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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 regularly fish in the area and I am concerned that the fish farm operations will have a significant environmental impact as already demonstrated in other waters and the expanded operations in storm bay will impact fish life and impact my appreciation of this beautiful Bay.

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., 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.

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 private presentation to the committee.

Thank you for reviewing my submission

Yours Sincerely
James Lockkey