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Submission 401

Mark QUELY

I call on the Tasmanian Government to commit to its promise to protect seals in the new agreement on management of salmon farms.

Submission 402

Barbara McKellar

Dear Decision makers

In deciding your 10 year salmon management plan, I urge you to include provisions to take care of fur seals, not to allow them to be shot, maimed, blown up or otherwise harmed. This is barbaric treatment of native animals.

I lived and worked in the salmon business in Cordova, Alaska, for a number of years. It was a pristine environment, and the Cooper River salmon considered the best in the world. The waters were clean and cold, and the other sea creatures plentiful - and protected. Sea otters, seals, orcas, all a challenge for the commercial fishers of the area, and yet protected.

Please, include protection for our native sea creatures in the plan.

Sincerely

Barbara McKellar

Submission 403

Cari Taylor

The 10-Year Salmon Plan is a chance to make Australia's oceans safe for seals, as well as beneficial for the salmon industry. Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework, sadly seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive. It is positive for the salmon industry but highly detrimental to the livelihood of the seals. In the amended plan the Tasmanian Government needs to assure all loopholes are closed that offer any opportunity for seals to be harmed in the farming of salmon. This is essential for the safe ecology of all wildlife and for their future.

Submission 404

Cheryl Maddern

the fact that your newly proposed salmon industry plan has not considered the impact on fur seals who inhabit Tasmanian waters really informs the world .at best. Just how uninformed and cavalier the Tasmanian Govt is in regard to the protection of Australian wildlife The worst-case scenario; and probably nearer the truth; the authorities don't give a Dam!

Submission 405

Marion Crooke

We purchase Tasmanian salmon on a regular basis, believing it to be healthy and sustainable. It is of concern, therefore, to discover that the salmon industry uses explosive seal crackers and shotguns. Apparently, Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive.

Intelligent management means that our environment need not suffer. Please ensure that the Salmon Plan holds the salmon industry to protecting seals.

Submission 406

Glen Philpott

Protection of Seals and other marine life, should be prioritised.

Thankyou
Glen Philpott



Submission 407

Chris Jackson

Dear Tasmanian NRE team

I'm a doctor in Brisbane.

I've just read the Sum Of Us email about impact of the TAS salmon industry upon local seal populations.

Whilst I acknowledge that it's not an unbiased source and I am not an expert in the field, I do hope that consideration to the seals is being incorporated into the new salmon industry regulations.

I enjoy eating salmon and I preferentially consume Tasmanian salmon to support your economy - and because it's good quality.

Thanks for considering this.

Yours faithfully

Chris Jackson

Submission 408

Dr Esther Anderson

Please protect seals in the Tasmanian Government's draft salmon industry plan and close the loophole that allows the salmon industry to maim and kill 'protected' fur seals. The salmon industry must find a humane way to enclose the salmon that does not harm the seals.

Submission 409

Pauline Ashford

I would like to see that the practices of using explosives and crackers with the seals is ceased and disallowed in the future. It is barbaric and damaging to these and other sea mammals. they need to find passive and safe ways to deter them.

Submission 410

Cilia O'Hagan

I definitely will not eat your salmon until you stop using explosive seal crackers and shotguns. The Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework but seals are not mentioned at all in the latest draft. Why is that? Seal crackers and shotguns are still getting fired. If you cannot find more animal friendly methods I will look for another Company which does.

Submission 411

Simon Wells

I urge the government not to approve or implement the proposed new Salmon Plan for Tasmania. It is unthinkable. The salmon industry is an environmental destroyer, a mass-muderer.

I know the Salmon Plan will include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive.

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

This must not happen. And it's national, international issue, not just a state matter.

Submission 412

Kaspa Elston

Please make sure salmon is farmed in an ethical sustainable way so I can stop buying the currently more ethical product from Norway.

Submission 413

Jake Moore

The 10-Year Salmon Plan is a chance to make Australia's oceans safe for seals, but we know the salmon producers will be pushing hard to maintain business as usual. Let's make ending deadly seal practices a priority! There is no good reason to put the lives of innocent animals at risk for profit. There are better practices, and decisions about these need to be made outside the heavy sway of profiteering influence. It's heartbreaking we need to put it this bluntly: Stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns.

Submission 414

Pauline Lucas

Please make real and effective provision for the safety of seals in your redraft of policy in the salmon industry.

Sincerely

Pauline Lucas

Submission 415

David Bass

Whilst it is critical that Tasmania updates and improves its management of the Salmon industry, it is also incumbent upon the government to acknowledge the treatment of the seal population and to ensure that they continue as a tourist attraction.

Submission 416

Confidential

Submission 417

Emma Britten

Stop killing seals and using short sighted techniques to manage your product. You have a bad business model if killing, shooting and crackers are your idea of solution.

Its clearly a cruel method of control.

you have stop putting profits before people and wildlife.

I wont be buying your product.

regards

emma

Submission 418

Bradley Suosaari

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Industry Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive.

However, there's no mention of protecting seals in the Tasmanian Government's draft plan. It's my understanding that more than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

Please close the loophole that allows the salmon industry to maim and kill fur seals using barbaric practices. I urge you to stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns.

Submission 419

Simon Wilson

Please ensure seals and other marine life is protected around Salmon Farms.

Salmon Farms should also be situated in areas with good water flow to avoid another catastrophe that happened in Macquarie Harbour.

Tasmania needs to protect its marine life which is a big draw card for tourists.

We have a house in SE Tasmania which we will be retiring to and we hope the marine environments are protected.

Yours Sincerely,

Simon Wilson

Submission 420

Audrey Raymond

It is essential that the Government stops the Tasmanian salmon industry from using barbaric practices that maim and kill seals? Other ways must be found to have a salmon industry other than in the area where there are seals - on land salmon farms or ones much further out to sea.

Our seals are a precious part of our Australian wildlife and as such should be protected not injured and

destroyed. The current practice must be stopped immediately and its termination also should be included in government legislation.

Submission 421

Adrian Wilson

I have spent the last 12 months cruising the Australian Coast with my wife in our 12m sailing boat. Our home port is Fremantle. I was alarmed to see the scale of the Salmon aquaculture industry in Tasmania, specifically the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and Macquarie Harbour on the west coast. We noted for the first time on our travels an almost complete lack of marine life in the vicinity of the fish farms. In my opinion the balance between the environment and industry has been lost. Im not saying remove the farms, but scale them back to provide high quality produce whilst allowing the local marine ecosystem to recover. I would personally be very alarmed if there was a planned expansion of this very "industrial" industry in the semi enclosed waters as above.

Submission 422

Dean Richardson

Please do the right thing for the sustainability and for the seals

Submission 423

Peter Bleby

The Tasmanian salmon industry does not need any further bad press than it is now deservedly getting. Seals are protected, and the processes intended to use seal crackers and explosives as well as shooting them mean that the industry is more guilty than it already is in destroying other species and habitats, quite apart from the appalling conditions in which the salmon themselves are kept, bred and "managed".

My family joins hundreds of South Australians who already refuse to purchase Tassie salmon because of the appalling processes involved in their production which are very well documented, frequently protested about, and ignored by governments, Environment regulatory bodies and the industry itself. DHAME on all of them for even thinking about making it worse! May your sales plummet.

Submission 424

Liz Spillane

Please protect the seals affected by the salmon industry. I no longer buy salmon because of the barbaric practises that are involved. You need to clean up this industry.

Submission 425

Claudia Marchand

To the Minister of fisheries

As a consumer of Tasmanian Salmon it came to my knowledge that the use of devices to scare away the local seals were a danger for these animals and in most case were causing injuries to the seals; when my family became aware of this worrying fact we wanted to know what was being done by the salmon industry to only discover that the practice is used widely by Tassal notably and that nothing was being done to address this issue;

I beg you to include this issue into your 10 years plan being discussed right now by the ministry of fisheries in Tasmania;

Thank you

Claudia Marchand

Submission 426

Gayle Greenwood

Re the Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan.

Whilst I currently reside in W.A. I grew up in Tasmania at a time when the waters were pristine. It is heartbreaking to read and see, what the salmon industry have done . Namely the pollution of the waters and the destruction of sea-life. In particular, the fur seals.

I now ask the Tasmanian Government why ? Why is their no mention in their latest Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan , of the continuing barbaric practices which maim and kill the ' protected' fur seals? I ask the Government to PLEASE CLOSE THIS LOOPHOLE.

(although the Salmon Industry has described the Plan as 'positive').

Submission 427

Marianna Reid

These seals have been around for many years and you are using more and more of their feeding areas to harvest salmon and they can detect that food is there so you are in their territory. So you should not fire shots at them as your way of harvesting salmon creates seabeds too become contaminated from fish poo so any small fish also are not in these ares for the seals to eat. So I feel you should farm in a lot better sustainable way so other food and fish remain for the seals to feed on.

Submission 428

Steve Morvell

please do not approve this. it is a way past time when Tasmania made a positive stand for the unique and precious environment that you have.

Submission 429

Helena Martin

In our quest for food (salmon) we should not be sacrificing another species we don't farm to eat. One can exist beside another without resorting to killing or worse maiming so the seal is unable to hunt and die a slow agonising death. We humans nominated ourselves as custodians of both land and sea. We must do a better job than killing hungry seals who wander too close to salmon pens. Cruelty is never acceptable.

Submission 430

Mark Crittenden

Dear sir,

I purchase and enjoy tasmanian farmed salmon, however I would be very concerned if I thought that fur seals were continuing to be killed or injured in order to provide that resource. I understand that current regulations are inadequate in that they don't protect the fur seals which may be attracted to the salmon farms.

We have an opportunity now with this new plan to provide protection for the fur seals and other animals and such protection must be included. The industry will no doubt push back against this regulation, however I feel confident that solutions can be found if the industry is forced to address this challenge by other methods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Crittenden



Submission 431

Svyetlana Hadgraft

While salmon production is important, it should not be at the cost of indigenous fauna for examples, seals. Naturally seals will be curious, and perhaps opportunistic, but practices that maim and even kill seals are barbaric and should be outlawed.

Profit should not come at the cost of biodiversity. Seals are important in the balance of sea life. Find more humane ways to discourage them.

Submission 432

Carole Compton

I believe that the salmon/ fish farms should be removed from Australian waters. This one in particular is detrimental to seals and other sealife.

Please clean this environmental disaster.

The operators of these 'farms' are not trying to preserve the lives of other animals.

Please look into it very carefully. It's not just about dollars.

Submission 433

Marie-Lise Bouic

The salmon industry is already earning a bad reputation for lack of sustainability, overuse of chemicals/factory farming methods, filthy waters damaging the surrounding aquatic environment, and lack of transparency by the industry regarding these concerns. I am one of many people who no longer eat Tasmanian smoked salmon due to my concerns about the health effects of the current methods.

Submission 434

Ralph Folds

Wildlife must be protected. Seals need specific protection in the plan.

Submission 435

Mirinda Boaz-Cole

To whom it may concern, (apart from all of us)

There's no mention of protecting seals in the Tasmanian Government's draft salmon industry plan!!!

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

We need to do better.

The world/human life is in a very vulnerable place.

Submission 436

Liz Ahern

As regular visitor to Tasmania I am concerned that there is no clear mention of best practice in dealing with seals let alone dolphins and whales. The science is clear that damage is caused to these mammals by noise so loud noises are not approved. I have already reduced my consumption of farmed salmon when I have read of the environmental damage caused by these intensively farmed fish practices. Please don't allow economic imperatives override ecological practices in managing threats to salmon farms.

Submission 437

Sam Ibbott

Hello,

i write in support of the aquaculture industry in Tasmania. As an island state we face a range of unique challenges, and equally are afforded opportunities not available elsewhere in Australia and even globally. One of our unique advantages is our significant marine estate, which if managed well can allow industry, recreation and conservation in a sustainable manner.

I recognise that compromise between stakeholder groups, open discussion and continuous improvement are all factors in building a system which provides aquaculture industries with certainty and commercial opportunity, whilst still including interests from commercial and recreational fishing, recreational boating, shipping, conservation and other interested parties.

Our small business employs 25 staff - PhD, masters and degree graduates of marine science courses in Tasmania and across the globe. Aquaculture is one of the sectors we work with, and which is a contributor to the stability and ongoing viability of our business, and the indirect employment of my staff.

With the certainty the recently released plan provides, i look forward to the salmon industry consolidating its position in Tasmania, and working to explore future opportunities, while continually improving current practices to further understand and minimise real, potential and perceived negative impacts.

As always, i would be happy to expand on this submission in person if that is of any benefit to assist building a framework for a prosperous, sustainable and cohesive Tasmania.

Kind regards
Sam Ibbott

Submission 438

Michael Murphy

To the Dept.of Natural Resources & Environment Tasmania.
Giddy,

it is becoming a position that rules & reg's written by our politicians are under scrutiny.Gone is the day of not needing to have to worry about what you have written .Documents won't need to wait the ten years of influence before society criticism.So here I am jumping the gate and raising the notice of sustainable governance and humane action.Just a re-minder that protection of wildlife such as seals and the banning the use of seal crackers and shotguns are what you should have already covered due to their importance.Our country is under the microscope and international concerns do not give up so easy so we must show how great we are and set standards well above what were set before.Thank you.

Regards Michael

Submission 439

Litsa Guidetti

please consider and PROTECT THE SEALS.

Submission 440

Heather Hammond

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

The world is watching us to see what Australia will do with our natural resources.

Submission 441

Lexi Harper

Please, I implore the government to stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns.

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive.

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

We need to protect our remaining wildlife in Australia! Please, don't allow salmon industry to continue this practice.

Submission 442

Jane Wymer

Dear Sir

I have read the documents and am writing to request that you include the protection of seals in your plan to regulate the salmon industry. These creatures need your protection, not be ignored and allowed to be slaughtered by money hungry businesses that have no care for animals or their suffering.

Deadly seal crackers and shotguns **MUST** be banned. They are cruel and barbaric.

Seals **MUST** be protected along with any other animals connected with the salmon farming industry.

The plan need to be revised to include the above.

Please actually care about the wildlife in this world before it all disappears.

Kindest regards

Jane Wymer

Submission 443

Douk Konstantaras

In the Salmon plan/submission there is no mention of the protection of fur seals. The barbaric and cruel treatment of these fur seals needs to be addressed. The salmon farming industry can't continue treating fur seals in the name of profit.

Submission 444

Sally Clarke

Every time we prioritise human needs over our fellow creatures, we diminish our spiritual lives let alone our own survival in this wonderful complex inter-related ecosystem we are part of.

Earth kinship

Sally

Submission 445

Nicolette Boaz

To Whom It May Concern.

This draft legislation says nothing about protecting seals. You have the power to do this for future generations. Please use the latest environmental science and include this in the new legislation.

Submission 446

Jim Dolbel

The seals must be protected over and above the profits of fish farms. The seals wouldn't be there unless they were attracted by these aquaculture farming. The Tasmanian Government must act now to protect the seals and stop their slaughter....

Submission 447

Steve Parfitt

Cruel and unnecessary methods should not be tolerated against any animal, especially native marine life. You cannot in good conscience allow a now foreign owned company exploiting the previously Aussie owned salmon industry to engage in barbaric practices.

You the government have the power to stop this and encourage sustainable and animal safe practices.

Submission 448

Diana Holt

The Tasmanian aquaculture industry is having a devastating impact on the marine eco-system. I understand that the industry brings commercial benefits to the State and provides employment to many. However, the Government needs to address the many negative impacts in its review and future planning of the farmed salmon industry. One very important item that must be addressed is protecting seals and this has apparently not been included.

Please ensure that ALL marine life in your State is included in being protected as you plan ahead for an industry which has the ability to ruin the lives of marine species that the locals hold dear.

Now that Huon, the largest salmon farming company in Tasmania, is owned by a Brazilian meat company, it's doubtful that they care about the local wildlife. This is why it is even more important than ever for the Tasmanian Government to ensure that they are not allowed to use practices that are harmful to the local, protected wildlife and the marine eco-system. Please step up and ensure that wildlife will be protected in a proactive way, rather than taking these large corporates to court AFTER they have wrecked our environment. There are too many cases of this occurring. Please refer to this news item: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-05-24/tas-salmon-industry-reform-parliamentary-inquiry-transparency/101094476>

Submission 449

Anne Hamilton

I am writing this submission to the Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan to express my concern about the continual expansion of the Tasmanian salmon industry in Tasmanian state waters and now into commonwealth waters. It is the community and Tasmania's marine environment that are paying the cost of this expansion. Algae is blooming, seals are dying, marine debris is gathering, ecosystems are in decline and STILL our concerns as a community are going unheard.

The health of Tassie's oceans that we love MUST be prioritised now, for the sake of our future generations and Tasmania's unique marine life.

I make the following recommendations:

Reinstate moratorium on new salmon leases: this must mean no new leases, no more biomass, no expansion of current leases and no swapping of zombie leases for new ones.

Fully implement all 68 recommendations of the Legislative Council salmon inquiry report. Urgent attention paid to Recommendation 3 – Develop a plan, in consultation with industry, scientific and community stakeholders, to reduce inshore fin fish farming sites, with priority given to ceasing operations in sensitive, sheltered and biodiverse areas.

Start transitioning to land-based RAS (Recirculating Aquaculture System) salmon farming. Principle 2 of the Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan states “Innovation – future growth lies in land-based and offshore salmon farming” but there is no clear time-bound plan outlined. This must include transition of flow-through hatcheries to fully enclosed RAS hatcheries.

Community voice in marine planning decisions, including Traditional Owners of Tasmania, through a

process of Co-design as in Victoria, and that upholds UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) by obtaining free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).
Radical reform of Tasmania's marine planning process, marine laws and Environment Protection Authority (EPA); Tasmanian government to put in place a holistic Marine Plan, a stronger new marine law prioritising healthy ocean ecosystems and a truly independent EPA.

Submission 450

Catherine Wallace

The new salmon farming environmental conditions were meant to be rewritten to include the protection of endangered seals and the ecosystem species and water quality .
The failure to include such protections represents a blatant decline in the standards, not the improvement promised. full.
The degradation to other food sources leads myself and many others to decide NOT to buy Tassel or Tasmanian farmed salmon ANY more.
The government has a responsibility to ensure environment protection of our oceans and our species- and I am hopeful that it will see the need to NOT let one company, or a few, destroy for profit our water and species that need protection. There needs to be inclusion of additional seal protection, not less! Tassel is now blacklisted by many people I know, for their putrefaction of bays and the oxygen starved, stressful environment they raise their salmon in, and they are wanting to kill endangered seals !
The desecration of pristine wilderness by your government is criminal. Please act to increase seal protection, not omit it. The mushy, grey, dyed salmon which are fed on poor feed in dead water full of excrement and killed off sea beds and degraded environment is not a good move for the Tassie food branding and will drive more people to avoid any farmed fish from Tasmania. Toughen the laws and the company and the environment might both benefit!

Submission 451

David Myer

I understand that the salmon industry uses explosive seal crackers and shotguns to protect their salmon. The Tas Government promised last year that the new Salmon Plan would contain standards for managing wildlife including seals. But there is no mention in the latest draft. No wonder the salmon industry is happy with the plan.

I am not anti the salmon industry - we need all the farmed fish we can get, but they must be controlled so that farming of salmon has minimal effect on the environment and on local fauna.

Please ensure that any final draft has adequate controls so that wildlife are not harmed by the industry.

Thanks

David

Submission 452

Erica Churchill

This is the chance to save our seals by banning the use of explosive seal crackers and shotguns. Please don't miss this chance.

Submission 453

Ramona Headifen

I am concerned about the salmon industry's use of explosives and the effect it has on innocent seals and possibly other marine life as well. They deserve a peaceful place to live and we, as humans, don't have the right to disrupt.

In the words of Gandhi "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way in which its animals are treated."

Australia should be a great nation!

Please STOP allowing industry to use explosive seal crackers and shotguns.

Say why you care about this issue and that you want the government stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns. Thank you, Ramona Headifen

Submission 454

Susan Fletcher

I would like to express my concerns over the salmon plan that does not appear to have safe guidelines for seals.

To use shotguns and crackers seems a woeful approach to co existing with seals in their habitat.

The incredible destruction of our wildlife is becoming incomprehensible.

Governments need to do better and lift the bar.

Submission 455

Donna Mulvany

All marine animals should be protected, seals included. How governments come up with these crazy decisions is beyond the average Australian.

Protect them all!

Submission 456

Helen Woittiez

Dear NRE Tas

I understand that the draft new 10 year salmon industry plan doesn't mention any protection for seal populations. As a consumer, already concerned about environmental impacts associated with the salmon farm industry, an ongoing lack of protection for other species, including seals, would be sufficient for me to stop purchasing Tasmanian salmon.

I ask the government to stop the salmon industry using practices such as explosive seal crackers and shotguns to kill and maim seals.

Please make our oceans as safe as we can for

Submission 457

Ruth Carruthers

Please come good on your promise to ban the barbaric practice of firing "seal crackers" which cruelly maim and kill many thousands of innocent seals every year as part of standard salmon farming. This needs to be stopped.

Submission 458

Bronwyn David

The draft plan provides no protection for other species, especially seals. The industry must end deadly seal practice such as the use of "crackers" and shooting of seals.

Submission 459

Rhonda Freer

This barbaric practice has to stop NOW.

It is as simple as that, there is no excuse for this intolerably cruel practice to persist. Do better, the world is watching.

Submission 460

Brendan Mitchell

I am writing to support the Salmon plan. The aquaculture industry is amazing for Tasmania, Australia and areas that it excels at is also a benefit to the rest of the world in innovation and development. Aquaculture in Tasmania hits above its weight to what the output of total tonnage and we as Tasmanians should be so proud of this.

I myself and my family support Tasmania Aquaculture and am glad that we have an industry that is great and will be here for future generations to come.

Submission 461

Felicity Boath

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive.

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

Seals are simply trying to eat what is rightfully their food source in their home. Crackers and shotguns must come to an end.

Submission 462

Juliette Brand

There must be protection for SEALS in any salmon industry plan. If you put lots of fish in a big cage in the ocean, what do you expect to happen ????

PROTECT SEALS from crackers and shotguns or anything else that harms them.

FARM SALMON ON THE LAND ! NOT IN THE OCEAN !!!!!

Submission 463

Rina Hill

I believe that there is a loophole in the draft salmon industry plan that allows the salmon industry to maim and kill 'protected' fur seals. Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

I want the government stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns and allow the seals to live and survive where they have for thousands of years.

Stopping the deadly seal practices should be a high priority for the government.

Farmed salmon is fed an unhealthy diet - pellets instead of their natural diet of krill and prawns . So for marketing purposes farmers add dyes to the feed which change the colour of the fish flesh to the pink colour people like to see.

As well the food pellets contain all sorts of additives.

Do you really believe this salmon is good for humans and their health!

I believe that the Salmon is being overfarmed in Tasmania and that the coastal areas have been badly affected by the waste which is washed into the surrounding waters.

There should be a limit to the amount of fish farmed and the farming should be better managed in terms of the health of the Salmon and the health of the ocean and the ocean's natural fish, seals and all other ocean life.

Submission 464

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Submission 465

Lynette Sinclair

Last year the Tasmanian Government said this Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive.

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

I want the Tasmanian government to stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns. I also want environmental standards to be increased and enforced on water quality in the areas used by the salmon industry.

Submission 466

Carolyn Huisman

While I know that the salmon industry is important to Tasmania I have grave concerns about how it is handled and especially the attack on seals who are only doing what is natural to them. They have to be protected.

Submission 467

Kathleen Orr

Dear Sir/Madam

I urge you to carefully consider the legislation currently under your radar regarding the Salmon Plan.

- a) cease all use of seal crackers
- b) cease all use of shotguns, firing seals.

I stopped eating Tasmanian salmon some years ago when I learned of your farming methods which crowd the fish, kill seals, and pollute the waters. I was an avid salmon eater and miss it.

However if you make this deal and encourage it by signing this deal, I will continue to not eat it.

You will miss my custom and that of thousands of others, for I spread the word and many of my friends already knew. Tassals is gone, Houn is on the brink and your new partner could be the same thing. You could run the mill backwards and correct the problem. then you would have an ongoing successful and sustainable industry which captured the hearts and stomachs of thousands.

Please give it some thought.

Kind regards

Kathleen

Submission 468

Sarah Fox

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please could you include a clause in your policy to ensure that seals and other wildlife are protected. Fur seals are often shot or killed by fire crackers and this needs to stop.

Thank you and best wishes,

Mrs Fox

Submission 469

Cate Peterson

Prioritization of yield involves the profiteering of the few. Prioritization of the balance of nature supports the balance of nature, inclusive but not solely our own species . Whilst it is arduous to change our own patterns of behavior and examine our assumptions, there is much at stake right now and it must be done. Please reconsider the basis of what you are doing .. is it profiteering on the back of nature or is it acting responsibly in an ecosystem of which you are only one component?

Submission 470

Suzanne Moss

No animal group should suffer as a result of the fishing industry. Please ensure seals are protected.

Submission 471

Susan Griffiths

I appreciate that seals are a threat to the salmon farming industry, but the present methods of attempting to deter them is not humane, and I hope that more research and consequently a more humane method of deterring the seals 'seeking an easy meal', will be a consequence of my signature.

Submission 472

Julie Fink

As an individual consumer of salmon products I expect that such salmon is farmed in a sustainable and appropriate manner.

Omitting from legislation the management of seals by salmon companies who already practice debatable

methods of control is totally unacceptable.

I will not be buying fish whilst deadly seal crackers and shot guns are considered by government as outside their legislative process.

Sincerely,

Julie Fink

Submission 473

Knut Mueller

Dear Madam, Sir

It seems like there has been a major oversight in your draft salmon plan, since it makes no reference to a new wildlife protection plan that was promised earlier. The use of deadly force by the industry in the form of seal crackers and shotguns against a protected species is utterly unacceptable and obviously illegal. For far too long, you have turned a blind eye to these practices and now even omitted any mention of seals and their protection.

If I was to go seal hunting, I would be locked up. So why are you allowing industry interests to continue to do this?

Since there isn't a logical explanation, We have to assume that there is bribery and corruption in play.

Oh, you don't like that? Then do the right thing and make sure your plan includes the protection of protected species.

Kind regards,

Knut Mueller

Submission 474

Jann Walsh

The seals must be protected.

Submission 475

Ken Done

Please protect the seals, ban the use of seal crackers and shotguns.

Thank you

Submission 476

Jennifer ALTERMATT

To the Tasmanian Government

I welcome regulation of the salmon industry.

Controls on fish density, fish feeding quality and waste management are all vital to protect tasmanians pristine environment and food quality and sustainability.

I do not currently eat Tasmanian salmon in protest at shocking farming practices.

I am horrified about not including seal welfare in the proposed regulations. Seals are a protected species and should never be fired at by fish farmers. Our environment is at collapse point as it is.

Do not allow cruel seal treatment.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer ALTERMATT

Submission 477

Rissie Martin

I care about this issue and want the government to stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns.

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft.

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

I will stop buying Tasmanian salmon unless humane practices are introduced.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft document.

Submission 478

M. Pamille Berg AO

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18 January 2023

Stakeholder Submissions Process



Dear Ma'am/Sir:

I am writing to you in response to the request for stakeholder submissions as part of the public consultation on the Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan.

In preparation for making this submission, I have downloaded and carefully read the following documents:

- *Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan (2023)*
- *Draft Workplan. Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan (2023)*
- *Have your say. Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan (2023)*
- *Summary of the Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan (2023)*
- *The Legislative Council Committee's Report on Fin Fish Farming in Tasmania (2022)*

To inform myself I also attended the consultation session arranged by NRE in Hobart on 5 December 2023.

As a permanent Tasmanian resident living at Eaglehawk Neck and with an active life along the coastline of southeast Tasmania, I consider myself as a highly interested stakeholder in this consultation process. As a small business owner operating nationally and internationally over the past 35 years, I understand well the process of understanding opportunities, constraints, risk assessment, and profit or viability within an industry.

Having read the draft Industry Plan and associated documents, I consider it to be **entirely inadequate and unsupportable as a government plan in the interests of all Tasmanians.**

In all its respects, this Industry Plan assumes that the salmon industry should **continue to exist** in Tasmania, that it **should grow**, and that the Plan should, as its first so-called "priority outcome", **provide investment certainty to the industry.**

I think these assumptions are literally back to front, and that they seriously ignore what is in the interest of the State and its citizens.

The marine environment in which the fish farming leases are located is owned by all of us as an irreplaceable asset. The ongoing health of that asset is paramount to its value. As asset-holders and owners, we would be foolish indeed if we were to allow any private companies or individuals to damage the asset's long-term value in irreparable ways.

As asset owners we clearly have the right to determine in advance and at any point in time whether the financial returns and benefits to Tasmanians from fin fish farm leases and the industry's flow-on commercial activities are sufficient, given the asset's short-term and long-term value. If not, then as asset holders and owners, it would obviously make sense to terminate the private use of the asset by those companies engaged in profit-making activities.

There is abundant evidence that the marine environment in which fin fish farming is occurring is suffering significant damage from the salmon farming in Tasmania's waters. In comparison to other countries where salmon farming occurs, the financial return to Tasmanians is minimal in comparison to the harm which is occurring. For example, as noted in the Australia Institute's July 2019 study of the economics of the Tasmanian salmon industry, if Tasmania were to switch to the lease auction system used by Norway, the return to the Tasmanian people would increase from less than \$1 million a year to somewhere between \$707 million and \$2 billion (Minshull & Browne, p. 2).

The draft Plan appears to accept the need for growth in the industry as a given, with the Department having stated its view repeatedly over the past 6 years that the salmon industry's intent of growing from \$1 billion to \$2 billion per annum is sustainable and is a positive goal.

In my view, all expansion of the salmon industry should be put "on hold" until a series of conditions can be met, with a moratorium on any new leases or expansion of current leases. From all reports the industry is delivering profits at present to its owners, and they can continue to benefit from those existing profit levels until a new set of conditions and proper considerations by government has been completed as follows.

First, we must come to a clear assessment and unassailable position that **the existing marine environment asset is in fact being protected** in the presence of any ongoing leasing of marine areas for fin fish farming.

If that cannot be established in a convincing scientific manner, and if the complete clean-up of the existing damaged areas of coastline either cannot be done or has not been completed by the industry, then the resulting Industry Plan should be focussed on the industry's **significant reduction in scale or orderly termination**, not expansion and investment security. By contrast, the clearly-stated and, in my view, unsupportable starting point for the current draft Industry Plan is that "the Government supports a modern salmon industry in Tasmania, meeting the long-term needs of the salmon industry, supporting supply chain businesses and realising the aspirations of Tasmanian communities" (p. 5).

Second, prior to any lifting of the "on hold" restrictions on the industry, it should be determined whether a version of the Norwegian lease auction system appropriate to Tasmania can deliver equivalent major financial gains to all Tasmanians from the industry, and if so, the legislation or policies setting up that lease auction system need to be **put in place before** the "on hold" status is lifted and any further lease renewals occur. The draft Industry Plan's statement in its "Priority Three" that "an appropriate return to the Tasmanian community is also an important aspect of value capture" (p. 13) is not a sufficient basis on which to proceed to support the industry's expansion.

If the multinational companies now owning most of the salmon industry in Tasmania as well as local companies are unwilling to pay those increased appropriate lease and use fees for the value of our marine asset, then let them choose to go elsewhere to seek their desired profit levels. Either outcome is a gain for Tasmanians: either we preserve the irreplaceable health of our marine environment asset in the absence of the industry, or we both preserve its health through tightly-supervised, scientifically-sustainable industry practices while gaining a significant financial return to the Tasmanian government which can fund desperately-needed public housing, medical and aged care costs, public education needs, and other essential attributes of strong communities.

Third, during this "on hold" period, in my view, all of the remaining 68 recommendations of the Legislative Council salmon inquiry report should be implemented before any final decision on the future of the salmon industry is made. The recommendations are not extreme. Rather, they carefully outline sensible detailed investigations, the clear results of which need to underpin any further decisions about the planning and future directions of the industry.

Central to that process of implementing the Council report's recommendations needs to be an assumption that growth, whether of the industry, the Tasmanian economy, or the Tasmanian population is not by definition a "good" or desirable in itself. The current draft Industry Plan, as in the wording of its "Priority Outcome 3: Prosperous Communities", nevertheless assumes throughout its pages that growth is necessary and will produce prosperity (p. 13).

My experience in business and policy, as well as the published work of many contemporary economists, suggests that intelligent limits to growth often produce and maintain prosperity in ways which will be sustainable for our long-term future, rather than creating an eventual blowback of the unintended consequences of expansion. It is essential that the viability of growth is rationally questioned in the formulation of any Industry Plan relating to the current and ongoing impacts of the Tasmanian salmon industry. This is not occurring in the wording and intent of the current draft Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,



M. Pamille Berg AO

Submission 479

Ashley Blunt

I strongly believe the government should stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns.

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive.

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

The 10-Year Salmon Plan is a chance to make Australia's oceans safe for seals: please make ending deadly seal practices a priority for the government.

Submission 480

Donovan Cech

There is no clear disclosure on the treatment of predatory animals such as seals within the framework. Appalling treatment of seals including cracker use (and worse) is backward and salmon farms should be heavily penalised for such use. Salmon farms pollute river ways. This industry damages our children's future access to healthy marine waterways. I no longer eat salmon and will do my best to inform people of the truth and realities of salmon farms. Hope they collapse soon like the coalition government that bow to their demands and destroy the ecological balance of TAS on a daily basis.

Submission 481

Michael Wescombe-Down

Having been involved in the dive industry for some 50 years, including some of that time dealing with shark interactions in the tuna industry, I feel that I have seen some of the best and worst examples of environmental mismanagement.

Many of the same, or similar, brutal activities leveled at the Australian Fur Seal by the Tuna fishing operators appear to be condoned or effectively ignored by the Tasmanian Government as they allow operators to maim or kill large numbers of these gentle animals in the quest for the mighty dollar. Rumors of pollution and the use of anti bacterial agents also regularly appear and cause those of us who care about sustainable aquaculture to question the overview and effective control of the Tasmanian Salmon Industry.

Submission 482

Robyn Reed

Please consider the fate of seals in the new proposal.

Currently the new plan does not include how seals will be protected from the barbaric methods that currently lead to maiming and death.

This situation needs to be rectified.

Submission 483

Lucy Rose

Please make sure salmon industry is maintained so seals ,dolphins and any other wildlife are protected le: no bombing the waters and smaller scale projects are best

Submission 484

Sanjay Sircar

It appears that In 2022, the Tasmanian Government said its projected Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. However, seals are not mentioned in the latest draft. More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals. Hence the government should stop the Tasmanian salmon industry engaging in practices that maim and kill seals, practices which are both inhumane and unnecessary. The salmon industry has described the draft plan as positive, but it would, given that as it stands the plan allows for (bad) 'business as usual' in relation to this matter.

Submission 485

Alexis KARAS

When will those who destroy our wildlife and environment for their personal gain, work together for the benefit of the animal kingdom which in turn works to gain the supply.

I'm dumb founded why no consideration is giving to allow seals to live but intelligent people are killing anything for greed.

Submission 486

Carolyn Ebell

I have been very disappointed in some of the information coming out about how the tasmanian salmon farming is being carried out. I have a great deal of concern about the balance of farming against the care of the natural environment and the animals in it. I would hope new technologies and practices would mean it is no longer needed to cause trauma to the natural seal population through he use of seal

crackers and shotguns. I am disappointed that this industry seems to be able to just do what it likes without any prevention of cruelty or thought.

Submission 487

Simone Booth

Fur seals have just as much right to be here as we do and it's up to humans to protect them. This is why I ask you stop maiming innocent seals with seal crackers and shotguns.

Submission 488

Roma Dix

Please look after the wildlife like seals and everything living in those waters. Salmon farms have a bad reputation. Please make them take care.

Submission 489

Janet Reynolds

I and most of my friends no longer buy Tasmanian salmon and associated products due to the appalling use of unenvironmental products to deter seals. This needs to end.

Submission 490

Danina Anderson

I would like to be able to buy Tasmanian salmon. But while they are killing Fur seals and greatly over crowding the pens I cannot support this industry. Please in your recommendations for new legislation protect our Fur Seals and the health of the harbour.

Submission 491

Heather Cooke

Please include the protection of seals and other Marine Life in your considerations. Explosions , even small or slight have a negative and deleterious s effect on on marine mammals and other species, but seals in particular.

The welfare and healthy habitat has to be the first consideration, always.

Submission 492

Marie Ormonde

To the salmon industry in Tasmania:
Please stop persecuting seals.
They have every right to be where they live.
They were there before you came with your industrial-level fish farming.

Submission 493

Una Sandeman

I want the government stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns. Plain and simple stop destroying the seals. There are better ways to do this.

Submission 494

Julie Kolges

Please protect our precious fur seals from the greedy and unsustainable salmon industry.

Ban them from using deadly seal crackers and shotguns.

Enough is enough, it's time for governments to start protecting our environments and wildlife and STOP bowing to big corporations who only care about their profits and have NO respect for the environment and wildlife around them.

Submission 495

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Submission 496

Val Kos

Please protect seals and ban deadly seal crackers and shotguns.

Support your planet - you expect it to support you. ValK.

Submission 497

Gail Mottram

The salmon industry in Tasmania must have laws governing the safety and welfare of our beautiful seals. The destruction and shooting of seals has become routine and must stop. It is a barbaric practice to "safeguard" the salmon.

Please ensure laws to protect the seals are in this new agreement.

Submission 498

Peter Gore-Symes

No explosives please 🤨

Submission 499

Helen Morris

I have stopped eating Tasmanian salmon because of the horrible practices emerging.

I buy NZ now.

Please keep our industries clean and ethical or don't support them

Helen Morris AM

Submission 500

Bili Geko

Why pollute natural waters to justify corporate bank accounts?

The area is clean green & pristine because the indigenous owners maintained for all of Australia.

Submission 501

Rebecca Tanner

PLEASE consider the effect that Salmon aquaculture has on the broader environment and in particular the collateral damage to the ecosystem and in particular on seals. I will only recommend for my clients that they eat "ethically farmed or caught salmon". Please consider sustainable practices for the benefit of all concerned.

Rebecca Tanner

Submission 502

Pauline Rix

Please stop using explosive seal crackers and shotguns on seals

They are native wildlife and they belong in these waterways unlike fish farms

Submission 503

Deb Alexander

I no longer purchase Tasmanian farmed salmon, and I think I'm part of a growing cohort who won't, because of the environmental harms being done in the process. Apart from water pollution and fish cruelty from over stocking, the harming of wild seals to protect a private business is abhorrent and hateful. Educated consumers are fighting back against exploitation and destruction of the common natural wealth of biodiversity to aid profit. Fish farming should be land based in tanks only, if at all.

Submission 504

Adrian Bell

/with respect, you must consider the fate of all creatures, seals included, in your proposed Tasmanian Government's draft salmon industry plan.

Tasmania has a poor record when it comes to extinctions and lost species- including humans. Please don't make it any worse in the 21st century. Can we learn from past mistakes? Short term monetary gain for long term cost?.

Thank you in anticipation of intelligent decision making.

Adrian Bell

Submission 505

Nola Morrow

I am concerned at how the salmon industry conducts its production process ignoring the destruction it does to marine life & associated wild life!

Submission 506

Michael Windsor

I consider the draft plan to be totally deficient in that it makes no mention whatsoever of any provision to protect seals, giving the industry carte blanche to use shotguns and explosives to kill and maim them, unnecessarily.

Submission 507

Ant Hellier

A sustainable plan for the salmon industry would be incomplete if it didn't include protections for native seals and should include a ban on shotguns and seal crackers.

Submission 508

Mark Bedwell

I believe the plan has mention for the protection of seals. This must be incorporated into the plan

Submission 509

Roger Cook

As a retired trained in southern waters, I am deeply concerned that the salmon industry continues to use unethical methods of protecting their salmon farming. They continue to use explosions and shotguns to kill/ discourage protected seals. PROTECTED SEALS!

Much has been said about their pollution of Tasmania's formerly pristine waters, but, their seal killing seems to have been ignored to date. Please hold them to account as Tasmania's reputation is being sullied.

Submission 510

David Dubos

Do not permit loopholes leading to the killing of seals and overfishing

Submission 511

John Spicer

I am writing as an individual who is very concerned that the salmon industry regulation plan makes no provision for the protection of local seals and leaves open the possibility of abuse and harm to the seal population.

I appreciate that the salmon industry is important to the economy of Tasmania but we need to ensure the seal population is not harmed and encouraged to thrive.

Submission 512

Margaret Buck

I ask that whist the salmon industry is being replanned, seals are also taken into consideration. I request that a ban be put on the use of any shotguns or crackers or explosive devices presently used to scare away seals.

Submission 513

Nizza Siano

The Tassie Government is developing a new plan to regulate the salmon industry for the next ten years. I wish to make a submission to ensure that the Tasmanian government protects seals by banning deadly seal crackers and shotguns and ask that the government closes the loophole that allows the salmon industry to maim and kill 'protected' fur seals.

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive.

Yet, more than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

This ten year Salmon Plan is a chance to make Australia's oceans safe for seals by ending deadly seal practices which must be a priority for the government.

Submission 514

Jan Ratcliff

It is essential that there is protection for seals in any plan for the salmon industry. They are currently being killed and injured and this needs to stop.

Submission 515

Mathew Gee

Ever since I read the Toxic Book about the Tassie Salmon industry and then did further research I've been constantly depressed about what government's allow in the name of "progress". Whenever mass intense farming of any species, water or land based is allowed to proceed unchecked then there are going to be disastrous results. When did we become so greedy? Disgraceful.

Submission 516

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Submission 517

Sarah Stevens

Please accept my submission.

I have stopped eating Tasmanian Salmon and continue to encourage my friends and family to boycott the product due to the industry's inability to operate without harming and killing seals. If the new plan does not determine a new way for these fisheries to operate in a way that does not threaten seals I will continue to boycott them and encourage everyone I speak to to do the same.

It is unacceptable that any industry in this day and age cannot come up with a way to do things that

doesn't kill and main wild animals.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Stevens

Submission 518

Janette O'Brien

It seems cruel to make one species suffer at the hands of others...they too need to be able to live in safety and protection while we carry on with business. Please consider the welfare of seals and other animals while carrying on with business...there's room for every animal but consideration needs to be given for their safety. ...thank you.

Submission 519

Mathew Stanton

The Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan presents a rosy outlook for the industry with almost no consideration of the issues currently facing the industry, particularly the environmental impact and the opportunity cost of cage salmon farming in estuarine areas.

Why does the plan make no mention of the current impact on wildlife, particularly on fur seals, which are notionally protected species in Australian waters.

I visited Tasmania a few years ago and was shocked at the number of dead seals lining the bays of Macquarie Harbour and the Huon waterways. Many of the rotting seal carcasses, had obvious bullet holes and one skull I found was peppered with shot from a shotgun. In every case I could see the salmon pens in the background. I decided there and then to never buy Tasmanian Salmon again.

But probably the biggest impact of these salmon pens is the eutrophication of the area under the pen and the massive decline in water quality for the enclosed waters where the pens are located. Why is this issue not dealt with explicitly in The Plan? There is mention of moving the industry further offshore, but is this really a solution or just a way of keeping the problems out of sight and out of mind? Why does the plan mention protecting reef areas from these impact but no mention of protecting the sand and sediment communities that have been so devastated in Macquarie Harbour.

Until Tasmania cleans up the aquaculture industries, I see little point in visiting Tasmanian shores as a tourist again. Seeing the dead seals in such numbers was deeply upsetting. I can't unsee that, and I'm not inclined to come back until I know that the practices and people responsible have been controlled. The Plan gives me no confidence that managers even see these issues as a problem.

Submission 520

John Jeayes

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

This is unAustralian

Get rid of these farms

Submission 521

Pamela McDowell

Sustainable fisheries management requires the protection of the ecosystem, and that includes seals.

Submission 522

Grant Sheldon

Salmon farming must not have detrimental impact on local ecosystems. Better control of water effluent is required. Safety to wildlife, such as seals, must be assured.

Submission 523

John McMullen

Having a salmon industry in Bass Strait will cause the marine environment to degrade terribly over time, with the results only obvious by the time it is too late.

Submission 524

Dawn Conlin

Please control the salmon industry in Australia.
This practice is devastating, the marine habits.
This needs to be addressed now.
Strict measures need to be put in place.

Submission 525

Cherie Burge

Please consider the marine life and do everything you can so they thrive. Please ban seal crackers. Please do not overcrowd the salmon and give artificial colouring. Feed them a natural diet, not corn and other farmed grains. Please put animals and nature ahead of profit.

Submission 526

Paula Johnson

My name is Paula Johnson, and I am an Australian citizen who is concerned about protecting the environment as well as building food security. I am not against salmon farming, but I want farmers to

behave in a reputable fashion, and to be deeply considerate of the local inhabitants of the areas in which they farm, both on land and in the sea.

Sustainability is a buzz word at the moment, and every industry wants to assure the public that it is acting sustainably, but at this time the Tasmanian salmon farming industry is not only NOT sustainable, but is actively damaging the environment in many ways. It DOES need strict regulation and independent oversight, and the Tasmanian government now has an opportunity to put in place laws and regulations that make this happen. Tasmania has often been a role model for the rest of the country in environmental issues, but we need you to step up once again and stand firm against big business.

Of particular concern to me is the way some salmon farmers are harming seals in order to protect their stock. Because these farming operations are taking place in the marine environment, they attract wildlife which would normally prey on fish, including seals. It is unacceptable that damaging methods such as explosive devices and guns are used to "discourage" these wild animals from preying on the fish farms. The fish farmers are the intruders, not the seals. If the fish farmers cannot use methods that protect the seals from harm as well as their farmed fish, they should not be allowed to continue their farms. Explicit laws need to be enacted to protect seals, and other marine animals, from being harmed or traumatised by fish farmers.

Please act now to make the future of the Tasmanian salmon industry a positive and truly sustainable one.

Submission 527

Robert Shearn

I support the protection of Fur Seals and required the government to close the loophole that allows the salmon industry to maim and kill 'this protected' species.

The government must stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns that harm the Fur Seal Population. We must to respect the natural environment and protect the creatures contained there-in for a sustainable future for us all.

Submission 528

John Pettit

I care about this issue and I want the government stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns. I have stopped buying and eating Tasmanian salmon because of the environmental problems it is causing, including the injury and death of 'protected' fur seals.

Submission 529

Louise McMullen

I am strongly opposed to salmon farming in Tasmanian waters due to the terrible environmental impact.

Submission 530

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Submission 531

Geoff Simpson

Dear Sir or Madam,

In the last 20 years, Atlantic salmon farming in Tasmania has seen extraordinary expansion, worth over \$A730 million annually, and with it increasing environmental risks on the surrounding marine life.

The Tasmanian Inquirer revealed nearly 1.1 tonnes of antibiotics were added to fish feed by Tassal and Huon in a crude attempt to stop outbreaks of vibrio bacteria in their leases earlier this year (15 Nov 2022).

Published data from field studies into sub-tropical fish farms indicates that the impacts found were on organic and nutrient loading from the farmed fish into the ocean, with other potential impacts such as negative interactions between farmed and wild fish, carbon increases from transport and fish feeding, reduced wild stocks, and waste product from increased farmed populations.

Tasmania has specifically been impacted by salmon farming, with World Heritage area Macquarie Harbour having dead zones on the seafloor and deaths of nearly 1.35 million farmed fish, resulting in failure to comply with 19 requirements for certification. With rapid expansion, the world needs to be careful not to replace one environmental disaster, with another.

In 2018, 1.35 million salmon and trout died off the West Coast of the island after disease and low levels of oxygen in the harbour.

Many people have claimed that the tragedy was from the compromised environmental health of the harbour that happened because of huge industry expansions over the last decade. Surely, there are currently a myriad of reasons to support a moratorium on fish farm expansion,

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Simpson

Submission 532

Lynne Dixon

I'm a big fan of Smoked Salmon and do everything I can to eat Australian food. I will not buy any Tasmanian Salmon until they get their act together. For years I've heard about the terrible way their business is run. They keep doing stupid cruel practices that hurt seals etc.

it's not good enough! This is Australia, supposedly not a backward third world Country. Grow up and do the right thing! 🤔

Submission 533

Jane Brownrigg

Salmon should only be farmed on land where they are easier to keep healthy.
The industry cannot continue to create dead zones that put local fish at risk.
This industry needs severe regulation that will put the health of the fish, the environment and the customers first.
It must stop polluting and contaminating natural waterways.
The systems must be closed loop with no fish escaping and all inputs and outputs controlled safely.
If this cannot be done then the industry has no place in Australia.

Submission 534

Elena Enescu

As a concerned member of the public I employ you to consider the impact seal crackers and shotguns have on our environment,oceans and wildlife. I find the cruel destruction of our ocean environment and its inhabitants for the sake of profit to be reckless,arrogant and not sustainable.
I believe the draft should be amended to protect our precious oceans and its inhabitants for future sustainability.

I hope the Tasmanian government can see the way forward is to protect what we still have and nurture for future generations to come.

Sincerely
Elena Enescu

Submission 535

Marco Setiawan

I'd like to see the Tasmanian government close the loophole that allows the salmon industry to maim and kill 'protected' fur seals.

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive.

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

The salmon industry need to explore less harmful methods to deter the seals from preying on the salmon.

Submission 536

Colleen Sibley

This is a very upsetting issue.The salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns to kill seals is barbaric and our Government needs to make it stop.

Submission 537

Fiona White

To Whom it May Concern,

Whilst the timing of submissions regarding the 10 Year Salmon Industry Plan is at an inconvenient and busy time, I do appreciate the opportunity and hope my concerns will be heard and acted upon.

I have grown up and lived near the waters off Wynyard most of my life. This has involved swimming, snorkelling, diving, sailing, fishing, beach walks and beachside camping. I love our beautiful beaches, the white sands and clear sparkling waters of Boat Harbour, the beauty of Sisters Beach and adjoining Rocky Cape National Park and the ruggedness of Rocky Cape. The coastal drives and vistas of Table Cape or The Nut at Stanley are all iconic and significant in my life. To visualise multiple salmon pens off-shore is abhorrent to me and many others that call this place home. I do not want the salmon industry to expand into Bass Strait waters.

I have heard and seen the effects of a salmon industry in southern and western waters of Tasmania. It is spouted as world class yet leaves a trail of destroyed environments and ruined the lives of people who have found themselves living close by. What I see is a state government that bends and bows to the salmon companies regardless of the science and facts.

I'm disappointed that this draft plan really doesn't give me any clear understanding of what lays ahead for the expansion of the salmon industry into Bass Strait. I attended the information session at Wynyard and came away with so many questions unanswered. What I did see though was a large crowd of concerned and angry locals who do not trust the salmon industry or our state government. We do not feel that our concerns are being heard and acted upon and even submitting this is all just box ticking to say that the community has been involved and informed.

Priority Outcome 2: Healthy Ecosystems

2.2 Science based decisions Peer reviewed, contemporary science to inform planning, management, and regulatory approaches.

I want an assurance that there will be no new leases or expansions on existing leases or swapping of zombie leases for new ones and no expansion in biomass.

Will there be baseline studies done of the surrounding marine environment before any pens are placed there? Who will conduct these studies and who will monitor these marine environments after positioning pens? Will we, the public, have prompt access to these studies before and after?

2.3 Government standards and regulations Clear and well understood frameworks to manage salmon industry effects on the environment, including wildlife interactions, farming operations and biosecurity With past incidences of marine and environmental scientists being ignored and the EPA not even investigating (algae blooms below the Huon Aquaculture's hatchery in the Derwent River) I don't feel confident that the salmon industry will be properly regulated.

There needs to be a major reform of Tasmania's marine laws, protecting and prioritising healthy ocean ecosystems and ensuring that the Environment Protection Agency is completely independent of government and industry pressures. The EPA (as recommended by the Finfish Report) needs an increase in resourcing to enable it to undertake comprehensive monitoring, investigation, enforcement and reporting activities relevant to the salmon industry?

It also stated that consideration should also be given to environmental bonds to ensure sufficient funds for any remedial work. Will this recommendation be included in current and future leases?

The only effective protection is to exclude seals from the immediate vicinity of fish pens by strategic site placement, regular gear maintenance and physical barriers using appropriate net designs and construction materials (Kemper et al., 2003). National Strategy to Address Interactions between Humans and Seals: Fisheries, Aquaculture and Tourism

Any positioning of salmon pens in the NW waters will be impacted by the seal colony that is located off Stanley. Will seal deterrents be used as they currently are, including bean bags (lead filled projectiles) and explosive crackers that have maimed and killed. In the 18 months from January 2021 to June 2022 there were 25 seal deaths attributed to these devices. These deterrents need to be outlawed as they are cruel and at times, lethal. We do not know or understand the negative effect on other marine life. What of the whales that migrate through Bass Strait that rely (as do dolphins) on sound to communicate and navigate? Who is responsible for reporting seal interactions and mortality rates? If it is the salmon industry, can we trust that the figures will be true and accurate? I certainly don't feel I can. They are a protected species, or so I thought.

How will the salmon industry be monitored relating to plastic, including micro plastics, that will inevitably break away or be cut, only to enter the marine environment thus causing hazards to other marine life and potential dangers to people during their recreational or professional activities? We love our clean and debris free beaches but with the wild winds and rough waves of shallow Bass Strait we are sure to encounter debris of salmon pens. Please define zero tolerance. Will companies be financially penalised and forced to clean up and remove debris?

I'm concerned about the salmon faeces and uneaten food that will be deposited into the marine environment. Is moving further offshore a consideration so that all the waste won't just gather directly below the pens? Is it acceptable to both government and the salmon industry to continue polluting if it is dispersed into the larger waters of Bass Strait? I don't find it reasonable or responsible.

Priority Outcome 3: Prosperous Communities

The definition of prosperous is "successful in material terms, flourishing financially". The Finfish report stated that there are concerns that returns to the state government and Tasmanian community are insufficient relative to social and environmental impacts. Will these concerns be acted upon?

We all want to thrive and be secure financially but there are many other important elements that benefit a community. One being the health benefits of living in a clean and enticing environment.

Wynyard hosts a multiple, award-winning yacht club that is inclusive and supportive of its community. With new state of the art amenities and a progressive future, will localised salmon pens affect the ability to host state, national or even international events? Salmon pen debris could hinder and risk sailor's safety and diminish the yacht club's reputation and standing.

In recent years Waratah Wynyard Council has improved and beautified the foreshore, (at great cost to the rate payers) with upgrades to walkways, the wharf and pontoons allowing residents and visitors to enjoy and marvel at the natural beauty of the area. Nobody wants to see industrialised salmon pens within their view, or their debris washed up on beaches. Can we be guaranteed that infrastructure will be beyond our vision?

The risks to the environment, marine life and our lifestyle is not worth the expansion of the salmon industry into Bass Strait. Concentrate on cleaning up the disaster that the big salmon companies have created elsewhere and prove to us that it can be a clean and sustainable industry. Only then will there be any trust.

Fiona White 18/01/23

Submission 538

Claudia Samuels

I am very concerned about the Salmon fishing industry. I no longer buy Salmon, as I do not think it is healthy for human consumption, as many studies have revealed that the chemicals and additives added to the fish food are harmful. The Salmon industry needs to work on healthy and sustainable practices for both the Salmon and the consumers. I am also distressed about the use of explosive seal crackers

and shotguns. These need to be outlawed immediately and measures taken to prevent them ever being used in the fishing industry.

Submission 539

Larisa Richards

[Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan.pdf \(dpiuwe.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au)

Submission 540

Denise Shearer

The Tasmanian salmon industry draft plan needs to include the welfare of surrounding wildlife such as protected fur seals. I am appalled that the salmon industry subjects seals to cruel and dangerous seal crackers and that shotguns are used as deterrents. This plan needs to address improved practices that will not detrimentally affect ocean wildlife.

Submission 541

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Submission 542

Gary Richardson

Seals are a part of our wildlife and as such deserve to be protected like many other animals native to Australia. There is much protection of our land animals so why should it be different with ones in our oceans? There must be some other way that the Salmon industry and the seals can co-exist.

Submission 543

Loretta Leslie

Thank you for taking the time to review submissions.

The salmon industry in Tasmania has a number of issues which need to be addressed to ensure the industry does not impact the environment.

Dead zones in the waters around the pens from the fish faeces and waste
Spread of pathogens and diseases to other fish
The use of crackers and shotguns on seals

The farms need to be accountable and ensure waste and disease does not impact the surrounding areas.

Crackers and shotguns on other wildlife need to be banned.

Thanks Loretta

Submission 544

Angela Holt

The ocean is the seals home. They have a right to be there. The modern fishing industry has seriously damaged the health of the oceans by overfishing, leaving little food for the creatures of the ocean. The fur seals are a protected species and should not be killed under any circumstances. The new Salmon industry plan must protect the seals from being killed and should ABOLISH the use of explosives, guns and any other means used to destroy the seals.

Submission 545

Brenda Slavoff

I am writing this submission to the Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan to express my great concern about the continual expansion of the Tasmanian salmon industry in Tasmanian state waters and now into commonwealth waters. It is the community and Tasmania's marine environment that are paying the cost of this expansion. Algae is blooming, seals are dying, marine debris is gathering, ecosystems are in decline and STILL our concerns as a community are going unheard. The whole process has been done in an underhanded manner. At the so-called "Consultations" we were simply told what was going to happen; there was no consultation or real answers to our concerns.

The health of Tasmania's oceans that we love MUST be prioritised now, for the sake of our future generations and Tasmania's unique marine life. We do not deserve to be exploited by foreign companies. When is the Tasmanian government going to stop allowing this exploitation?

I make the following recommendations:

Reinstate moratorium on new salmon leases: this must mean NO new leases, NO more biomass, NO expansion of current leases and NO swapping of zombie leases for new ones.

Fully implement all 68 recommendations of the Legislative Council salmon inquiry report. Urgent attention paid to Recommendation 3 – Develop a plan, in consultation with industry, scientific and community stakeholders, to reduce inshore fin fish farming sites, with priority given to ceasing operations in sensitive, sheltered and biodiverse areas.

Start transitioning to land-based RAS (Recirculating Aquaculture System) salmon farming. Principle 2 of the Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan states "Innovation – future growth lies in land-based and offshore salmon farming" but there is no clear time-bound plan outlined. This must include transition of flow-through hatcheries to fully enclosed RAS hatcheries.

Community voice in marine planning decisions, including Traditional Owners of Tasmania, through a process of Co-design as in Victoria, and that upholds UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) by obtaining free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

Radical reform of Tasmania's marine planning process, marine laws and Environment Protection Authority (EPA); Tasmanian government to put in place a holistic Marine Plan, a stronger new marine

law prioritising healthy ocean ecosystems and a truly independent EPA.

Yours sincerely,
Brenda Slavoff

Submission 546

Susan McMahon

I have recently visited Tasmania and loved seeing all the seals and sea lions along the coast. It would be devastating if we didn't get the balance right to ensure the wildlife (especially the seals) is not explicitly protected as we move forward with new plans for the salmon industry in Tasmania. Please redraft the plan to include explicit protection and consideration for seals and other wildlife.

Submission 547

Darryl Nelson

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. But seals aren't mentioned at all in the latest draft and the salmon industry has described the plan as positive.

More than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

Please consider the seal population in the government's Salmon Plan.

Submission 548

David Wingate

That the Tasmania State Government ensure that Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan clearly sets out controls for the protection of sea life and the environment by banning the use of explosive devices by the salmon farming industry

Submission 549

Rebecca Maria

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework but the latest draft salmon industry plan does not mention the protection seals. The Tasmanian government needs to close the loophole that allows the salmon industry to maim and kill 'protected' fur seals by using explosive seal crackers and shotguns. The Tasmanian government needs to ban deadly seal crackers and shotguns. More than

134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals.

Submission 550

Gael McLeod

While I applaud the effort to make the Tasmanian salmon industry sustainable and eco-friendly, it is vital that all creatures who share this environment are allowed to live in harmony and peace. Seals are a natural part of the environment where salmon farms are located and it is only natural that they are attracted to an abundant food supply and as such are perceived as a threat. That must be eliminated. This is cruel and unfair. The salmon industry must devise humane responses to this problem that does not include seal crackers and shooting these beautiful creatures. They deserve to live without being hunted. Please stop your cruelty.

Submission 551

Chris Power

Please amend the strategy to include provisions to protect seals from the current devastating consequences of the current salmon farm operations

Submission 552

Patricia McPherson

The salmon industry is important so are the seals and other wildlife. The use of any explosive devices should not be allowed.

Please think about this and stop the destruction of other seals, dolphins and sea life.

Submission 553

Petrana Nikolov

My main concern (amongst too many to name here and now) about the salmon industry is the practices they employ to deter seal populations from the area. Seals must get a mention here and the government needs to make sure they are protected from the salmon industry. Deadly seal crackers and shotguns **MUST** be banned - there are far more humane methods of deterrence which the industry should rely on rather than maiming and killing these beautiful creatures.

Thank you.

Submission 554

Jo Ellement

I will not support an industry that does not protect sea life specifically seals in the pursuit of salmon. Please make reference to the seals in your legislation So there can be no doubt.
Thank you.

Submission 555

Elizabeth McMillan

It is excellent that the Tasmanian Government is reviewing the salmon industry in Tasmania. Most people I know have stopped purchasing salmon from Tasmania. However I have read that the new plan is not protecting seals. It is critical that the new requirements integrate the whole environment in which the salmon farming takes place. Tasmania is a fantastic place where visitors from other parts of Australia and overseas can observe and enjoy the environment, noting that protecting all the wildlife should be the short and long term goal for the Government and the community. This is a fabulous opportunity to integrate commercial interests while safeguarding the whole environment.

Submission 556

Rowan Simpson

Please amend your ready own by including provisions that will ensure that no seal or other native wildlife will be disturbed, relocated or harmed in any way by the operations of any aquaculture venture or its associated operations. Aquaculture business should be able to coexist with existing native wildlife.

Submission 557

Lenore Taylor

I have seen many times the salmon industry in Tasmania. I think it is a disgrace that the industry is killing the seals.

The fish are treated in the farm industry type way which is stressful for the fish as well. I would never eat it.
It is dirty and cruel.

Seals should not be killed for the sake of an industry and animal welfare is vital for a healthy industry.

You should consider these points. Seals have been killed now for the last 20 years. This must stop. Get innovative.

Submission 558

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Submission 559

Petrina Wetzel

Salmon is such a valuable industry for Tasmania and Australia and needs to be ethical and an environmental leader to protect the pristine flora and fauna in Tasmania and improve its tainted reputation in these key areas.

As public awareness continues to increase on the value of our natural environment, the salmon industry will have increased focus on its ability to work alongside nature rather than against nature. Its practices should reflect this and therefore I urge you to include the protection of wildlife surrounding the salmon farms particularly including seals that are currently 'dealt with' by the industry in a horrendous manner. Putting requirements around the protection of seals and other wildlife will create an opportunity and driver for the industry to explore innovative and environmentally aware methods of protecting their salmon stocks.

Please consider the well-being of all aspects of the salmon industry including seals so that the industry moves to a more sustainable and eco friendly model that will be far more beneficial in the longer term to its growth and reputation.

Thank you.

Submission 560

Janet Baljeu

It is essential that all seal populations affected by the Salmon industry be safeguarded and protected. Please ensure that this is mandated as standard practice in the new Draft Plan.

Submission 561

Kevin Ball

No more shooting seals.

Submission 562

Elizabeth Croft

The 10-Year Salmon Plan is a chance to make Australia's oceans safe for seals, but the draft plan contains no reference to safety for seals.

Ending deadly seal practices needs to be made a priority in the new plan.

Last year the Tasmanian Government said the Salmon Plan would include new wildlife standards to replace the current seal management framework. Now this needs to happen.

We know that more than 134,000 seal crackers have been detonated by salmon producers since 2016 and Tasmania's largest producer is still firing shotguns at seals. This is unacceptable and must be stopped.

Salmon producers/ farmers must be required to ensure there is no harm caused to other species as a

result of their actions. This is a baseline standard which the government must ensure is included in the plan.

Submission 563

ROBYN WATERS

It is totally unacceptable to kill seals for this industry

Submission 564

Pamela Edwards

I no longer buy Tasmanian salmon (which I do love) because of the cruelty to seals. I now buy only imported frozen Norwegian salmon. I would much prefer to support the Australian industry but there needs to be an end to animal cruelty and an emphasis on social responsibility before I would again buy local product. This view is shared by many.

Submission 565

Jenni Fleming

I have been horrified by the current practices undertaken by the salmon industry to protect their crop from seals. Reports of capture and starvation of seals in pens, the use of seal crackers that maim and the use of shotguns have been as sickening as the reported industry pollution of pristine waters and the shocking animal welfare of the fish themselves. Fur seals are classified as protected, yet, there is no mention of protecting seals in the government's draft salmon industry plan. This oversight needs to be addressed. The loophole that allows the salmon industry to mail and kill protected fur seals must be closed before the plan can be considered further.

Submission 566

Elizabeth Gentle

It doesn't matter how rich intelligent powerful or talented you are the way you treat animals tells me all I need to know about you. It is imperative that seals be protected in the salmon plan. Please ensure the illegality of shotguns and crackers which can maim and kill. Please!!!

Submission 567

Amanda McStay

I care deeply about the issue of salmon farming and its impact on seals. I want the government to stop the salmon industry using explosive seal crackers and shotguns. Please include measures and statements to address this issue this in your final plan.

Submission 568

Tricia Steel

Please provide clear and concise details regarding care for the seal population in and around the area of concern

Submission 569

Sue Davie

I urge the Tasmanian Government to make an immediate effort to ensure that all the wildlife such as seals that are impacted by the salmon industry be protected with utmost importance. It has been well known by all that the farming of salmon has had an alarming effect upon the ecosystem of the fish and other marine life. I myself have stopped eating such products due to this. Additives used to change flesh colour are not healthy and the ruthless use of crackers and other methods to deter seals and other animals from hunting is inherently harmful and inhumane. You must do whatever you can to regulate this industry and ban unsustainable and unscrupulous practices. Act now and be very proactive in your submissions. Thank you.

Submission 570

Peter Hayes

Submission 571

Corrie Verbeetan

I am disgusted the salmon industry is using " seal crackers" and firing shot guns at seals to scare the animals away from their salmon. I have not purchased Tasmanian salmon since I heard of this and I cancelled my intended trip to Tasmania as well. I don't want to support industry or tourism that allows such brutal treatment of animals.

There has to be a less cruel way for the salmon industry to coexist with the wonderful seals wildlife.

Submission 572

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Submission 573

Suzie Bleach

I wish to appeal on behalf of the health of the ocean and the seals. I have witnessed the barbaric injuries to a seal caused by the salmon industries use of crackers to deter seals from poaching salmon. It is a dirty industry with enormous impacts on marine life and ocean floor. We can do better by adopting the Scandinavian model. Since reading Richard Flanagan and learning how toxic the industry is I no longer eat salmon , nor do my friends. I will petition against this industry always until steps are taken to clean it up. So far 36 of my friends no longer eat salmon, they are telling their friends about how toxic this industry is also. We are determined to speak up to force this industry to change, I hope you can act responsibly and enforce the change that needs to happen

Kind regards

Suzie

Submission 574

Judith Muir

The salmon industry in Tasmania, once held in high regard for its' clean reputation, is now sullied by inhumane and cruel practices, and disregard for the marine environment from which it poaches a living. Aquaculture must represent highest sustainability and environmental standards. Over-stocking, waste, infusions of antibiotics and disregard for seals in their territory shows a very low level of care, and a high level of environmental vandalism. However it is the cruelty imposed on an animal in its' own natural environment that tops my list of concerns. The once pristine image of Tasmania as a clean and green environment has once again been destroyed by industry greed and government economic policies

Submission 575

John Russell

Surely we have learnt by now to appreciate wildlife and to develop practices that allow development and conservation to coexist.

I understand that there is no detail about adopting the proposal to living with seals-this concerns me . Please correct this important aspect of the development.

I trust also that you solve the problem of pollution from fish faeces in the pond ares,

Submission 576

S Liddell

Stop salmon farming in Tasmania, the practice is unnecessary and involves barbaric methods to protect the farms. Wildlife is suffering.

Submission 577

Elizabeth Honey

I am only an ordinary person who is concerned about our environment. I want the government to stop salmon fisheries using explosive seal crackers and shotguns on our seals it is unconscionable that they are allowed to do so.

Submission 578

Elizabeth Flann

The draft plan for the salmon industry does not contain protection for protected fur seals. The salmon industry must be prevented from using shotguns and explosive seal crackers. This plan must ban the use of deadly practices against fur seals as an urgent priority.

Submission 579

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Submission 580

Danielle Kluth

The toxic Tasmanian salmon industry appears to have no future and has been behaving in a reprehensible way for too long. I never eat Tasmanian salmon anymore and I doubt I ever will again. The government has been supporting this industry and its shocking practices from the beginning and is also culpable. The treatment of the local seal population and other wildlife and local environment is cruel and self serving beyond belief. All of Tasmania is poorer due to the behaviour and practices of this one local industry, which is not even ideal for the climate or region. I support all measures to curtail and control bad practices and to finally hold industry and government to account. Take some advice from First Nations people and realise that there is a right way to do things, albeit on a smaller scale, and not solely for 'profit at any cost'

Submission 581

Margaret Fagan

I was born in Tasmania and grew up there. I have been appalled at the cruel and reckless practices used in the salmon industry there. The harm to seals and to the whole environment is occurring on a massive scale. Since I read Richard Flanagan's book "Toxic" I haven't eaten Tasmanian salmon again. I hope more people will boycott this awful industry.

Submission 582

Peter & Yvonne Sypkes

We are writing this submission to the Draft Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan to express our strong concern with the proposed plan.

As a result of having a holiday home on Bruny Island for more than 60 years, we have become very familiar with the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and its water ways. Over the past 15 years or so, the nature of the channel waterways has changed dramatically. In particular what we have observed personally is the increased amount of algal slime growth over the sea floor destroying the local eco system. This has paralleled with the reduction of native fish and the increase in salmon pen numbers and capacity.

When we read the draft Salmon Industry Plan and see the government dismissing the damage to the environment, whilst showing unequivocal support for an exponential growth of the industry, we have no confidence that this plan will do anything to address our concerns.

Whilst we acknowledge the employment opportunities the industry provides, we find the arrogance and denial of the Tasmanian government and the authors of this Plan, simply astounding, when it comes to the impact of salmon farming has already had on our waterways, let alone what an increase in capacity will do as proposed in the plan. We remind the government that the waterways belong to the people of Tasmania.

We acknowledge it is a growing industry for Tasmania and that it is unrealistic to just close it down.

We would however implore that:

- The government listens to the concerns of the people of Tasmania
- The Plan is re-written and includes tangible and specific measurable targets and timelines that the government and industry work towards and be held accountable to.
- Move the industry on land or much, much further out into the deep oceans
- Remove the farms that are in shallow waters such as the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Okehampton Bay, Storm Bay, Tasman Peninsula and Macquarie Harbour.
- Establish a truly independent and transparent panel headed by a person of impeccable international credentials to oversee the industry, free from government interference, and who will ensure that the people of Tasmania's real interests are being served, not just those of the industry.

Unfortunately, the proposed Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan does not address our deep concerns and nor does it provide any confidence that industry will be managed in an environmentally and sustainable way.

Submission 583

Shirley Howe

Please consider all measures to protect seals and ban deadly seal crackers and shotguns.

Submission 584

Confidential

As someone who has enjoyed visiting Tasmania, and loves eating salmon, I am appalled to learn of the practice of shooting and maiming seals in order to put salmon on my plate (and my guests'). If there

are not better seal protection laws enacted, I will be rethinking my menus and encouraging those around me to do the same.

Submission 585

Jennifer Cuthbertson

Inclusion in plan is needed to protect seals and to ban deadly seal crackers and shotguns

Submission 586

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I am writing in support of the draft salmon plan. The Tasmanian salmon industry not only helps provide income for myself and other Tasmanians, but supports the remote Tasmanian communities in which the industry operates, by sourcing locally to support small business and sponsorship key recreational groups and clubs. I agree with the four priority outcomes and believe that these will provide a balanced framework for a sustainable and well-regulated industry going forward. One that provides employment opportunities for Tasmanians for years to come.

Submission 587

Trevor Dubar

Has the Salmon Industry Plan appropriately dealt with the impact upon seals?

Submission 588

Trevor Blatchford

My submission is simple, just as simple as doing the right thing by other animals we share this world with.

As an Australian citizen I want the Tasmanian government to protect seals and also ban deadly seal crackers and shotguns.

Submission 589

Robert Marston

We must be the dumbest animals on the Planet. Can we please stop destroying our environment and everything that lives in it, just to feed the mighty dollar?

Please include a provision to protect Seals in the Tasmanian Government's draft salmon industry plan, by closing the loophole that allows the salmon industry to maim and kill 'protected' fur seals, using explosive seal crackers and shotguns.

Submission 590

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Submission 591

Kate Brennan

I live in the huon valley. I've read the book. That's my submission. Overall it appears it's a damaging practice. Too close to shore, toxic levels of pollution, damage to other marine wildlife especially seals, overuse and over subsidised use of public drinking water, visual and auditory pollution to the channel, previous biological destruction in other areas of Tasmania.

Protect Tasmanian wildlife

Create alternative Tasmanian jobs in sustainable industries if it's too costly to do salmon right

Bring it onshore or take it to the mainland.

Submission 592

Stephen Young

Please protect the Tasmanian Fur Seal and stop the barbaric practices of detonators and shotguns.

Submission 593

Alison Pitt

It is very worthy that the Salmon farming techniques and their impact is being scrutinised and regulated. As a regular eater of Salmon (I have not been since the appalling impacts of the Tasmanian farming have been unveiled) I do appreciate your endeavours to change.

PLEASE also extend these regulations of the salmon farming techniques to include what the impact might be on the seal population.

Please also prioritise care for our natural wildlife

Thank you

Submission 594

Andrew Richardson

I have worked within the aquaculture space for the last 5 years and have worked in several countries. I am now employed by BioMar PTY (based in Tasmania) as their Technical consultant in New Zealand (a country they are the majority supplier for).

The fish farming industry (particularly Salmonid) as a whole is innovative, driven, and very often extremely open. We work hard to engage with stakeholders to ensure our business support the places we operate within and the people that live in those communities.

I feel that the structure, and content of the document provided by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania is a strong step in support helping our industry grow positively - with each of our stakeholders and the environment in mind.

As always a science driven, targeted, and long term approach to planning will provide the best results for all.

Submission 595

Janine Height

Please stop killing seals.

Submission 596

Susan Wardle

Please do not allow seals to be harmed in the production of salmon.

Submission 597

Kevin Knott

i am concerned there is not enough being done to protect the enviroment & wildlife

Submission 598

Judith Yates

You can't kill seals just because you want to make a lot of money breeding salmon or anything else

The seals are doing what is natural to them

Cruelty to animals however you look at it

Submission 599

Maria Lawson

Tasmanian waters have been clean and pristine. That is the way they should stay. There are too many pens now and too much waste from them. The poor seals are treated badly, the pens are an eyesore.

The mass fish kills are a disgrace.

Compliance is mentioned but it will be a joke. Profits will go overseas. Jobs, not really as a lot is done remotely. Australian companies selling out for big bucks and leaving behind a mess. The food should be produced environmentally friendly, not on mass.

Submission 600

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