

Fish farms need popular support

I HAVE been a recreational fisher in mainly the Dover area for nearly 70 years and have witnessed the gradual degradation of the sea floor and the negative effect on all native fish species particularly along the southern shore of Esperance Bay. The economy in this area has been boosted and I cannot expect a reversal to the status quo. However I am passionately opposed to any expansion in pristine shallow waters such as Okehampton Bay. Sovereign risk should not be an overriding issue for the Government. Surely Tassal could be made aware that the future of this industry depends on the goodwill of the government and its public. It clearly risks being the next forestry in Tasmania.

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TOP SPOT: Dover has been impacted by fish farms, for better and for worse.