a year and is the most amazing spot that I still love to visit as a lot do.. taking this space and tearing it apart is not worth any amount of job or income to Portland.. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Current location is not appropriate

— Commented by Anonymous
Don't do it — Commented by Anonymous
Not wanted not needed — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
I visit this beautiful clean and stunning place on a regular basis. I'd hate to see it change. The whales have a safe haven for breeding and I feel this is far more important than some money hungry company. Stop destroying our planet. — Commented by Anonymous
This is a disgrace. It is zoned rural living. For far to long the local council has destroyed this town with ridiculous decisions about zonings of land. There is ample room for this abalone farm down the coast where it will not affect peoples lives and homes. Maybe start listening to locals instead of listening to the money. Get your act together council you do a shocking job at running this town. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Disgrace. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
NO NEED! — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Planning - should not be allowed in rural residential zone EPA - noise pollution running 24/7 Water pollution — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Inappropriate location — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
More than happy for the project to go forward but Dutton way is so special! Not only that it's residential. There are so many other places this could go! — Commented by Anonymous
Sorry, but this is a case of the wrong thing in the wrong place. Go back to the drawing board... the abalone farm should be away from houses and people. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
If this gets the green light from councillors, it will be be another disaster for Portland and the beautiful coastline. Portland is starting to become more of a tourist town now which is exactly what it should be. It's stunning with the marina , your tram and the places around, the whales. The coast is beautiful. You nearly ruined it all with the turbines: don't wreck the town. This ridiculous idea cannot be allowed to go through. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Industrial activity has no place in this pristine beach and quiet residential area. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
If our council allows this they all need to be sacked — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Surely the 'farm' can be situated so it is not so close to residences. — Commented by Anonymous
After living on and off in Portland for 30 yrs, the idea of a commercial abalone farm in the small neighbourhood of Dutton Way is outright ridiculous. There surely are more suitable blocks of land away from people and their homes. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
We visit often and do t want the area ruined. — Commented by Anonymous
I do not agree with the location chosen for this farm. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory
Not appropriate location

— Commented by Anonymous

It's a no from me!

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Enough development

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Don't wreck this beautiful part of the world

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

I've lived in Portland for exactly 131 days where I have walked the Fawthrop Wetlands, Nun's Beach, Pivot Beach, Cape Bridgewater Beach, Crumpets Beach and Dutton Way. I can honestly say I was shocked to be taking photos of residential properties whose rate paying owners have blatantly disregarded the Glenelg Shire Council Planning Laws by utilising the high tide area as their private property, building concrete paths from the foreshore and pontoons with steel railings to tie their boats to it. Yumbahs Abalone Farm is the biggest infringement proposal I have ever seen on not only private land BUT Crown land to be using 20 large pipes made of I presume either concrete or poly carbon across possible "*heritage significant and culturally protected*" crown land into the sea where reefs, fish, tourism for Glenelg Shire Council with whale breeding areas and whales who frequent this area to be blasted with approximately 8660 litres of seawater every second, no one knows what the devastation of output will be to the sand erosion in the sea, marine life swimming near the output of this area and when a pipe breaks as salt isn't immune to causing cancer to concrete this would cause major environmental disasters for which Portland will certainly be in (Australia and Internationally) known when they are told it is one of the breeding waters for Whales, seals and other mammals of the marine life, on the Map of Australia and known as the town who caused it, as multinationals like Adani have done in other parts of Australia, local millionaires or multi millionaires will do to their own local beach for financial gain with not a thought to the environmental problems including the reduction of marine life and a possible increase in pests and sand erosion on the beach and in the sea itself, as the pipes are similar to a groyne. Will this change the way the wind crosses the water? Hasn't this company already got other abalone companies in Australia? Ask yourself?, Why now and why Glenelg Shire Council is it because they were rejected elsewhere by other Shires or Councils in Australia? Where's their Environmental Effects Statement to the effects to marine mammals, to bird life, to small mammals on the foreshore, to the salt water Environmental Protection Authority standards of water quality. I've seen koalas in Portland on the beaches climbing out of trees, heard about kangaroos at the beach what do you think Portland is known for?. I will tell you as a new resident to Portland honestly its been about its Whale population, heritage of the township, beaches of scenic value to the Portland coastline. The beaches have significant cultural and natural heritage values and contain areas of special scientific interest. These towns are of friendly people, all abilities and people who care about the environment knowing it could be "*transformed into an area of high environmental and social values which contributes to the visual amenity and economic tourism potential of the area.*" Glenelg Shire Council should be pleased to call on residents who have lived here for 20, 30, 50 years more or less as doctors of science, with Degrees and Phd's in Marine Science, Ecology, Landcare, Environmental Sciences and other related areas including Bird life who have the ability to assist residents, who like me don't want the development of Yumbahs Abalone Farm on Dutton Way to be built on the environment, on the beach, in the sea, near the whales/seals/fish swimming their route, or birds flying their route to the Fawthrop Wetlands Ramstar Site aren't we as humans supposed to protect the land we live on, enjoy swimming at, photographing the beaches, planting the coastal cliffs and beaches with indigenous plants, collecting the plastic debris found on the beaches, isn't it because we all care in the Glenelg Shire Council why we have our festivals encouraging people to the towns for tourism? Answering a Facebook page on Dutton Way on 8 Nov 2018

as I was advised mossies don't live in salt water- they do actually, they are called - *Aedes Vigilas*, *Aedes Camptorhychus*, *Aedes alternens*, *Anopheles hill* as they swim known as the coastal species flying coastal routes. What a huge breeding ground at the supposed Yumbahs Abalone Farm is going to attract. I wish Portland residents the very best with stopping this invasive project which may well control the change of the wave systems within the beach of Dutton Way. I am not a Scientist or Marine Biologist I am a new resident and motivated member of several Portland Community groups with an interest in where I live, volunteer and walk or swim. I am an Open Water Qualified Scuba Diver I love looking at the marine life. I own an extra large boogie board, on holidays I like to rent a kayak to paddle out to look at other marine life and I have spent most of my life living near or at beach residences in Victoria. I think the problems would multiply too with the imbalance of the natural biodiversity, spreading to other areas, maybe causing toxic problems, is not natural to the area causing land destabilisation, looks ugly, should not be permitted and isn't Australian Marine life of National Significance? I object to the Yumbahs Abalone Farm on Dutton Way.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Our coastline is under enough threat from climate change, inappropriate use and development.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Not the right place for this

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

This should never be allowed to happen. Totally wrong spot in Portland to have such a big industrial area. Stupid Glenelg Shire council obviously have no thought for locals anymore. They are wrecking the town with all these decisions about heavy industry in such a beautiful historical town. Portland is Victoria's birth place. They already have an abalone farm near narrawong, why do we need another one so close to a residential area. The people that already live there should be considered instead of just trying to make money from these businesses. Shocking planning decision by the council and it shouldn't have even been considered.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

This would destroy this area

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

There so many other peices of coast free to do this on how dare our money grubbing council even consider this to be right.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

We love to visit this beautiful area. I can't believe that anyone would even think of putting such a smelly eyesore here. Couldn't a suitable area be found further around the coast away from homes?

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

I object to it being built in the middle of a housing area move it further along the coast

— Commented by Anonymous

Producing more Abalone is not a good enough reason to disturb the local ecosystem, potentially effect tourism & negatively effect the mental health and well being of those opposed to the plans. I would like to know the perceived benefits of the plan. If it's just money and a few more jobs then I am even more appalled. I know people who work at the narrawong farm and I know they have struggled to employ staff with the expertise required for spawning, and it sure isn't people from Portland with that expertise. Is there any research available that studied the effects of using pipes like these, taking large amounts of sea water from the ocean, on the immediate ocean ecosystem? We're I. The 21st century and decisions should be driven by scientific information. Money comes and goes, but our environment takes a lot longer to recover. I just don't see how farming Abalone can be

<p>more important than the reasons I've mentioned above. As someone who grew up in Allestree, and parents still reside there, I do hope the consultations are scientifically based (environmentally and psychologically) and not fueled by economics.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>this is not the right place for such a venture with numerous coastal residences within a few hundred metres of the proposed farm site and the glaring industrial nature of the enterprise within a predominantly rural residential area.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>please start using common sense in this decision. Someone has to be the forerunner.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>As visitors to the area we don't want the amenity of this beautiful coastline destroyed by an ugly black blot. We fear that the effects on the bay will only be known when it's too late</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Whales and other inhabitants are a vital part of the eco system. Take them away and things grow wrong! They are not just beautiful creatures.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Moderated comment – concern over foreign ownership</p> <p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>Find another location, one that won't affect its neighbors.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>The town is almost ringed by industry. With this development it will be surrounded. Enough is enough! Please save some sea frontage for recreational residential expansion.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Not against Industry, just against it in a residential area. Yumbah needs to look further out of town, perhaps closer to their current facility.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Needs to be further out of town, why can't they build where they currently are?</p> <p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>This project is too close to community - why not further towards south Australia</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Disruptive to the whole space, this is a beautiful holiday destination!</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Do it elsewhere</p> <p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>Save the planet</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>The proposal is ok, but the proposed site is totally wrong.</p> <p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>No no no Don't do this. Find another way, whales have had enough stress let alone this. Pristine environments need to be left alone or we won't have any left!</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Zoning is rural residential. In the middle of 230 residents trying to dump a 63.5 ha industrial sized factory. Ruining prime grazing land and beautiful coast line forever. Endangering close underground water table.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>I object strongly to this aquatic development in the area of Dutton Way, a haven for people and the emerging Southern Right Whale</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>The ocean is there home not yours.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>I used to live at Dutton Way, would hate to see it spoiled by this project!</p>

<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Either we create zones and abide by those decisions or don't bother. The key words here are Rural Living.</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>What a terrible use of wonderful ocean front land!</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Coastline is so important, please don't destroy it for everyone and the whales</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Protect the Whale Nursery.</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Oppose development because of inappropriate location adjacent residential area Size of it will spoil Dutton Way and further industrialize our beautiful coastline and beaches. Birdlife will be adversely affected by destruction of present habitat The beauty of area will be ruined by hectares of shade cloth solar panels high wire fences, noise from Pumping station and increased vehicle movement The Dutton Way beach has become a very popular spot for locals and tourists alike with effluent going out to sea who will want to swim there or even hang out there. Presently a lovely quiet unique little coastal village/hamlet with many people buying to retire here Uncertainty as to how it will effect ecology of and marine life of Portland Bay. One can't compare it with Narrawong as this is to be biggest in Southern Hemisphere so experts can't be 100% certain as not tried and tested so why on earth would you take the risk with such a beautiful environment. Concerns about drainage from hill (elevated land behind the whole length of site), presently drains into Yumbahs proposed site Concerns how this drainage will effect the stabilisation of the hill. Unidentifiable Sink holes thought to be throughout the area Ongoing maintenance present Narrawong farm has been an eye sore but recently tidied presumably due to present application. Ongoing cost of proposed rebuilt sections of rock wall if went ahead would it be ratepayer funded? Huge underground pipes alongside house allotments .. concern what could that do to those properties foundations and if problem who pays? Noise for residents of constant 24/7 pumps Possible odours from sediment ponds depending on wind direction Property values will be adversely affected representing marked financial loss for affected ratepayers. Rates are very high. Our property is zoned rural residential/RuralLifestyle Accept paying higher rates for living in such beautiful location but not ever expecting nor accepting of biggest Abalone farm in Southern Hemisphere to be proposed on our doorstep and along our tourist drive into Portland. We decided to move here because of the beauty of the location which this proposal most certainly threatens.</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Cannot happen</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>No pipes on the beach. Do not disrupt the whales and other marine life in the area.</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Good luck to all concerned residents. It should never have been able to get this far before informing the community.</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Put the environment first</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>I am very concerned about the impact this development will have on the whales, the reef, the recreational fishing in the area, the amount of nutrients that will be pumped into the ocean, the noise pollution from the pumps and filters, the visual pollution of the buildings, and the lack of rights, and say, the residents who have lived along Dutton Way for many years (or generations), seem to have about their community.</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>

<p>Why is this forced upon the local public without a vote. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Big mistake we are known as the Whale capital they come here to breed and give birth close to shore and they want this what is it going to do to the whales and beach and the people that live out there its the only place we go in summer walk along the beach swim it will be no more with this crap out there people will not see the beautiful beach it is with this and the only place to see whales will be Warrnambool BUILD ELSEWHERE NOT IN PORTLAND — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Capitalism is not right if it leads us to money without considering the consequences . — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Save Dutton way — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Born in district. Come back to district. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>The negative impact on the natural environment and the current residents of this part of our coastline is unacceptable and I wish to register my protest in order to protect a place that I visit for it's natural beauty. — Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>Beautiful place needs to be preserved not destroyed. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Leave it alone — Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>Kids don't want to grow up seeing the world being torn apart — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Not against it just where it is and how big it is — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>This is horrifying and unsustainable. Let's not farm abalone on land! Let's keep Dutton Way the way it is, but while we are vaguely in the ballpark of ghastly developments also get rid of Dutton the politician. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Large scale industrial development should never be allowed to encroach on the survival of the natural environment or any rapidly declining species. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>The proposed development will have a detrimental affect on the residents of Dutton Way, as well as the marine environment - particularly the whale nursery and the sea dragon habitat. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>This is out of step with the surrounds . What happens with all the water churning back into the beautiful Portland bay. There will be some environmental effect. — Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>Please do not allow this development to proceed as it will impact the surrounding homes and ocean life — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Please, too close to residential area. Unsightly. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>As a frequent to visitor to Dutton way I object strenuously to this inappropriate development — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Inappropriate position for this expansion of business that will impact residents and tourists. — Commented by Anonymous</p>

This is a terrible idea for so many reasons. It is obscenely oversized and will cause environmental damage in a environmentally significant part of Victoria.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Why should our resources be a priority for other countries first our ancestors u tried genocide then our lands were raped of uranium diamonds gold now our sea life LEAVE TANGAROA ALONE our ancestors loved and looked after all for all GREEDY MONGRELS

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

I grew up in Heywood and spent many summers camping on the Dutton before and after the 'new' breakwater washed away the beach Time for the council to learn!

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

large businesses need to take a good look at there actions and think about how it will effect other people in the area. Most of the people involved in this lager development do not live in that area of Portland or in Portland itself for that matter, that's why they are not effected but this or even care about the people surrounding proposed area for the Abalone farm. The Portland council should be utterly ashamed with themselves that they assisted this development in the Dutton Way area which is surrounded by residents and who have chosen to live there because of its appearance as it looks now not because of how it will look after a Odious Abalone Farm is developed in that area.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

An area zoned rural living should never have a large intensive farming property situated within its boundaries.

— Commented by Anonymous

First the K. S.Anderson, then Alcoa, now this. There are always people determined to destroy pristine areas. Take the abalone farm away from residential properties. Portland has the potential to be a tourism hotspot, I was born here and I love the place. Stop this nonsense!

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

We visit Dutton Way to see family this will be right where he lives , interfering with his life style

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

These developments must not happen on agriculture-zoned areas. This will affect the lives of the people who live there!

— Commented by Anonymous

Leave Dutton Way as is.

— Commented by Anonymous

Such a development would and can be better located to another area between Narrawong and Port Fairy that will not impact on a community. The proposal will take away much of the ambience from the people that currently reside there and visually will be a blight on the landscape. The flora / fauna and surrounding areas will be effected by additional traffic and noise.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Portland and surrounding coastline is amazing. Leave it that way. We don't want it scared any more. The breakwater has done enough damage and we don't need or want any more. This is not progress. Just scaring

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

I think they should just expand where they are already set up

— Commented by Anonymous

Don't ruin our beautiful beach!

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

No Abalone farm!!!!!!!!!! Dutton way is beautiful. Don't build that there!!

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

<p>It will devalue our house and it will become a child safety issue with the double B trucks driving past everyday as our local school bus goes along Dutton Way. — Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>It will devalue our house and it will become a child safety issue with the double B trucks driving past everyday as our local school bus goes along Dutton Way. — Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>We are a visitor to this area and would hate to see it destroyed. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>This is what happens when those with \$ signs where most of us have human organs decide to show their contempt for those they've cut themselves off from. Certainly does look like the Dutton Way! — Commented by Ken Haley</p>
<p>We need to protect this area and to stop this application. When will councils wake up to what is important to their ratepayers and not sell out to overseas companies. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Please stop this from happening — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>this is a beautiful place. please don't destroy it. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Business is totally unsuitable for residential area. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>This is coastline that we should be saving! — Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>Why spoil nature but more importantly....a emerging whale nursery...Praise The Lord ...common sense prevails... — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Yeah nah. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Extremly Inappropriate place for this type of land use... — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>protect this land — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Save the Dutton way! It's too valuable to be ruined! — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>The area has already been heavily damaged from human activity. This doesn't need to go ahead. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>I wish to object to the Yumbah Aquaculture facility Dutton Way Zoned rural living Inappropriate location it should be away from housing and the community Preserve the beautiful coastline and the environment — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Dutton Way is not an appropriate site for industry. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>I grew up on and around this land and there is no way this should be allowed. This will have a major impact on the nearby landowners and the ecosystems surrounding it. 100% against this. — Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>This buisness is to close to residential area will destroy natural holliday vista and the main concern is the amount of contaminants that will be entering a bay where we have a unique fragile environment which is one of our areas main eco tourist drawcard with whales coming right into this bay.</p>

<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>save our whale nursery located within where the 20 pipes are proposed to be placed .whales are an endangered species i live right on the ocean and have witnessed many births and whales staying within this exact area for months at a time .the noise from the constant pumping of seawater will deter the whales from returning to the area.</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>We the undersigned wish to object to planning permit application noP18147 and works approval application 1003316(Yumbah Aquaculture facility Dutton Way)</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Not a local, but have close family and frequently visit and enjoy Portland and in particular Dutton Way. The size, scale and impact of this type of propasal is something that should require a lot of consideration before locating in even a remote, uninhabitable, insignificant area, lit a lone a residential, beachside ecosystem.</p>
<p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>I grew up in Portland and lived in this area befor the rock wall was extended down Ferguson’s rd, I believe it would be a terrible mistake to build this farm</p>
<p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>I do not believe that the proposed location is suitable for such a large scale industry</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>I visit family in Duttonway regularly and have spent many hours at the beach and in the bay. This is a beautiful place and should be protected if not for the locals & visitors enjoyment then most definitely for the aquatic life, I have watched pods of dolphins & whales enjoying the beautiful waters, I’m sure a place less habituated could be found for such an industry but it should not be Duttonway.</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>This is my family town - where my Mother was raised - where I spent my childhood school holidays every year. Where my family still reside. I now bring my family annually, to visit this beautiful town and the Dutton Way is my favourite entrance to this town. It is a naturally and an unspoiled 'welcome back to Portland' when I visit. This town has so much more to offer, than spoiling a whole landscape and ecosystem for one area of agriculture, that will destroy more - than bring life. Please reconsider and say NO to this application. Please Invest in growing the human population and tourism of Portland.</p>
<p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>This is not a suitable development for the proposed area. We cannot risk our marine life & coast line for "jobs". We have a low unemployment rate. So where are we going to house all the people that move to town? Tents?</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Also own commercial real estate in Portland. This proposal is overscale and completely inappropriate for the site in my opinion. It must not be approved</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
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<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Dutton way is beautiful the way it is Leave it alone</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>This beautiful area must be kept free from industry .</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Please do not let the abolone industry Choose dutton way for there place to reside..</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>It is a huge industrial development which will affect the beauty of the area and the beach which has taken years to return.</p>
<p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>

Great project, wrong location. Very short term vision to utilise this parcel of land for a single enterprise benefit, there is so much more to be gained by allowing this land to be developed as lifestyle housing for the future. Imagine a flourishing population living the dream in a gorgeous location spending large amounts of money in the Portland community. Industrial operations belong in industrial zones, not nestled in amongst lifestyle/potential lifestyle properties.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

I grew up in Portland. The town already has multiple industrial areas, one of these areas is the stretch of coastline from the port to out past the aluminum smelter. These industries already act as an eyesore but unfortunately they are now a necessity for the livelihood of many residents of the town. Please don't allow any more of this beautiful coastline to become further industrialized. A better location would be the old Alcoa site in Point Henry.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Please dont allow this to go ahead in the proposed area- push it further down the coast away from towns!

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Wrong Location for large Industrial Abalone Farm which will negatively impact the Environment and peaceful lifestyle of residents.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Not a suitable area for a industry of this size. Too close to residential area. Will ruin the natural landscapes and beaches. Will cause noise,smell & rain water pollution. This is effecting too many people.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

This should not go ahead in this spot!

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Leave Dutton Way alone no need to have this massive industry right in peoples back yard, let alone the environmental foot print it will leave on our coast line

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

So much coastline to build, just not on Dutton Way.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

My parents live very close to this proposed development. Dutton Way is not the area for such infrastructure. The whales are finally returning to the Bay to have their babies. Why would anyone want to jeopardise that????

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Keep industry out of housing and tourist zones

— Commented by Anonymous

Keep industry out of tourist areas.

— Commented by Anonymous

I own a block on Dutton way and disagree with plans to construct this highly industrial operation in a beautiful and pristine area such as Dutton way. The information provided on impacts on tourism, whales and biodiversity are intentionally downplayed and misleading.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

I recently visited our favourite spot at snapper point and the children and I weren't happy at what 2 pipes did to our 'the peoples' beach and I don't want to see any more along our pristine coastline.....we sacrifice so much for the sake of money but it's the earth that really pays for the suffering and our children cos after all we do leave earth to them.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

Why ruin our marine beauty and animals for the sake of sending tnis to Asia.

— Commented by Anonymous

Zoned rural living. Protect Dutton Way.

— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory

<p>Please don't do this - it's too risky and has the potential to wreck a beautiful and sacred area of coastline.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Our precious coastal resources are all we have. Once they are sabotaged, they are gone. This is clean water, fishing grounds, connection to country and fundamental well-being you are jeopardising. No way.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Stop destroying the planet.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Please think clearly before approving this project, why if you want Portland and surrounds to grow and prosper would you allow this development to go ahead so close to current homes and town. Yes to the idea of the abalone farm, good on them, but a BIG NO to its proposed location</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Please stop the development of the Yumbahs Abalone Farm on Dutton Way.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>Locals, Homes, Community, Families, Whales, we don't want to lose this. We need to protect our environment.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>This will damage the environment, affect the tourism industry and the lives of local people...totally inappropriate industry for that area!!</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>I believe that this Proposed Corporate Mammoth make number 5 Industrial Abalone Facility away from The Peoples Homes an INDUSTRIAL FREE COASTAL FORESHORE RESIDENTIAL Zone and low land Wetlands and beach at low tide,.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>No Large Industry Abalone Park for Residential Area, Take Your Water From the sea as you do before 4 times, not in Established Homes Front Yard Back yard, too big for here affect to many peoples Live, Shameful disrespect of Individual Life space</p> <p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>This will be a real eyesore at this location and is inappropriate adjacent to a residential area.</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>This appears to be an inordinately large development in a particularly pristine environment</p> <p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>We live in an amazing part of Australia and we are lucky to have such beautiful landscapes and beachscapes. The aesthetic ambience of our town and its appeal to tourists will be reduced if this development was to go ahead.</p> <p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>
<p>For Amy and the beauty of the area</p> <p>— Commented by Named (redacted) signatory</p>
<p>This proposal is ridiculous and should be rejected as the peaceful amenity of the pre-existing residents will be totally destroyed and the proposal is not consistent with presenting a pleasant, efficient and safe environment for the third parties affected by it which is an objective of planning in Victoria. EPA regulations also have 'hinge points' relating to noise impacts on residential areas which would seem to be problematic as the site abuts a residential area. Just 2 of many reasons this development should not go ahead.</p> <p>— Commented by Anonymous</p>