

Salmon Industry – Impact on Marine Environment

Dr WOODRUFF question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

My question is from Mary Kate in Cygnet, who's so concerned about the effects of salmon farming in her area that she and other members of her local swimming group are worried about going into the water. They're sick of the salmon industry destroying the health of their waters, whether it's diseased and dying fish washing up on their beaches or now the florfenicol that's coating feed and being dumped in large quantities.

The Cygnet Sea Urchins are cold water swimmers and they've had to move their swims to Kingston and some have stopped swimming altogether. They swim for physical and emotional health, which is impossible due to these impacts. They want to know when you will restore their beautiful local marine environment and ask whether you will rein in the industry and require it to move, destock all fallow salmon pens to stop the antibiotic being dumped into waterways.