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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 am appalled at the soup of salmon farm algal blooms knee deep off White Beach where locals and tourists go swimming. I'm disgusted that these salmon farms are expanding just so they can be bought by Chinese for their food production and that lifestyles and water quality and marine environment of coastal Tasmanians are trashed so that a few investors can get rich. It will make extinct the last red hand fish populations and while our government lies that the marine environment will recover this is not support in Macquarie Harbour or other previous salmon farm sites in Tasmania. I'm afraid that with the massive expansion of salmon farms and the massive increase in nutrient load in storm bay will give all Hobart's south arm, dodges ferry and Bruny island and Tasman peninsular beaches unhealthy massive summer algal blooms and that the sediment which lock up the heavy metal pollution in the Derwent river will be released as the nutrients dissolve this sediment. The Tasmanian government total disregard of Hobart's population use of our waterways and beaches and our homes to become condemned to industrial salmon industry and it's night time noise and pollution and traffic is appalling. The salmon fish are immune to quarantine dispute that they spread disease to our wild fish populations. The escaped salmon in the 100 000 supply food to support the spread of seal populations into our bays. These seal populations then attract great white Sharks to our swimming beaches. The bad effects of expansion of the salmon industry is extensive and revolting. The pollution of our fresh water streams by salmon hatcheries are also appalling creating massive pollution of these water ways and have had no restrictions or monitoring. Again show the Tasmanian government as stupid and destructive to our future.

I endorse the following recommendations by the Tasmanian Conservation Trust: 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. 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.. Commission an independent review of the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel, focusing on its membership, governance and ties to industry. Improve transparency and enforcement by prosecuting fish escapes, fish kills, marine debris and seal and cetacean interactions.. Mandate public reporting for disease outbreaks and other bio-security incidents.. 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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