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In respect to the Finfish inquiry;

The expansion of fish farming to deep water leases is a welcome development and one that's long overdue.

The ability of the environment to recover from the tons of waste and faeces generated by fish on a daily basis is far more achievable, when farming in deep water.

Without question the industry plans to expand aggressively in Tasmania. With the rubber stamp approval process in place from the Department of Environment, the public needs to be more involved in the consultation process.

My exception is that the environment's historical and cultural values should have a far greater weighting when considering the applications for further leases.

Any further expansion in any part of Tasmania should only be approved after a lease has been removed from the D'Entrecasteaux channel and the area rejuvenated.

The channel has changed beyond recognition in the past 20 years and although I do recognise that it was a near perfect environment for the industry whilst in its infancy this is no longer the case.

Industrial fish farming as measured on a world wide scale, can not continue in the channel and must be scaled back significantly before any further consideration is given to expansion in Tasmania.

I derive a part of my income from the industry and have done for the past 15 years but the industry is very close to loosing its public licence in this area and the Environment department already has.

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