

To whom it may concern,

I write in response to a letter received regarding the new material given by Yumbah and received by the EPA on 3rd. Jan. 2019.

I have read through the document and material supplied in no way changes the strong feeling that I have about such a proposal.

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Comments: I first of all wish to state that I have no objection to an Abalone Farm- it is the site which is totally and dangerously inappropriate.

My first criticism is that there appears to be total lack of empathy towards the community that lives in the area and the effect upon their lives. I would have thought that this was absolutely first priority and yet it has received so little attention and hence regarded as quite insulting. Not once at meetings did I hear Yumbah address this. It would be an environmental impact upon the local population and future generations of massive proportions and almost certain loss of income for Council as people forced to vacate the area. These facts have been ignored as of minor significance.

If the same proposal was for a site on the beach front at Port Fairy or Portsea it would not even be contemplated for a second. Here it would be surrounded by real estate of vast financial value with the homes of the rich and powerful. In contrast, on Dutton Way the houses are modest as are the owners and no doubt it is felt that they would not have the power to intervene with such a horrific proposal and their certain financial loss could just be ignored. This is unconscionable.

The project would be on pristine shores on the edge of town in the midst of a long established community and much loved and regularly visited by thousands during the Summer period. It is my understanding that the shore line is Crown land and hence belongs to us all- to enjoy and to protect and to preserve for future generations. Another site must be found.

For the one person proposing such a project and those supporting it to feel that they have the right to destroy such an area forever and the lives of those who live there for their financial gain is not just arrogance in the extreme but immoral.

Surely the Environment Protection Authority has a duty to protect citizens from the effects upon their lives and wellbeing of environmental pollution and destruction.