

# Kenepuru & Central Sounds



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Dear Sir

## **Application U150652, Sanfords Ltd, Tuhitarata Bay, Beatrix Bay, Pelorus**

We note that an application has been filed to renew the above 3 hectare mussel farm notwithstanding the fact that the current permit on this farm does not expire until 31 December 2024.

The Association is concerned at the significant environmental issues that this particular application raises. These include visual amenity and the proximity of the mussel farm to an area of outstanding natural landscape, the sensitive benthic area beneath the farm, and navigational issues (including those arising from the abnormally close proximity of the farm to shore) – all overlaid of course with the fact that the farm is located in an area where marine farming is otherwise a prohibited activity.

The Association also believes that the applicant has misapplied important regulatory and assessment provisions in a number of areas. We would be happy to discuss these flaws in the application with you.

The Association is an affected person by this application and believes the impacts of the application are clearly more than minor. As such the Association believes it has a right to be notified in relation to the application. Can you please advise if a decision has been made on whether this application is to be publicly notified (section 95A Resource Management Act 1991 – 'RMA'), notified on a limited basis (95B RMA) or not notified at all.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

  
Ross Withell

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