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To whom it may concern

Fish Farms are creating dirty water not fit for me to swim in off Big Roaring Beach Surveyors Bay. Fish farms are growing too big to be sustainable in the small rural area they operate in.

The water quality has deteriorated since moving to the area over 30 yrs ago.

I have noticed and reported evidence of petrochemicals, seen as slicks on the sea surface to the EPA who tell me these are too small to warrant a change in practice.

An increase in algae and a change in visible shellfish has been observed through time.

There has been both noise and visual pollution with increasing search light interference into my property. This activity has reduced the value of my property and my quiet enjoyment of the home I built and the area I invested Social capital in and this challenge has led to a decision resulting in my leaving the area as fish farms encroach on my space to engage in business. An unspoilt wilderness has been turned into an industrial area with difficulties for communities well documented elsewhere.

The fish farming industry has divided the community causing angst to many splitting families and reducing people to a silent witness of loss of habitat for the sea creatures they love to see and loss of enjoyment for themselves and their families and future generations. Plastic refuse is still a problem on the shoreline as plastic welding is carried out at sea and bits from the operations fall into the ocean.

Traffic is heavy on roads not designed for industry. This is putting a strain on Huon Valley council costs and road users and fish farm workers on 12 hr shifts, are at risk.

More evaluative research needed to be done prior to setting up this industry. A base line ought to have been established as the data more recently taken is taken where damage from farming operations is not considered high.

I understand there are plans to expand these industrial sites further and urge you to consider the need to protect natural values for their own sake.

Natural areas must stay pristine.

Thank you

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