

**29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

## **Inquiry Into Fin-Fish Farming**

### **Submission re. Impacts from Long Bay Tassal Fish Farm**

Following advice from a concerned resident, it has come to my attention that there are serious environmental concerns over the waterways of Long Bay, <https://www.google.com/maps/@-43.1254155,147.8451841,14z> which may impact upon Stewarts Bay and Ladies Bay that adjoin the business, Stewarts Bay Lodge, of which I am a cabin owner.

Stewarts Bay Lodge, as a major tourism business on the Tasman Peninsula employing many locals, depends very much on maintaining and celebrating our pristine environment and our links with the natural environment and notably the Three Capes Walk. This algal bloom as evidenced by these photos (see at the end of this document) in Long Bay and attested to by Denis Mermet, is of grave concern to my investment. In fact, there are numerous local businesses that depend entirely on eco-tourism and the natural wonders of the Peninsula.

To address these concerns, I submit the following:

- That the Tasman Council, State Government, and the EPA investigate this pollution as soon as possible and provide a written report into the findings;
- As part of this urgent investigation, I request water sampling begin immediately and be publicly disclosed, taking samples at Long Bay as well as Stewarts Bay, which is a popular swimming place for visitors and residents of the area;
- That the lack of water movement and flushing ability in such a shallow and still bay be assessed;
- That the impacts on endemic fish and bird life are assessed
- That the impacts of plastic and other waste pollution are assessed – see attached photos of Tassal fish farm debris on Stinky Bay
- That Tassal hold a community meeting regarding a response to this pollution and how they will rehabilitate the area including water quality and impacts on all affected flora and fauna.

Yours sincerely

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