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To whom it may concern,

A bit of an ironic way to start a letter about fish farms as most of the residents of Tasmania are of course deeply concerned about the endless spread of salmon farms in Tasmanian waters, it seems the only people unconcerned by this issue are those who receive financial gain or kick backs from this unaccountable industry . As a property owner and rate payer on the east coast i strongly oppose the introduction of new industrial salmon farms in our pristine east coast Tasmanian waters. I have spent a large proportion of my life on and under Tasmanian waters ,i have been a diver for 45 years and in that time i have witnessed the destruction of our marine environment with my own eyes . The salmon industry has destroyed the channel region with over nutrification through un eaten fish feed and through fish feaces . Once pristine sandy bottoms are now mud and covered by slimy weed and clean weed beds are covered in fine sediment and most native fish have dissapeared . I read in the mercury newspaper that since the chinese president so kindly graced our shores that the sales of salmon to china have increased over 5000 percent , so its not hard to see why these companies want to grow more fish , its all about short term financial gain for a few and little thought is given to the people of Tasmania . Our east coast waters are unsuitable for salmon production as they are just too warm , even our south coast waters are obviously too warm as seen from the mass fish kills of recent years . These fish should be grown on land with the waste products collected and used on land as fertiliser . The east coast is visually spectacular and a clean environment that needs to be protected from the threat of disease and the over nutrification problems this industry brings . Why cant this beautiful state we live in have the foresight to protect our waters for future generations ? Its sad how its all about money and keeping People on the other side of the world who have destroyed their waters through greed well fed . I expect if i get a reply at all from this letter it will be a condescending " oh thanks for your concerns we will investigate this matter" infact id be very surprised if future east coast fish farms are not already a done deal .

Just another concerned Tasmanian who would love to see his island home preserved for the people of the future . Yours , (with a hope my children can enjoy a fish farm free east coast) , Christo Lees

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