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Legislative Council TasWater Inquiry

Tas Water Inquiry
Parliament of Tasmania
Parliament House
Hobart TAS 7000

To Whom It May Concern

On behalf of our industry participants in the baking industry in Tasmania we write to support the inquiry into TasWater and its behaviour and treatment of businesses in Tasmania.

Our industry participants have endured unannounced visits from TasWater to carry out inspections and make decisions without any input from the business owner. The fact that re classifying Trade Waste Categories for businesses is unheard of.

Our members cannot believe that at no time has, there been any consultation with business owners and what the outcomes will be if forced to install new or larger grease traps. Many of our members have gone to lengths to follow up with other options to assist with water or waste removal so that their business will survive the extreme cost that TasWater place on the proposed changes.

One of our members in Scottsdale is faced with having to dig up their main dining area of the bakery to install the proposed grease trap at an estimated cost of 20k-30k dollars. They have written to TasWater seeking other options and to date no response!!!

We have been informed of the restaurant in the Salamanca area of Hobart being forced to install a grease trap only to find out the only way to install this under Blue Rock to blast their way down!! The TasWater must be having themselves on when it comes to commonsense.

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The very important note is that the whole treatment or protection for our water ways does not even come on the radar for environmental reasons but simply TasWater invented this policy at a board level. Businesses are already paying a waste levy and an additional water and sewerage rate each year which would appear to be double dipping.

From as far as the top of the state to the very bottom it is clear that TasWater will not listen or respond to any of businesses concerns. In closing we strongly urge the Tasmanian Government to take control before every small to medium business in the state becomes non-existent through the efforts of TasWater.

We look forward to a positive outcome and are available at any time to meet and discuss our concerns further.

Regards,


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For and On Behalf of the BAA Tas