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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 live in Koonya with extensive views overlooking Norfolk Bay. I have many concerns regarding the salmon fisheries and their expansion.

There is the light and noise pollution , navigation affected, hate the green algae in Port Arthur and White Beach.

I don't like the idea that we may see pens from here like when we go to Port Arthur and Roaring Beach. The health of the fish themselves and the effects on the native fish. The 'hospital' pens were put in Norfolk Bay !! These fish are diseased !! Why would we want to put them in such a pristine environment ???!

Something needs to be done to limit the amount of pens , to stop the nutrient loading of food and waste matter. Noise: limit operations at night to limit light and noise that affects friends who live so close to these things.

There's not enough clarity given from the fisheries whereas the scientific evidence gathered all points to the dangers. Stop it now !!

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.

Thank you for reviewing my submission
Yours Sincerely
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