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Submission to Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration A -Sub-Committee - Fin Fish Farming in Tasmania Inquiry

Dear Mr Wright

I moved to Tasmania 10 years ago to operate
a cafe at Dennes Point.

I am a permanent resident of Dennes Point

Although I specialise in preparing and serving as much local food as possible I will not eat or serve local salmon.
For the same reason I don't serve battery raised poultry or intensively raised pork

From my perspective salmon "farming" is nothing more than intensive industrial marine feed lots.

In the time I have been here on Bruny Island I have

experienced noise pollution from fish farm boats at night picked up fish farm rope huge lumps of styrofoam
plastic crates see dead seals and slime on the beach.

What I can't see, the pollution below the floating feed lots, I believe is far far worse and is symptomatic of an
industry and a government that put profit and industrial development above everything else.

I endorse the following recommendations by the Tasmanian Conservation Trust 1. Complete independent water
quality and environmental studies, before any environmental licences are issued (not an "adaptive
management" approach)., 2. Environmental licences must set a hard cap on biomass and dissolved nitrogen and
other pollutants emitted into our waterways from pens, hatcheries and other infrastructure., 3. Require all
licences and licence amendments (marine and land based) to be referred to the EPA board so that the
community can have a say., 4. Commission an independent review of the Marine Farming Planning Review
Panel, focusing on its membership, governance and ties to industry., 5. Improve transparency and enforcement
by prosecuting fish escapes, fish kills, marine debris and seal and cetacean interactions., 6. Mandate public
reporting for disease outbreaks and other bio-security incidents., 7. Amend the Marine Farming Planning Act to
require valuation and protection of social, recreational and visual amenity; and consideration of noise impacts
on surrounding residents.

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Thank you for reviewing my submission

Yours Sincerely

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