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Submission to Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration A -Sub-Committee - Fin Fish Farming in Tasmania Inquiry

Dear Mr Wright

My name is Helen Hussey. I have lived in Fergusson Avenue, Tinderbox. for the past 18 years. I previously lived. since 1965, on the waterfront in Howden, so I know the area well. I chose to live on the cliff at Tinderbox, for peace, quiet and natural Beauty. I worked until I was 65 years old to pay off my mortgage.

Fish Farming has negatively impacted on my life and many other residents. Boats and largr vessels pass through the D'Entrecasteaux Channel between Tinderbox and Dennes Point. at al hours of the night and early morning. My sleep is disturbed by the noise from their engines and lights which shine directly into my bedroom.

i have frequently emailed Pene Snaschel from Huon and most of the boats are Huon's. She says the waterway has been used for many years by fishing boats. The occasional use by local fishing bots has not had the sustained negative impact as the fish farm vessels.

At a recent information session Tassal said their new huge well boat will be using Electrona to get water. It will be operating 24/7 .

When Information Sessions are held, they do not indicate broad public support. They are merely the company saying what it is doing.. The last meeting at Kettering was not widely advertised at all.

I am concerned with the loss of amenity for all Tasmanians. I remember swimming, sailing and fishing in North West Bay and cruising the Channel before it was full of fish pens and fish farm traffic.

The natural beauty of the coastline is being spoiled. Tasmanians have used the surrounding waterways for fishing, sailing and kayaking for generations. The farms are unsightly and the large supporting vessels hazardous to traditional uses.

The fish farming industry makes huge profits, while Tasmania has inadequate hospitals, ambulances and many homeless people.

I consider we have been severely disadvantaged by Fish Farming as it is damaging our coastlines for generations to come..

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I think the government needs to commission a strong independent review of the Marine Farming Review Panel , focusing on its membership, governance and ties to industry.

The Marine Farming Planning Act needs to be amended to require valuation and Protection of social, recreational and visual amenity, and consideration of noise impacts on surrounding residents.

Kind regards,

Helen Hussey

I endorse the following recommendations by the Tasmanian Conservation Trust 1. Complete independent water quality and environmental studies, before any environmental licences are issued (not an “adaptive management” approach)., 2. Environmental licences must set a hard cap on biomass and dissolved nitrogen and other pollutants emitted into our waterways from pens, hatcheries and other infrastructure., 3. Require all licences and licence amendments (marine and land based) to be referred to the EPA board so that the community can have a say., 4. Commission an independent review of the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel, focusing on its membership, governance and ties to industry., 5. Improve transparency and enforcement by prosecuting fish escapes, fish kills, marine debris and seal and cetacean interactions., 6. Mandate public reporting for disease outbreaks and other bio-security incidents., 7. Amend the Marine Farming Planning Act to require valuation and protection of social, recreational and visual amenity; and consideration of noise impacts on surrounding residents.

Regarding public hearings, I would like more information from the secretary about opportunities to present to the committee with my preference being that I make a public presentation to the committee.

Thank you for reviewing my submission

Yours Sincerely

Helen Hussey