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**TOMORROW IS WATERSHED VICTORIA'S DAY AT DESALINATION E.E.S.**

Oceanographer and independent expert witness, Dr. Jochen Kaempf, has criticised the Environmental Effect Statement (EES) by disagreeing with the model upon which the entire marine effects depend.

Dr. Kaempf's evidence validates what Watershed Victoria has been saying all along – Bass Strait is the wrong location for this plant.

The Government claims that Bass Strait operates like an open ocean and as a result can quickly flush out the 7,000 litres EVERY SECOND of effluent including brine, heavy metals and other ecotoxins, that will be discharged into the sea. This is clearly a false statement, which means that all the marine ecological studies within the EES that relied upon the Government's claim are thrown into doubt.

Dr. Kaempf's studies clearly indicate that there is potential for massive environmental impacts that are being ignored in the rush to race this project through at brake neck speed without fully understanding the environmental implications. The entire local marine ecosystem that includes the Little Penguins and the magnificent whale species that inhabit the area are at grave risk due to continued lack of due respect to the environment by the Government.

Both experts will appear before the Inquiry starting at 10am on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham, where the Inquiry will try to get to the truth of the matter.

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