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Dear Mark Ryan

NOTICE OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 92(1) OF EMPCA

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) commenced environmental licence compliance inspections on marine farming leases and associated shore-based facilities in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel after significant amounts of oily biological material were found on Verona Sands beach and surrounding shorelines in mid-February 2025. Test results indicate the material is consistent with fish oil, and hence likely derived from the elevated fish mortalities that have affected multiple pens in the Channel area this summer.

I acknowledge that your staff have been monitoring the mortality event, undertaking shoreline clean-ups and removing deceased fish from affected pens. Nevertheless, in the last week oily biological material has continued to be found on other beaches in the area, along with pieces of fish carcass, and in pens in the Channel area, sometimes with dead fish.

This indicates your companies' responses to the mortality event have not been sufficient to avoid loss of containment of fish carcasses and associated oily material from pens. Under section 5 of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Waste Management) Regulations 2020* (the Regulations), the carcasses and associated material is a controlled waste, being a substance derived from fish that have died in the course of finfish farming, and hence must be managed in accordance with the Regulations.

The EPA has determined it is now necessary to issue the attached notice pursuant to section 92(1) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPCA) requiring you to cease discharging a controlled waste into the environment.

Note that under section 95(1)(c) of EMPCA, it is an offence to fail to comply with a direction of an authorized officer.

Should you have any queries about this matter, please contact me on the details above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darryl Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Darryl Cook

DIRECTOR FINFISH COMPLIANCE

Delegate for the Director, Environment Protection Authority

Authorized Officer No. 3011

Enc. Notice Under Section 92(1) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*

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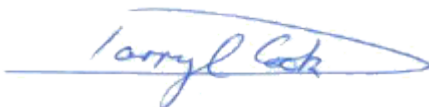
**Notice Under Section 92(1) of the
Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994**

In accordance with section 92(1)(l) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPCA), I direct Tassal Operations Pty Ltd and Aquatas Pty Ltd to comply with the following:

- a) Undertake such actions necessary to achieve removal of fish carcasses and waste derived from them from pens authorised under the Environmental Licences, and within the leases, listed in the table below, at a rate and in a manner sufficient to prevent discharge of a controlled waste to the environment.

Licence Holder	Environmental Licence No.	Lease No.	Lease Name
TASSAL OPERATIONS PTY LTD	9898/4	77	MEADS CREEK
TASSAL OPERATIONS PTY LTD	9899/4	78	EAST OF LIPPIES POINT
AQUATAS PTY LTD	9870/4	109	GREAT TAYLORS BAY
AQUATAS PTY LTD	9878/4	185	GREAT TAYLORS BAY
TASSAL OPERATIONS PTY LTD	9909/4	201	ROARING BEACH
TASSAL OPERATIONS PTY LTD	9910/4	203	GREAT TAYLORS BAY
TASSAL OPERATIONS PTY LTD	9911/4	209	STRINGERS COVE

This direction remains in force until further notice.



Darryl Cook
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