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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 am disgusted that the government is willing to let big industry dollars and fake promises from salmon farming companies impact on our waterways, our lifestyles and right to access these water ways with out having to deal with toxic sludge and hazardous marine debris from fish farms. There is no situation where a private business should be allowed to impact on native endangered or threatened species. The whale that washed up on a tasmanian beach with rope caught around it mouth, was horrifying and hopefully a wake up call. Emaciated due to the impact of industrial fish farming in migratory waters. There needs to be a zero tolerance on marine debris and atlantic salmon should never be farmed in coastal sheltered waters where water flow is minimal. We all have the right to use the waterways without being restricted by salmon pens and we should all be allowed access to fishing grounds which haven't been contaminated by concentrated feaces. The fact that new jobs are being pushed as a major supporting factor of the government for fish farming is ludicrous. Especially when we are moving towards automated industries and remote control situations. Long term jobs will disappear. When will the government stop changing the goal posts for large businesses who flash some money and fancy figures. How many species of endemic flora and fauna are we willing to sacrifice before we realise there is no getting them back? And all for money? Im ashamed to be a tasmanian when talking about salmon farming. Because its not what our pristene state is about. What kind of future are we setting up for ohr children if we are allowing these companies to take everything beautiful about tasmania away from us?

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.

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Thank you for reviewing my submission

Yours Sincerely

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