

To the HON Guy Barnett MP,  
Chair of Inquiry

Dear Chairman,

I am writing to record my views on the best future use of the woodchip site that was sold to Mr Wood (Triabunna Investments) several years ago.

I apologise if this a late submission but trust you will consider it!

I employ more than 40 staff here in Triabunna, who are engaged in shellfish aquaculture and related downstream activities. You will all know that we are neighbours to the site now owned by Mr Wood.

You may not know that 6 of my employee's worked at the woodchip mill in its previous life, including several of the key management staff. They all now make an effective and valued contribution to our business at Spring Bay Seafoods, and are genuinely very excited about the future of our business!

You should all now also know that the woodchip mill site is no longer capable of being used for its original purpose – the plant has been completely decommissioned and the wharf is in a total state of disrepair.

It would take an incredible, if not ridiculous investment to restore it to its original working state.

In the meantime you have a very willing and enthusiastic investor who, according to the law as I know it, owns the property and should be given the freedom and support to develop it. Most importantly, he also has a plan for its future – which I believe has merit, is very real and is actionable!!

Mr Wood not only appears very committed to developing the site for various tourism related purposes, but his actions and the activities on site, which we observe regularly, clearly reflect this.

Included in his plans is a proposal for a culinary school/restaurant and gardens. And other projects with exciting possibilities.

All of these things have significant potential and a very positive benefit to our business and the sale of our mussel products, both domestically and internationally. Of note is that I have several extremely high profile and credentialed Australian Chef's, who as friends and supporters of our Spring Bay brand, have confirmed their interest and excitement at the possibility of participating in food/produce/cooking related activities on the Spring Bay Mill site. Every year we bring numerous chef's trips to our farm and hatchery to "show-and-tell" the mussel story and the Spring Bay/Tasmania story! Tetsuya; Kylie Kwong; George Colombaris; Colin Fassnidge; Frank Camorra; Pete Evans; Simon Bryant .... to name just a few....!

I can also tell you that there is overwhelming support locally for a "let's move on" attitude towards the site. For too long our community has been dogged with negativity and uncertainty. This has come at a social cost that is too high and needs to end.

Most level headed people acknowledge it's time for a new future for Triabunna and Spring Bay. A future that is at the centre of food/wine tourism and arts, and which reflects on our rich heritage. A future that espouses the virtues of local produce; our providence; our community; and the amazing environmental backdrop. And all in a way that brings our community together.

I hope like hell you get this inquiry over with and provide the current owner who has a current plan, with the confidence and support to continue with his investment as quickly as possible!  
There is no plausible case for any alternative!!

Regards

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