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

Dear Mr Wright

As a passionate surfer, diver and fisherman I use the ocean majority of my life. We have such pristine waters in Tasmania and I feel and know from previous experience that salmon industry expansion will be detrimental to this. The farm at port Arthur has destroyed long bay, a bay which was once great diving and fishing. Now it's full of slime and waste. The amount of debris washing up along our southern beaches is disgusting, not to mention floating debris I have encounter while out at sea around bruny island and the Tasman peninsula. I'm really scared that if these salmons farms expand to there full capacity we will no longer have anywhere to use the ocean safely and freely and the farms have destroyed the beautiful waterways we live and play in.

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.

Thank you for reviewing my submission

Yours Sincerely

Brad Jackson