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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'm an ex professional surfer living at Clifton beach in Tasmania . I've been surfing and travelling for over 20 years and have seen the transformation of pristine environment turn to algae infested rot with debris scattered along the coastline not to mention under the water.

The Tasmanian government and people survive off the clean green image and lifestyle. This is slowly being destroyed. Believe me, people are noticing. I have friends all over the globe. I tell the truths of what is happening here .

There's a piece of piping that has been embedded in the sand at south Clifton beach for nearly 3 years. It came from a fish farm. None of the farms want to be held accountable so no one has removed it.

It could KILL someone. They don't care. They only care about \$\$\$

And the jobs they claim to supply tasmanians. A load of crap. Contracted jobs . Not secure.

I want an audit done on the amount of plastic farms purchase, have in current use, recycle. That way we can work out how much is actually floating in the ocean , washed up on coastline, or stuck on the sea floor.

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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