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Tasmanian Salmon Industry Stakeholder Feedback

To whom it may concern,

I have lived as a private resident in the Huon Valley for 24 years and have been witness to the increasing decline of the waterways in the Huon Valley and D'Entrecasteaux Channel. I noticed some years ago that in certain parts of the Channel, signs posted by the Tasmanian government warning of consuming shellfish taken from the waters of the Channel. Yet industry is raising and selling salmon in these same waters, whose beds have been completely ruined for wildlife, sea grasses and recreational use by settling sludge from the salmon farms, which are numerous and represent a very ugly blight on the formerly perfect vistas in the area that once drew people in to our beautiful state as tourists.

Bad farming practices including the use of toxic antibiotics have recently resulted in contaminated "fish balls" washing up on the shores of beaches in the Channel and Huon Valley waterways, and locals have been advised not to fish or swim in these waters, whilst animals consuming these unwanted "fish balls" have fallen victim to contamination and in some cases have died. Local wild fish have been tested and it has been proven that they contain unacceptably high levels of antibiotics in their flesh. ***All of this is totally unacceptable***. When industry trumps people's (taxpayer's) rights to use their waterways recreationally, something is ***very off***.

I attended the recent 2,000 people protest on Verona Sands Beach against salmon farming and the resultant pollution. Even after this very public (suppressed by the media) display, Jeremy Rockcliff announced that he would "continue to eat salmon from Tasmanian salmon farms". So the waters of the Huon and D'Entrecasteaux Channel remain contaminated and unsafe for local recreation, whilst Rockcliff continues to plan spending of millions of taxpayer dollars on an (unwanted by a great deal of people) football stadium.

I also note with disgust that Huon Valley Council has just recently given the green light to EXPAND salmon fisheries in the Dover area. Companies will now be releasing 75 megalitres of contaminants into local waters instead of the 25 megalitres currently being released. Where does a local council get the authority to allow ***local business*** to destroy the environment and create a dangerous recreational environment for residents who pay rates to the council, partly to keep the environment under control?

I object wholeheartedly to any form of fish farming in the local waterways and hold that if companies, councils and governments want to continue to profit from this particular industry, they should move the operations out of the local waterways onto land, where the damage may be contained.

Please stop this madness before the total water environment is ruined completely.

Yours sincerely,
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