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Dear Dr Woodruff

Thank you for your question on behalf of your constituent Steve from Clifton Beach regarding the imposition of royalties on the Tasmanian salmon industry.

The Tasmanian Government recognises the importance of maintaining a sustainable budget position, as highlighted in the 2026 Fiscal Sustainability Report.

However, the Government has been clear and consistent in its position that we will not introduce new or increased taxes, including royalties on the salmon industry.

As you may be aware, the Government has implemented a full cost recovery model for the management of the salmonid industry, which commenced on 1 July 2023. This is delivered through an industry levy, which raised approximately \$9.6 million in 2024-25, ensuring that the full costs of regulation and oversight are borne by industry rather than taxpayers. In addition, marine farming leases generate more than \$1.2 million annually in direct revenue to the Crown.

Beyond these direct contributions, the salmon industry plays a vital role in Tasmania's economy. It supports over 5 000 jobs across the State and underpins significant economic activity, particularly in regional communities.

It is also important to acknowledge that salmon companies are subject to the same taxation framework as other businesses operating in Tasmania, including payroll tax.

I hope the above is helpful to your constituent.

Yours sincerely



Hon Eric Abetz MP
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