



Tasmanian Alliance for Marine Protection Inc (TAMP) Affiliates:



PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS INC.

Supportive Environmental Organisations



8 September 2025

To: The Hon. Jeremy Rockliff, Premier of Tasmania

CC: The Hon. Gavin Pearce MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

The Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP, Minister for Environment.

BCC: All members of Parliament, Tasmania.

Dear Premier Rockliff,

We, Tasmanian environmental groups, are writing to express our complete lack of confidence in your announcement of a review and study of Tasmania's industrial fin-fish farming industry.

You will be well aware, the Liberal Government initiated a moratorium on salmon expansion in 2021, followed by a review that failed to address the concerns of environmental groups or the broader community. This resulted in further industrial expansion in our public waterways. At the same time, the Liberal Government has almost

completely ignored all 68 recommendations of the 2022 Legislative Council's Finfish Inquiry, despite being on your desk for 3 years before this latest announcement.

The science is clear: **industrial salmon farms are causing significant harm to Tasmania's waterways.**

It is also abundantly clear that we do not need another review or study. We view your announcement of a pause on expansion and a study as nothing more than a political smokescreen, devoid of any meaningful commitments or intention to implement legislative change.

Industrial fish farms are destroying our marine ecosystems and inland waterways, pushing species towards extinction and creating an animal welfare nightmare.

Lack of a Social Licence to Operate in our public waterways is reflected in increasing activism across the State, indicating a significant erosion of public trust and a widespread feeling that the industry has failed to meet its social obligations.

We call on you to pre-empt the inevitable and: **remove all fish farms from Tasmania's waterways and the Bass Strait.**

Signed: Andrew Jenner - President TAMP

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