

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:

Is the Department concerned about the impact of salmon farming on the already declining Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia found in the area?

Answer:

The Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia ecological community is listed as endangered and is protected by the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The Department has contacted the company which is proposing to undertake salmon farming in Oakehampton Bay to ensure that they are aware of their obligations under the Act in relation to this ecological community and other protected matters.