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

Dear Mr Wright

We have dragged farm debris from the water and taken washed up debris home.

This isn't acceptable. The general public want beaches where they don't have to pick up after these farms.

There seems to be zero checks and balances in this industry. One would think the minister was friends with these farm owners and operators.

I'm also VERY concerned for our waterways, knowing what happened on the west coast. I've also noticed a lot of homes for sale with views that now include fish pens. There is no end to the negative consequences of these 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., 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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