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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Recognising Peter and Una Rockliff

On behalf of all Tasmanians, particularly those on the North and North West Coast, I would sincerely like to thank Peter and Una Rockliff for their significant contribution to our seafood industry.

Peter and Una have today announced that they have sold their remaining share in Petuna Aquaculture to the existing business partner, Sealord Group, however they are retaining full ownership of the wild fisheries operations they started 70 years ago.

Peter and Una have made an impressive contribution to our iconic industry, having established their first commercial fishing boat called the 'Alva', in 1949.

Petuna has long been a family lead business with a strong focus on the local community, and Sealord has indicated an intention to further invest in the business.

In 2004, Peter and Una's work pioneering Petuna Ocean Trout and Petuna Atlantic Salmon in aquaculture was recognised with an Order of Australia Medal.

All Tasmanians can be proud of our important salmon industry, which provides thousands of direct and indirect jobs, many of which are in regional areas of the state, and many of which accrue to Petuna.

I thank Peter and Una for all they have done for Tasmania's seafood sector, and their wonderful contribution to our state. Salmon aquaculture a high value primary industry, and this is in large part due to their vision and dedication.