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Legislative Council Inquiry into Salmon Industry

I had made a submission, but did not get a confirmation, so I apologise if this is a repeat.

I am Helen Hussey of 59 Fergusson Avenue, Tinderbox. I live on the cliff overlooking Dennes Point on Bruny Island. I have been living here for the past 18 years. I worked until I was 65 years old to pay off my mortgage so I could enjoy peace, quiet and the beautiful scenery of the Channel and Bruny Island. Previously I lived on the waterfront in Howden since 1965, so I am a long term inhabitant of the area and remember North West Bay and the Channel before there were any fish farms. I used to enjoy cruising the natural beauty of the Channel and North West Bay.

My home in Fergusson Avenue is close to the cliff, where the Channel is narrowest. I am frequently woken by lights and noise of vessels servicing the fish farms around the corner of Bruny Island. The lights shine directly into my bedroom. I have been emailing Pene Snaschell from Huon regularly as the large vessels pass and wake me at all times during the night. Mostly the vessels are Huon's, very rarely they are not. I have retained many emails with dates and times of unreasonable hours, which I can forward to you.

Ian Locke, on Bruny opposite me, is also impacted by their noise. It is often difficult to get back to sleep, so they impact on my health and wellbeing.

I am concerned with the growth of fish farms, sold to us as good for employment. The new, huge well boats will actually need less staff. The companies make huge profits, while Tasmania's Hospitals are a disgrace and we have many homeless people.

The fish farms are unsightly and spoil the natural beauty of the waterways. This visual pollution is important, as who would want to come and see waterways clogged full of fish pens? The water and sea bed around the pens are polluted. I am concerned about the water quality and the slime and growth blooms caused by changed nutrient levels. Tasmanians who have fished, swum, sailed, kayaked and enjoyed the waterways have their amenity compromised.

Tassal had a "community" meeting recently at Kettering which was very poorly advertised. It was in no way consultative. They merely told us what they were doing. I told them at the time and also in a follow up email that they could not claim this was community consultation with wide acceptance, as it wasn't. Their new well boat which is leased will operate 24/7. This is a large vessel and could endanger smaller boats and kayakers. The rubbish of ropes and other debris from the farms also endanger other craft on the water.

I consider hours of operation need to be limited.

Further expansion needs to have independent, environmental studies before new lease areas are granted. Leases already in use must be monitored independently, not by fish farm employees. The fish farm industry has ignored their impact on local communities. There need to be strong regulations and violations need to be prosecuted.

Thank you for this opportunity. I would also like to present to the inquiry.

Kind regards,
Helen Hussey.