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To whom it may concern,

Please see my submission attached.

Best regards,
Jessica Cappadonna

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Jessica Cappadonna
05 Jul 2026

I am writing regarding the Independent Study of the Tasmanian Salmon Industry, with a focus on several topics in Phase 1 of the study plan, as outlined below.

4. Study plan and topics
Phase 1: Current knowledge, concerns, evidence, risks, threats and responses

Topic #1 Other regions of the world not listed in the study plan have salmon industries that are relevant to consider in this study, such as the West Coast of the USA, Greenland, and Argentina. For example, there are likely valuable lessons to be drawn from the West Coast of the USA populations showing sensitivities associated with impacts of climate change, as well as how hatchery salmon impact wild fishes.

Topic #2: The framing of both topics reads as unbalanced. May be considered Salmon Farming in Tasmania positive, valued, and beneficial by some as a means to increase the local economy and food security. However, farming is highly concentrated, and non-native predators are likely to have local environmental impacts that ultimately reduce food security, environmental health, and job opportunities in the long run. The plan and topics must be measured in considering whether Salmon Farming in Tasmania should occur at all. To do this requires evaluating all of the farms over a range of times, without advanced warning, to fully understand how operations are practised in reality. It also requires considering alternatives around being innovative with reducing food waste from existing native fisheries and restoring habitats to ensure resilience to the impacts of climate change. CSIRO research suggests that food security can be improved with white fish, without mentioning the need for the creation or growth of a salmon industry.

Topic #3 Health impacts of salmon farming, including: public health, ecosystem health, wildlife impacts and salmon health. Much more detail is needed to understand metrics for how human health, as well as welfare, salmon welfare, and ecological health, as well as their many intersections, are going to be evaluated.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Best regards,
Jessica