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Dear Anthony,

Please find enclosed our responses to the EPA's queries regarding our application to expand our Aquaculture leases in Flinders Bay. When applying for our existing site in Flinders Bay (AL0019) it was previously determined by the EPA not to assess. This was due to the very benign impact of the project:

- No feed inputs – nutrient recycling only.
- Low density of stock over a large area (habitat modules will only take up 1% of the total lease areas)
- Habitat modules are not placed directly on seagrass beds, only on sandy areas adjacent the seagrass beds.
- Culturing an existing endemic species - Greenlip Abalone (*Haliotis laevis*).
- High level of bio-security regulation.

Nothing has materially changed with the new applications. In fact, no negative impacts on seagrass have been observed as a result of habitat module placement over the past 2 years we have had modules in-situ. Our modules are also quite low profile (700mm high).

Due to the MPG 8 application process we have also consulted widely and there is broad community support for our project.

If the agency would like to meet in person to discuss the application and/or provide a presentation please contact me to arrange a suitable date.

Kind Regards

Brad Adams

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