

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SEAWEED FARMING IN THE BERMAGUI AREA?



Seaweed aquaculture in Australia is a promising industry with a wide range of potential uses such as food, animal feed, biofuels, and fertilisers.



Seaweed can be grown with minimal environmental impact and in fact can have many positive environmental benefits.



Seaweed ocean farms require no addition of feed, freshwater or fertiliser with no waste from marine plants, making it one of the most sustainable forms of agriculture on the planet.

## THE PROPOSAL

Sea Health Products hand harvests seaweed from local beaches. The seaweed is dried and processed into powder or granules that can be made into fresh organic products. While demand for kelp products is growing, supplies of kelp have declined. In response Sea Health Products have developed a proposal for two kelp farms in Bermagui (Haywards Beach) and Pambula (Merimbula Bay).

## THE PROJECT

The Blue Economy CRC and the University of Wollongong have partnered with Sea Health Products and other south coast aquaculture businesses to conduct baseline social, economic and cultural research to explore the benefits and impacts of seaweed farming for local communities on the south coast of NSW.

We are interested in talking to residents/homeowners, ocean users (including fishers, surfers, boaters, swimmers, divers etc), business owners, tourism, commercial fishers, and members of the broader community. We would like to hear from you about how you feel about the development of this industry in the Bermagui area.

## INFORMATION SESSION

Come along to our information session and workshop to hear more about the proposal and give your input.

**Register for session here:**



## THURSDAY 20TH JULY BERMAGUI COMMUNITY HALL

**4:30pm** Light refreshments

**5pm** Jo Lane from Sea Health Products will introduce you to her story and the plan for a local seaweed farm.

**5:30pm** the UOW team will run a workshop activity where you can provide feedback, ask questions and contribute information.

**7pm** Close

## REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Obtain further information and find out how to get involved in future interviews or workshops:



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