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Dear Dr Reichelt and Dr Craik,

Thank you for inviting submissions about the Draft Study Plan and Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan you have developed for the Independent Salmon Industry Study (**'Study'**).

Rather than make a submission on these design documents for the Study, we take this opportunity to extend an invitation to you to consult with the Environmental Defenders Office (**EDO**) during the substantive phases of Study. We do this in the context of some overall observations.

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In addition to our general experience in public interest environmental law, EDO has made a number of detailed submissions on the salmon industry in Lutruwita (Tasmania) and how our marine environment could be more sustainably managed. Our submissions are informed by decades of work in Lutruwita advising and representing clients on sustainable resource management and environmental protection, including in the context of salmon farming regulation.

We note that the Terms of Reference for the Study include an overarching intent to benchmark the regulation Tasmania's salmon industry against those of other jurisdictions, and so this is reflected in your draft Study Plan. While there is an important place for comparative analysis, we take this opportunity to highlight the considerable work already done by EDO and many other experts and community members to develop and recommend solutions that would improve the regulation of the salmon industry. Some of these submissions are listed and linked to below. We encourage you to consider the benchmarking component of the study in light of the recommendations in these submissions. EDO would be pleased to give you an in-person briefing.

- Submission on the Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan (2023)
- Submission on the Discussion Paper: Towards a 10-Year Salmon Plan (2022)
- Submission on Modernising Tasmania's Fisheries Legislation: A Review of the Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995 Discussion Paper dated February 2022 (Discussion Paper)

- Submission on the Draft Aquaculture Standards for Tasmania (2022)
- Submission to the Legislative Council Inquiry into Finfish Farming in Tasmania (2019) and six enclosed submissions dated from 2012 to 2019.

Thank you again for inviting submissions on the design of the Study. We look forward to being kept informed of further consultation opportunities.

Kind regards,
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