

To The Resident:

IMAS KELP PROJECT, TINDERBOX

Dear Resident,

The Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) is expecting to commence a short but intensive research project focused on developing technologies for offshore mariculture (marine farming) of giant kelp, including a trial seeking positive spin-offs in the restoration of giant kelp forests on natural reef.

One component of the work will involve growing kelp on mariculture rings anchored temporarily off the Tinderbox coastline. These rings are expected to be deployed by the end of March 2023 and will be in the water for about 18 months.

At the end of that period, the rings and all other infrastructure will be removed from the area completely. We want to emphasise that there is no intention whatsoever to grow kelp commercially in the Derwent Estuary.

You are invited to a short presentation outlining the research project followed by a Q&A session at the Blackman's Bay Beach Hall on **Monday 27th February** from **6:00pm - 8:00pm**.

This project is funded by the Blue Economy CRC and the eight project partners. The CRC brings together 44 industry, government and research partners from ten countries with expertise in aquaculture, marine renewable energy, maritime engineering, environmental assessments and policy and regulation.

The Blue Economy Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) is established and supported under the Australian Government's CRC Program, grant number CRC-20180101. The CRC Program supports industry-led collaborations between industry, researchers and the community. Further information about the CRC Program is available at www.business.gov.au.

Sincerely,



Craig Johnson
PROFESSOR & Project Leader

