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Dear Mr Bobberman

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2020 on behalf of the Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSIA), regarding the Australian Seaweed Institute's seaweed aquaculture proposal in Moreton Bay.

I am aware of the Australian Seaweed Institute's proposal to cultivate seaweed in Moreton Bay. Given the location of the proposed area, officers from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries are working closely with the Department of Environment and Science to assess this application.

I understand that Fisheries Queensland recently undertook targeted consultation with stakeholders in relation to the proposal to identify potential impacts to existing stakeholders (including both recreational and commercial fishers), maritime safety and traditional owner groups. QSIA's feedback and concerns will be carefully considered as part of the assessment of this application.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact my office on 07 3719 7420.

Yours sincerely

**MARK FURNER MP**  
**Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries**