

Kenepuru & Central Sounds



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Dear Mr Sutherland

Resource Consent Application U141078

Clearwater Mussels Limited – Sheep Point, Tawhitinui Reach, Central Pelorus West

Thank you for your email of 28th May 2015.

Our objection is not altered by the varied proposal. The application still seeks a new permit for the entire site for a 20 year term – in advance of the 2016 expiry date for part of the site and a 2024 expiry date for the other part of the site. The application nonetheless includes no assessment of the cumulative impact of the existing level of marine farming in the area and thus does not address whether the existing level of farming is sustainable or otherwise environmentally acceptable for the area. The need for this assessment threshold to be passed subsists now and is likely to be more clearly spelt out in the proposed new plan.

Our position thus remains. More specifically:

- because it is unclear what the purpose of the single additional line is; and
- because any marginal increase in farming area is unacceptable when it is not known whether the existing level of farming is sustainable or otherwise environmentally acceptable; and
- because it not acceptable to prematurely grant a new license for the existing site when it is not known whether the existing level of farming in the area is sustainable or otherwise environmentally acceptable.

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However, the Association would be more comfortable were the application varied as follows:

- the additional line is removed, and
- a condition volunteered that lines or structures within 100M of MLWM will be removed within 5 years, and
- a term to 2024 be volunteered to assist with the facilitation of a cumulative assessment of marine farming in the area under section 165ZF of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Failing that, we would not oppose an application under section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to vary the existing permits to validate the existing number of lines – with no alteration to farm area or permit term.

Yours faithfully


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