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To Whom It concerns:

For transparency, please publish a complete list of stakeholders ahead of the consultation rounds, so that missing key stakeholders can be clearly identified. I write this fact because it is already clear that two significant organisations are absent and it is important that they are included as stakeholders in this study.
These two stakeholders are:
*** Tasmanian Independent Science Council - Christine Coughanowr; John Pitt**
*** Australian Medical association - Tasmanian representative Dr. Clare Smith**

As this Tasmanian government Salmon study declares that it is independent and unbiased, the study needs to reflect all possibilities for aquaculture in a variety of forms in Tasmania, rather than positioning the study to justify only one industry's ongoing operations in its present condition. One example of an alternative form of aquaculture is from British Columbia, where closed farm leases are being converted to "bivalve and seaweed aquaculture leases", ref: https://doi.org/10.1111/faf.70081

The endangered Maugean Skate that lives only in Macquarie Harbour in Tasmania, is a species that is threatened with extinction because it exists in an environment with over-stocked industrial salmon pens that are polluting the environment to the extent that this pollution threatens the very existence of this rare species the Maugean Skate. This situation requires its own topic and needs to not be considered a general wildlife interaction in this study.

This study needs to address the fact that no assessment has been made about the development or expansion of industrial salmon farming in Macquarie Harbour, despite the fact that there exists the Environment Protection and Biodiversity conservation Act of 1999. Measures that only evaluate the capacity for salmon productivity, for example: the benthic environment and water column quality, are insufficient measures on their own, because they do not evaluate the environment needed for the survival of the Maugean Skate. This fact needs to be addressed in this study.

The impacts of the industrial salmon farming in Macquarie Harbour are included in the 2026 conservation advice by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee:
https://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/83504-conservation-advice-12022026.pdf

This study needs to address the fact that the **Tasmanian State of the Environment Report** is legislated to report every 5 years, yet a report is now 9 years overdue.

This study needs to strengthen community and indigenous participation by public face-to-face community consultations that must occur during the study.
Public release of information papers and preliminary findings **before** conclusions are finalised.

Significantly, the study must address the question: do current regulations for the industrial salmon farming in Tasmania, protect communities and the environment ?

Our human species relies upon the health of our environment in order to sustain us. This

fact is being dominated by the greed to produce profits that results in allowing our environment to be damaged where industrial salmon farming occurs. Both the industrial interests and the state government that supports them allow this to happen. This fact needs to be addressed in this study because the government has been ignoring the complaints from the Tasmanian population about all the social and environmental damage caused by industrial salmon farming in Tasmania.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Nebauer