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To: [Jane Gallichan](#)
Subject: RE: TARFish election priorities for Tasmania's 100,000 recreational fishers
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Good morning Jane,

Please find below the Tasmanian Greens response to the election priorities listed by TARFish, from our leader, Rosalie Woodruff and our Primary Industries Spokesperson, Vica Bayley.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to respond to the TARFish election priorities statement, and apologies for the delayed reply.

We are responding on the Tasmanian Greens' behalf.

The Greens appreciate the important role TARFish plays in representing the interests of all recreational fishers in Tasmania.

Up front, we can confirm the Greens also do not support a general salt-water rod and line fishing license on recreational fishers. We regard it as a fundamental freedom and right of all Tasmanians to throw in a line and catch a feed. We also recognise the real pressure on our fisheries comes from big commercial operations and we understand why TARFish and the people it represents have formed the view that government prioritises the big money over recreational fishers in fisheries' management.

Within all six key priority areas identified in the TARFish election statement, we can identify a number of initiatives that align with Greens' policies and values.

We agree there should be explicit recognition of recreational fishers in any new or amended legislation. We also support maximum transparency and evidence-based sand flathead management. The Greens recognise warming seas are driving new species in to Tasmanian waters, and agree recreational fisher access to these emerging species should be protected. We support limits on further expansion of commercial fishery operations for these species until more is understood about their populations.

The Greens are strong supporters of safer fishing and better enforcement of fishing rules, and we support every initiative detailed under this heading.

So too the request for \$3million in funding, backed by a recreational fishers infrastructure plan to deliver more modern, accessible coastal and marine facilities. This proposal is, ultimately, to the benefit of all Tasmanians.

We can commit to working with TARFish in the next term of Parliament on the remaining identified priority areas. We trust TARFish members understand the Greens will always apply the lens of science and sustainability to fisheries management. This is, for example, why we continue to argue strongly that industrial salmon farming is polluting inshore waters, at ongoing cost to the marine and coastal environment. Recreational fishers we speak to confirm fish farm expansion is having a significant negative impact on the waters they traditionally fish.

It is yet another example of the Tasmanian Government prioritising corporate interests over the public interest.

In the next term of Parliament and regardless of who is in government, the Greens will continue to work towards strong, evidence-based fisheries management, effective regulation and enforcement, and a truly independent Environment Protection Authority.

We hope this answers your questions. Please get back in touch should you require any clarification.

Kind regards,

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I apologise for the slight delay in responding to you.

Warm Regards,

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Dear Roslaie,

The Tasmanian Association for Recreational Fishing (TARFish) has prepared election priorities on behalf of Tasmania's 100,000 recreational fishers (attached).

We strongly encourage the Tasmanian Greens to consider supporting Tasmania's recreational fishers by committing to the priorities we've identified.

We know election campaigns are a busy time but to ensure we can communicate the position of the Tasmanian Greens to recreational fishers, we ask that you please provide a response, in writing, by 4 March when pre-polling opens. Should we receive your response prior to 4 March, we will immediately share it with recreational fishers.

I appreciate your consideration of the attached priority statement and I can be reached on my mobile at any time if you would like to discuss further.

Kind regards,
Jane



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