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Good morning Salmon Study team,

Please see attached my submission of feedback for the independent study.

Warm regards,

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the South East Nation, the Melukerdee people of the Huon River and the Lylequonny people of the Far South. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture, and pay respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

Salmon Study Submission

I am writing this submission to the Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan to express my ongoing concern over the multinational salmon industry's operation in Lutruwita, Tasmania. I strongly support a genuinely independent review into the industry to assess how it can operate without detrimental impacts on the environment, communities and other industries. As Phase 2 of the independent study plans to deliver expert advice on the risks of the salmon industry and examine international best practice, I look forward to discussions of land-based production as a sustainable pathway forwards.

As areas of the Tasman Sea and Bass Strait become ocean warming hotspots not suitable for salmon farming, mass salmon mortality events continue to occur. The Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania has informed community members that materials of decomposing fish in Tasmanian beaches and bays are not harmful to human health.

However, I question if your overall wellbeing would not be impacted if you were seeing rotten salmon washing up on the beach? I wonder if you enjoy spending time at a beach surrounded by marine salmon farms, and consider what this is doing to Tasmania's tourism industry and reputation? If humans are bothered by this activity, can you imagine the impact of the noise and vibration from the industrial salmon farming upon marine species like the Red Handfish and the Maugean Skate currently facing extinction, and is ecosystem recovery possible if marine salmon farming continues?

I look forward to the impact analysis of the independent study, especially details of where the Tasmanian salmon industry's profit goes. As mass pollution continues inshore, how much tax has the salmon industry paid, and how much profit has gone offshore? Is this more than the cost of transitioning to a sustainable salmon industry upon Australian employment or government revenues, considering that 99% of Tasmanians are not employed in this industry? Lastly, how will increased regulation and oversight occur, and can the Tasmanian community trust the independence, transparency, and accountability of these processes?