

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to the Tassal Fish Farm near my property at Port Arthur, Tasmania.

My property, which has been in my family since the early 1980's, is located at 6719 Arthur Hwy, Port Arthur. It is a waterfront property and fronts onto approximately 300 metres on the south west corner of Long Bay. I have been coming to the property on a weekly basis since the 1980's and am very familiar with the area.

The Tassal salmon pens are across the bay from my property. In my opinion, I believe they are currently acting like a break water which prohibits any wave action to flush the bay. Generally, there is a north easterly breeze that comes across the bay. This tends to cause a build-up of a slimy weed on the shore of our property.

After the first fish farm was removed many years ago, I had noticed that the kelp had slowly been regenerating. However, with another fish farm installed, this kelp has dropped off again and seems to be 'choked' by the green slime build-up.

I am not proposing that the fish farm is taken away from Long Bay, but what I would like to see is more interaction between Tassal and locals in the area. We have observed the environmental changes over many years and are able to give constructive input into the habitat and how the Tassal farm directly impacts the bay.

I hope this has been useful and am happy to be contacted regarding this issue.

Kind Regards

Glenn Martin

