Huon Aquaculture – Russell River Hatchery Expansion

Mr GEORGE question to MINISTER for ENVIRONMENT and CLIMATE CHANGE

My question comes from Dr Bill Sutherland, who owns a property on the Huon River downstream of the proposed Huon Aquaculture Russell River hatchery expansion. Dr Sutherland is concerned about the cumulative impacts of salmon farming on river health, water quality and the local environment. Given ongoing concerns about salmon hatcheries that involve flow-through systems staying within enforceable limits on effluent discharge, will the Government rule out any expansion of the Russell River hatchery until an independent assessment demonstrates it will not increase environmental risks to the Huon River catchment?