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To: [Duncan Spender](#)
Subject: RE: Oyster Industry Election Request
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Dear Duncan,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to respond to Oysters Tasmania's industry position for the 2024 Election.

I am responding on the Tasmanian Greens' behalf.

The Tasmanian Greens have a long, proud history of advocating for a healthy marine environment and supporting genuinely sustainable industries that rely on clean waters, like the oyster growers.

We recognise the strong, positive contribution Tasmania's oyster farmers make to local employment and Tasmania's brand as a producer of high quality seafood produce.

The Greens' ongoing work to have established, and appropriately funded, an independent Environment Protection Authority is driven by our conviction the current, highly politicised regulatory framework prioritises industrial salmon farming over marine and ecosystem health, to the detriment of all other marine users and industries. A truly independent EPA would demonstrably better serve Tasmania's marine environment as well as the extraordinary biodiversity and sustainable industries it supports.

We recognise Oysters Tasmania agrees on the need for greater public investment in marine water quality monitoring, disease prevention and stopping pollutants from land-based sources from entering inshore waters.

There are a number of proposed initiatives within the industry position statement, particularly those focussed on marine health, climate adaptation and industry promotion, that we support. We strongly agree there must be greater government investment through NRE Tasmania in disease and pollution prevention.

We would argue, despite some differences in position at the margins, the Tasmanian Greens are the strongest, most reliable supporter of Tasmanian oyster growers in Parliament. Neither of the major parties advocates in any substantive way for sustained commitment in the health of the marine environment, or the need to have a Brand with integrity that protects sustainable industries. In this, our track record demonstrates we are consistent and evidence-driven.

We are very open to a more detailed conversation about other industry priorities in the future, and we look forward to working with Oysters Tasmania to strengthen the industry's future in the next term of Parliament.

Kind regards

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To the Tasmanian Greens Team,

Please find attached our document outlining the election commitments sought by Tasmania's oyster industry.

We would very much appreciate the Greens' commitment on these matters, and we will gladly discuss any aspect of this over the coming days and weeks.

Please feel free to get in touch anytime.

Kind regards,

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