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

Dear Mr Wright

The Salmon industry has foiled the waters of sting are bay - a once pristine swimming spot and now there are globs of disgusting slime floating on the surface - I wouldn't stick my big toe in - the lease in Nubeena is a huge visual scar on the landscape. We almost struck a large piece of walkway material that had escaped when traversing the bay. Luckily we spotted it before impact - it would have been catastrophic. The wild fish are becoming so much more scarce, once great flat head terrain, lucky to catch anything at all except stray rope and rubbish from the farms.

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.

Regarding public hearings, I would like more information from the secretary about opportunities to present to the committee.

Thank you for reviewing my submission

Yours Sincerely
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