



Tasmanian Salmonid Growers Association Ltd.

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Joint Standing Committee on Public Works
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Re: Macquarie Heads Road Strahan Road Improvements

Dear Shane,

I write to confirm the Tasmanian Salmonid Growers Association's full support of the Macquarie Heads Road Strahan Road Improvements.

The Tasmanian Salmon Growers Association (TSGA) is the peak industry body for the Salmon growers throughout Tasmania. The Tasmanian salmon industry is the single largest seafood industry in Tasmania with an estimated value of \$535M GVP. The industry directly employs in excess of 1,500 Tasmanians.

The \$5.4 million funding made available through the Community Roads Program, Department of State Growth, will lead to a transformational improvement in the 5.2kms of road between Strahan and Smith Cove.

The West Coast Council and the TSGA has recognised that this was a key route which was required to support economic development in the aquaculture industry on the West Coast. As a result this road has been taken over by the Department of State Growth which has agreed to spend \$5.4 million to upgrade the road to meet the conditions applied as part of the approval given for the development of the TSGA's shared aquaculture facilities at Smith Cove.

The industry recognises that growth in the salmon industry in Macquarie Harbour will result in an increase in truck traffic through Strahan. Therefore we are gratified that this project sees funds allocated specifically to improve the road environment to accommodate the trucks but also to ensure that the road would be safe for residents.

We are confident that the addition of pedestrian facilities along this already established heavy vehicle route and huge improvements to existing infrastructure, will make for a much safer route for both the community and our transport and logistics teams.

We are encouraged by the Department of State Growth's commitment, as the new owner of the road, to act in a timely manner to undertake the upgrade so that the impact of the development is minimised.

The Tasmanian Salmon Industry has been working closely with the Department of State Growth, the local community, including the West Coast Council, and the Strahan Streets Working Group to resolve a number of key community concerns including noise, speed and pedestrian facilities. As a result the TSGA are supportive of developing a future roads strategy with the key stakeholders from this project, and we are also committed to developing and implementing a heavy vehicle code of practice for our industry, to be applied to the roads of Strahan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time regarding further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ad-M' followed by a horizontal flourish.

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