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

Dear Mr Wright

I moved to the Tasman Peninsula in 2013 to be part of the Tasman Ecovillage at Nubeena. I have bought three properties within the village, valued at over \$650,000. The existing industry and proposed expansion are directly affecting my property values.

As part of an Ecovillage, people seeking to join and purchase property here are attracted to the Natural Values of the Tasman Peninsula. I have had people tell me directly that they are not considering buying into the Tasman community unless and until there is a moratorium on the expansion.

As well, two people living in the village who would be potential purchasers are so disturbed by the industrial noise pollution at night that they won't purchase here until this is rectified.

All in all, this means that not only is the value of the property reduced, the potential for sale may be very limited.

I urge the Honourable Members to consider this disastrous aspect of the industry and request an immediate moratorium whilst the following recommendations are considered:

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., 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.

Thank you for reviewing my submission

Yours Sincerely
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