Salmon Farming – Impact of Fishery Closures

Dr WOODRUFF question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

My question is from Sam in Geeveston, who loves to fish and go swimming with his family. Sam says last summer he worried about the health risk from florfenicol in the fish he caught and didn't want to take his kids swimming when salmon companies were treating fish. He was angry it was so hard to find when and where antibiotics were being used. Now, he has heard the Government is allowing salmon companies to poison waters with florfenicol across the Huon and Channel, and up to the east coast this whole summer. He's got friends who are crayfishers and says they're outraged their business is being shut down and the Government is letting salmon companies totally control public waters. He's also got friends who work on fish farms and says they're really unhappy at the blowback they're getting because you are not doing your job to make a fair playing field. He asks: when will you stand up for Tasmanians instead of for the salmon industry?