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To whom it may concern,

I write in support of Gold Coast Marine Aquaculture's (GCMA) application for permission to expand their prawn farm off the Captain Cook Highway in Mossman.

This award winning prawn farming company is one of Australia's most successful producers of Black Tiger Prawns, and their farm at Mossman is typically the first Black Tiger Prawn farm in Australia to start its annual harvest due to North Queensland's favourable climatic conditions.

The Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia, of which I am Chair, identified aquaculture as a major opportunity for Northern Australia.

Marine aquaculture plays a significant role in providing sustainable protein to a hungry world, and any expansion in Northern Australia would provide a boost to the regional economy and much needed job opportunities, whilst at the same time producing a world class, top quality product.

For these reasons, I strongly support a favourable outcome for GCMA.

Best regards,

Warren Entsch MP
Federal Member for Leichhardt

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