

Florfenicol Warnings at Beaches

Ms BADGER question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

Australians, and in particular, Tasmanians, have a strong connection and culture to the coast. From fishing, swimming and surfing, we rely on the ocean as a place of respite from the troubles of the land. With Tasmanians heading to the coast and their local beaches this spring and summer, how can families be expected to know if their local swimming hole is loaded with antibiotics that could potentially cause stinging, irritation of the eyes and affect external cuts or abrasions? Worse, there are serious concerns that this antibiotic also has reproductive toxicity and also a link to organ damage. Are we expected to change our lifestyle and shift our culture so that the multinational corporations can make more profits?