

Florfenicol – Fast-Track Approval

Mr GEORGE question to PREMIER

My question is from constituent Cassandra Faux of Geeveston, a small business owner with a Masters in clinical microbiology. She says: I'm deeply concerned by the government's fast-tracked approval to use the antibiotic florfenicol in diseased salmon pens without public consultation, transparent risk-assessment, or environmental accountability. As a small business operator, I ask why the multi-million dollar salmon industry appears to receive shortcuts and exemptions from the level of scrutiny, compliance, and community consultation that is required of small-scale food producers, tourism and hospitality businesses.

Will the Premier explain on what basis approval was granted to use the antibiotic florfenicol, and how it aligns with Tasmania's stated commitment to science-based regulation, environmental protection, and a clean, sustainable brand reputation built over decades?