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For the attention of: Justina Southworth, Marine Environment Consultant, Emu Limited,
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Dear Justina, East Anglian Regional Environmental Assessment : Scientific Studies.

Thank you for your letter of 2nd July in reply to our letter, dated 17th June 2010.

You state that our letter of 17th June and that the outcome of the proposed meeting between yourself and our member, Mr. Pat Gowen, will be presented to the Anglian Offshore Dredging Association (AODA) of the aggregate dredging companies, and that you are also happy to provide minutes of your proposed meeting with Mr. Gowen.

I have spoken with Mr. Gowen, and understand that no date has yet been agreed for this proposed meeting; however, assuming it takes place, we wish to accept your offer of a copy of the minutes.

Mr. Gowen shares precisely the concerns that I have detailed on behalf of MARINET members in my letter of 17th June. We have been representing these matters to your consultancy since the launching of the Scoping Report in October 2008, and in our letter of 6th July 2009 we specifically asked your consultancy to address the deficiencies we have identified in the Scoping Report following the award of the Phase 2 of the contract to your consultancy by AODA.

Your letter of 2nd July 2010 was the first response we have received from your consultancy since July 2009, despite our requests for your consultancy's response to our concerns.

Therefore for your consultancy simply to say now that you have forwarded our concerns to AODA is scarcely adequate. These concerns have already been with AODA for 12 months, and we have received no response either from AODA or your consultancy.

We must therefore repeat to you, is your consultancy willing to reply fully to our concerns detailed earlier to you in writing, and re-iterated in our communication of 17th June 2010 ?

If your reply is that this is a matter for AODA, will you please advise us as to whom in AODA is dealing with this matter so that we may pursue this matter directly with this person, and please advise us how this person may be contacted.

It seems, regrettably, that our concerns have been met with endless prevarification. We cannot believe that this is in the best interests of AODA who need to assure stakeholders that the East Anglian Marine Aggregate Regional Environmental Assessment is based on sound science.

Future licence applications also need to be based on sound science, and if the scientific studies we have requested, none of which are onerous or extreme, are not undertaken then it will become evident that there is a serious flaw in the scientific basis exists for these applications.

Accordingly we would be grateful if you would address this issue which we believe tackles a shared, essential need.

Sincere regards

S. D. Eades
On behalf of
MARINET.