

Salmon Farming - Impact on Tasmanian Way of Life

Dr WOODRUFF question to MINISTER for BUSINESS, INDUSTRY and RESOURCES

My question is from Brian in Coningham. He says:

I have lived in Coningham for 26 years, and for much of that time enjoyed the peaceful amenity that provided. I truly felt blessed to be able to catch a feed from my dinghy, to swim and kayak in those beautiful waters, but for the last decade, it has left me disturbed and deeply worried about the future of D'Entrecasteaux Channel and North West Bay. The waters are regularly fouled with snot-like weed, the direct result of an increased nutrient load in the waters caused by the finfish industry. I am also woken at 4.00 a.m. most mornings by high-speed watercraft speeding to the salmon pens of Snug Point.

This industry has degraded my beautiful coastal home under your watch and has badly impacted what was quintessentially a Tasmanian way of life, but that can all change if only you rein in this industry and remove it from your waters. When will you listen to people like me, and the experts, and get the pens out of the channel?