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Thank you for the opportunity to request further information for the proposed Yumbah Aquaculture facility at 315 Dutton Way Bolwarra. My concerns on the new information provided are around the sand bypassing, beach protection and access roads.

There is still NO allowance in the proposal for the restoration of Portland Bay beaches to the shoreline prior to man-made coastal erosion.

The beach has eroded **up to 200m** since the establishment of the K.S. Anderson wharf and there is currently over 2.5 million cubic meters of sand stockpiled which belongs to the downstream residents of Portland Bay. This includes future proofing the Convincing Grounds which is the site of Victoria's first recorded indigenous massacre, from climate change for generations to come.

An abstract from the Victorian Heritage Database reads *"Physical remains of shore-based whaling stations in Victoria are very scarce and it is likely that the Convincing Ground represents the most significant and intact site of its kind in the State". "The Convincing Ground has broader social significance for all indigenous people and other Australians who look to develop an understanding of the history of contact, conflict and settlement"*.

Marine mapping data clearly identifies the historical shoreline and the proposed Yumbah inlet and outlet pipes must have this distance added to their length to allow for future beach restoration.

The current rock retaining wall is a serious safety hazard and does not pass a basic risk assessment with the likelihood of a major incident almost certain.

The proposal continues to only assume that 50,000 cubic meters will be pumped annually which is incorrect, as much more than this amount has been pumped in the past.

The Sand By-passing and Smelter Obligations Deed allows for increased pumping of the back log of sand which is above 2.5 million cubic meters.

I also often cycle and walk along Dutton Way, Keillers Beach Road, Fergusson's Road and Huxley Roads with my young children, [REDACTED]. It is very dangerous at the current traffic volume as there are no off road footpaths or cycling tracks.

The road may be capable of carrying the weight of B-double vehicles but the current width and the lack of no off road tracks for walkers and cyclists does not allow for any increased vehicle traffic.

There is mention of upgrading "Portland Beach Road"? What road is this?

I look forward to hearing from you regarding these issues and please don't hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] should you have any further questions, or require any further information.

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