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Blue Economy CRC – Bass Strait Aquaculture Research Trial

There have been many calls to move further aquaculture offshore and the TSGA applauds the State and Commonwealth's vision and commitment to work towards sustainably managed aquaculture in Commonwealth waters.

The TSGA has clearly put their position on the record in their submission to the Tasmanian Government last year.

That submission can be found [here](#) with the following extracts emphasised by and attributable to a TSGA spokesperson:

The salmon industry acknowledge that going further offshore requires more R & D and innovation and needs an appropriate regulatory system that safeguards the environment, maintains welfare of our stocks, while keeping the people that operate in these waters safe.

The Tasmanian salmon industry is world leading when it comes to operating in high energy sites, however it is also driven by continuous improvement and actions to further reduce the climate footprint. That's why partnerships, like the Blue Economy CRC, play a critical role to play in exploring aquaculture in deeper and more high energy waters responsibly.

Providing a sustainable and robust regulatory setting for finfish, seaweed and renewable energy in commonwealth waters will provide certainty to the full supply chain of Tasmanian aquaculture businesses from plastics, to transport to IT.

Aquaculture remains one of the most eco-efficient forms of protein production. More than 50% of seafood eaten worldwide comes from aquaculture. The planet is 70% ocean, which means that sustainable aquaculture offers significant contribution to sustainable food systems.

This is an industry Tasmania is proud of.

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The Tasmanian Government called for public comment on the Living Marine Resources Management Amendment (Aquaculture Research) Bill 2021 last year and the TSGA's submission is publicly available and can be found [here](#).

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