

## Toxic Algal Blooms – Risk to Tasmania

### **Mr GEORGE question to MINISTER for ENVIRONMENT**

My question comes from Chrissie Mason of Garden Island Creek. Earlier this year, southern Tasmania saw a red tide of the naturally occurring species *Noctiluca*, fuelled by warming waters and rising nutrient loads. Given these conditions are expected to worsen, what economic and social modelling has the government done on the consequences for Tasmania of a toxic algal bloom on the scale of South Australia? What trigger points has the government identified to ensure expeditious action is taken in the event of a major toxic algal bloom?