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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 think its Reckless of the Government

To issue Variances to Keep the Salmon Industry compliant

I think it Reckless of the Government to have a Zero

Tolerance of Marine Farm Debris

And Not ENFORCE it

I think it is Reckless of the Government

That Inconclusive Science ; on where the Nutrients Deposited in Our Coastal waters goes to . And still

Allow the Salmon Industry Expansion to Go Ahead in Storm Bay and on the Northwest Coast, and King Island.

I think it is Reckless of the Government to put At Risk

With Salmon Industry Expansion

Our Wild Native Juvenile Fish (and their Nursery Habitat)

I think it is Extremely Reckless of the Government

To Not Charge the Salmon Industry World Parity Prices for the Use of Our Coastal Waters (use Norway as an Example) if they Did

The Government would be in Excess of a Billion \$\$\$

Better off .

I think it is also Extremely Reckless that The Government by Not Charging the Salmon Industry

World Parity prices; is in Effect Gifting Corporate Welfare to the Salmon Industry for Shareholder Benefits

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These Are my Concerns

And I Fervently Hope they can be addressed .

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

Matthew Morgan