

To whom it may concern,

- Barriers to growth and development.

As farmers in the marine environment we rely on the health of the surrounding ecosystem to produce our animals. Currently there are varied permit conditions throughout the industry. Standardization of permit conditions amongst producers in line with factual based science of the potential and real impacts on the environment would greatly assist the industry. A reduction in outdated, unscientific red tape would save the government and industry substantial funds while stimulation growth in the sector.

- Assist in the growth of the industry:

One of the major factors contributing to a stagnation of the industry is the competition of imported aquaculture products in the Australian market. This has been identified as a major constraint by numerous Queensland aquaculture associations. Government support for the Queensland aquaculture sector in regards to the promotion and enforcement of seafood Country of origin labelling laws would immediately allow Australian consumers to actively seek out, purchase and support Australian products. Market research has shown that consumers will actively support and assist our industry to “grow” when able to identify Australian grown produce. Current Country of origin labeling laws and the blatant substitution of Australian seafood with imported Seafood needs to be addressed.  
regards

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