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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

What is the Department's risk rating of Macquarie Harbour?

Answer:

The Department targets compliance monitoring activity on a risk basis, which is – in part – informed by allegations of non-compliance received, and consistent with its published annual compliance monitoring program.

Under this program, routine compliance monitoring inspections were undertaken of a number of projects in Tasmania during February 2017, including marine farming operations in Macquarie Harbour.

The Department is currently making inquiries into the marine farming operations in Macquarie Harbour, noting that allegations of non-compliance have been received.