

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
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**Question No:** 149  
**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates  
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**Program:** Environment Standards Division (ESD)  
**Topic:** Salmon Farming Proposal in Oakehampton Bay, Tasmania – EPBC Approval  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:**

Will the proposal require EPBC approval? Has the Department been in contact with either the project proponent or the Tasmanian government about this proposal?

**Answer:**

Any action which is likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance must be approved under the EPBC Act before it can proceed. Not all actions affecting protected matters will have a significant impact and require approval. The Department has been in contact with the proponent to ensure that they are aware of their responsibilities in regard to how the EPBC Act may apply to this action.