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Sent: Tuesday, 30 May 2017 6:43 AM
To: McLean, Leanne (DPaC); Reid, Anthony (DPaC)
Subject: EPBC referral

Hi Leanne and Anthony,

Just a courtesy note to advise Tassal yesterday submitted an EPBC referral to the Department of Environment and Energy in relation to finfish farming at the existing Okehampton Bay Marine Lease. As you know this lease is licensed for finfish culture and currently cultures shellfish and seaweed species. The use of this site will allow Tassal the platform to develop an integrated multitrophic aquaculture site (IMTA), the first of its kind within Tasmania.

Tassal has conducted the relevant assessments and has been in consultation with both state and federal departments in relation to this matter for over 12 months.

Finfish aquaculture at Okehampton Bay was assessed as unlikely to have a significant impact on EPBC listed species or communities. Regardless, we have voluntarily made the submission as we believe it is in the best interests of community surety.

I will advise you when the referral is available online for public comment and review.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information in relation to this matter.

Cheers



PS. We have not advised media of this, however have a holding statement regarding referral.

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