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

Given the ongoing breaches of the existing Tasmanian Government approvals by the three salmon companies, does the Federal Environment Department consider that the existing EPBC exemption is still valid?

**Answer:**

There is a current referral decision in place under the EPBC Act that provides for an expansion to marine farming operations in Macquarie Harbour (EPBC 2012/6406). The Department has no information to suggest a breach of the EPBC Act decision.