



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2017

Waterway Health and Fish Farms

The General Meeting held in February passed the following resolution '*... Friends of North Bruny to work with other community groups around Storm Bay to bring to the attention of the Premier, Fisheries Minister and the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel the need for an agreed plan for sustainable fish farming in Storm Bay and the D'Entrecasteau; and, asks that this be resolved before there are any expansion to the leases in Storm Bay*'.

Since then FONB have held extensive discussions with a wide range of organisations and individuals and now have found a high degree of concern around the impact of fish farming on waterways. We have also been working with Marine Protection Tasmania to ask that they facilitate communication between community groups around Storm Bay and the D'Entrecasteau Channel and seek the development of a bioregional plan for sustainability in both the D'Entrecasteau Channel and Storm Bay.

The State Government has now released (10 August) its draft **Sustainable Industry Growth Plan for the Salmon Industry** which proposes a dramatic expansion in industrial finfish/salmon farming in Storm Bay and around Bruny Island. The draft Plan is available for public comment until **September 8, 2017**, and can be viewed at www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/salmonplan.

Attached is a one page summary of FONB's proposed position and shows the extent of the new proposed farming. This position statement, once agreed, will then form the basis of our submission to Government.

Also attached for your information is the Statement that we have released in support of Marine Protection Tasmania which is now seeking a moratorium.

You are urged to attend a **FONB General Meeting 2 September 2017 10.30, Dennes Point Community Centre** to discuss our response. You are also urged to make individual submissions as well.

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Secretary FONB

