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Dear Sir/Madam

We have to fight for what we love so I am writing this submission because I have grave concerns about the scale of salmon farming and what it is doing to our beautiful environment here in Tasmania and especially on the Tasman peninsula where we live. I am particularly concerned about disease outbreaks and the fact that there is no immediate mandatory reporting from the industry. They seem to have too much of a free hand in where they operate and how they operate. What happened in Macquarie Harbour was disgraceful and clearly it is not an industry that self regulates or cares about the environmental aspects of their big money-making business.

It is sad to see our pristine waterways encumbered by fish pens which are just too large and too many. The stink and debris on our beaches is very evident and our friends complain about constant noise. We have travelled in Scotland this year and, as tourists, it is not a pretty sight. I know our state government is very focused on job opportunities but just how much is this industry actually COSTING the state? I know for a fact that the feeding here off the Tasman peninsula is controlled by a computer in Hobart! There are many restaurants now on the mainland who are awake to the environmental issues of the industry and who now proudly do not choose to serve fish-farmed salmon.

I support an immediate moratorium of all fish-farm expansions in the state and, to go even further, to pull back the scale and number of fish farms. Much stricter regulations are now urgent.

Yours sincerely

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