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**To:** [FinFish](#)  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to you re the inquiry into Tasmanian fish farms.

My name is Tony Mahood. I live at Middleton Tasmania on the D'Entrcasteaux Channel south of Hobart. I have lived here for 12 years and I'm am writing to voice my concerns re the fish farms in the D'Entrcasteaux Channel and surrounding waterways.

Here are my concerns and evidence.

Since moving to the area 12 years ago I have witnessed a rapid expansion of the fish farms in our area.

1. My major concern is the noise. The fish farms are continually towing their fish pens up and down the channel. They are towed by noisy tug boats and can take up to 2 to 8 hours to pass by. Depending on which way the tide is running. They tow the pens at 1 kilometre and hour to clean out the fish. And 50 percent of the time they are traveling late at night. Anywhere from 10pm to 5am. And in the worst times when they have an outbreak of disease or jelly fish infestation there can be 4 tug boats a day. The noise is like having a revving tractor on your front lawn. It is impossible to sleep without earplugs and white noise.

I have kept records of exact times and durations that they pass our house. And have given these figures to the Enviromental Protection Authority.

2. I am an amateur diver and dive for abalone, crayfish and scallops. 12 years ago there was hardly any algai underwater and today it is so bad that when you dive, the algai is continually wrapping around your face. The evidence points to the high levels of nitrogen in the water that is coming from the urine of the salmon. Which is causing the algai to explode.

3. I have also seen a marked decline in fish stock in the channel. Mainly flathead. To the point where the locals no longer bother to go fishing as there is nothing to catch.

The outcome I'm seeking is for the fish farms to listen to the publics concerns. At the moment there is no one from the fish farms who will listen and act accordingly. We need an independent authority who can register our complaints and has the power to act.

Surely we all have the right to live in a peaceful and quiet environment in our homes. Or at least the right to a peaceful nights sleep.

Regards,

Tony Mahood.