



November 2019

Stuart Wright  
Inquiry Secretary  
Parliament House  
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TAS 7000

Dear Mr Wright,

***Inquiry into Finfish Farming in Tasmania***

Please accept this letter as our submission to this inquiry.

We are the owners of a historic and picturesque farm at Bull Bay on North Bruny. Our farm is 3 km to the south of Dennes Point, and looks out on the mouth of the Derwent River and the Iron Pot.

Our property is approximately 3 km from the salmon pens which Huon Aquaculture has recently installed at the northern end of its lease off North Bruny, near One Tree Point. The pens are not visible from our house, or indeed from most of our property, but we are affected by the constant boat traffic past our bay to the pens, which occurs at all hours. This traffic is all the more noticeable because we lived here before it started. The peace of this place is one of the many reasons why we came to live here.

The greatest disappointment about the Huon Aquaculture development is the intrusion into what we regard as really being a wilderness area. This may seem like hyperbole, but until then Storm Bay had very little boat traffic, mainly because of its challenging conditions. And there was a wonderfully wild view out across the bay from the crest of the road between here and Dennes Point, which is now marred by the pens and, probably worse, lights on and around the pens at night, particularly the flashing of navigational lights close by, at the edge of the lease.

We greatly fear the pollution of Bull Bay by the Huon Aquaculture operation, and the destruction of the beautiful kelp and other seaweed

beds which still exist within the bay. We also wonder at the potential effect upon whales, dolphins and seals, which we see here.

We hear too that there are plans to allow salmon farming to develop in Storm Bay to the point that the total annual harvest from the Bay will be greater than that currently obtained from all the salmon farms in Tasmanian waters. How can that happen without enormous impacts on the environment and amenity of the Bay?

It should be recognised that, no less than the wilderness areas of the South West, the waters of Storm Bay are common, public property which has inherent value for its wildness. It is not right that essentially unbridled development of this common property should take place, regardless of the harm done to the environment and public amenity.

We would like to see constraints placed on this industry. We have seen the proposals advanced by the Tasmanian Conservation Trust, and support them in their entirety.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Allston

Dr Janeil Hall

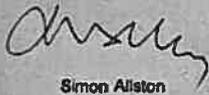
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