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Dear Dr Woodruff *Rosalie,*

Thank you for your question and the interest expressed by your constituent in regenerative aquaculture and the story published in the Mercury concerning Channel Seafarms' approach to regenerative aquaculture.

I am advised that Integrated Multitrophic Aquaculture (IMTA) and related regenerative aquaculture approaches have been the subject of research and investigation in Tasmania for over a decade, including studies supported through Government funding. This work contributed to a growing evidence base around the environmental performance, operational considerations, and potential benefits of these systems, including nutrient cycling.

The Government supports the continued development of sustainable, science-based aquaculture and welcomes ongoing engagement from industry and stakeholders interested in advancing innovative and economically viable practices in Tasmania.

I note that existing marine farming legislation, together with established plans and lease areas, is already in place to support and enable this type of aquaculture within an appropriate regulatory framework.

My office has contacted the proponent to arrange a meeting in the coming weeks. I also understand that the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania has separately been in contact with the proponent regarding their proposal.

Yours sincerely

Hon Gavin Pearce MP
Minister for Primary Industries and Water