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Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:

What consultation has occurred between the Tasmanian Government, the Federal Environment Department and the proponents about the existing EPBC exemption?

Answer:

There is no exemption, rather activities that pre-date the EPBC Act (such as the original marine farming activities within Macquarie Harbour) do not require approval under Section 43A of the Act. There is no requirement for consultation between the Tasmanian and Federal Government about activities that pre-date the Act.

A referral for an expansion to these marine farming operations was determined not to require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act on 3 October 2012 (EPBC 2012/6406). The Department consulted extensively with the proponents and Tasmanian Government during this process.