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Dear Mr Sutton

**CROWN LAND ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION PROJECT
NORTHERN MIDLANDS, BREAK O'DAY AND FLINDERS ISLAND
MUNICIPALITIES**

By way of background the latest figures developed by the Department of Primary Industries, Water and the Environment (DPIWE) show the seafood industry in Tasmania to be worth \$471 (2004-05) and it is thought to provide employment to over 7,000 Tasmanians, most of whom live in small coastal communities. In fact, if it weren't for the activities of the seafood industry in some regions there would be few wealth generators or employment opportunities for the people living there.

Stakeholders of the seafood industry are in daily contact with the coastline, and as such are directly affected by management decisions related to the coastal area. This means that both the intention and implementation of any future classification of crown land and/or public reserves has the potential to impact on the seafood industry and in effect, the flow of economic return to our coastal communities. It is clearly in the best interests of those whom we represent that the coastal environment be managed efficiently both to protect the ecology of the land, and to promote the sustainability of our marine environment and associated resources. As it is difficult to comment on every suggested use for unallocated Crown Land due to the large number that have the potential to impact on the seafood industry, TFIC makes the following general comments.

The seafood industry maintains a need for access to the coastal perimeter for a number of uses:

- To upload and unload
- To service operational needs
- For safety reasons
- Provision needs to be made for the growing aquaculture industry and requirements for access to land based facilities

It is also imperative to the Tasmanian seafood industry that any future use of unallocated Crown Land be consistent with promoting a clean marine environment free of point source and/or disperse pollution, free of sedimentation and nutrient/chemical loading.

Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact me at TFIC during normal business hours on 03 6224 2332 or email afebey@tfic.com.au. Alternatively, TFIC's Project Officer, Ed Smith can be contacted on the same telephone number or email esmith@tfic.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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