



No surprises in anti-farming activists' falsehoods

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Salmon Tasmania Chief Executive Officer John Whittington today rejected assertions made by Animals Australia.

"This activist organisation is so hell-bent on its agenda it can't even get its facts right. It alleges in its complaint: 'deaths and dumping of more than one million tonnes of farmed salmon' even though Tasmanian growers produce less than 80,000 tonnes of salmon annually.

"Animals Australia, and those promulgating its campaign, might want to start dealing in truth and honesty, rather than making up figures to suit their own narrative agenda. It underlines how misleading and grossly incorrect its cooked-up claims are.

"These are nothing more than recycled and false allegations made by an organisation which has a stated goal of shutting down salmon farming, as well as regularly campaigning against almost every type of animal-based farming.

"Like any primary producer, Tasmanian salmon growers have a legal and ethical obligation to maximise the welfare of their animals. Growing and maintaining healthy animals is of paramount importance to producing a quality product, and growers take that commitment extremely seriously. No one cares more about the health and welfare of these fish than the people who farm them.

"Salmon growers are the most heavily regulated primary producers in the country. Fish health is managed by qualified veterinarians and dedicated fish health teams, and farms adhere to internationally recognised standards developed specifically for farmed Atlantic salmon welfare."

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