



Seafood Processor Grants

Tas Live Abalone Pty Ltd

Funding: \$80,000

Start date: October 2022

End date: May 2024

Status: COMPLETED

Project overview

- Purchase and installation of seafood packaging infrastructure.
- Production of shelf-stable product in Tasmania for local tourism and export markets.

Project description

Tas Live Abalone were successful in receiving \$80,000 support from the Tasmanian Government to install a multipurpose small-batch pressurised retortclave and other associated equipment to allow the production of vacuum sealed abalone pouches and cans in their factory ready for sale.

The new equipment would mean a reliable supply of products to our specifications to meet the demand brought on by the resumption of international travel and tourism. The capacity to produce vacuum and canned packaged abalone products at our factory will provide Tas Live Abalone Pty Ltd with more autonomy to diversify our products whilst adding value to the Tasmanian wild-caught seafood industry and to provide increased employment opportunities for Tasmanians.

Business outcomes include:

- a) Cease buying vacuum pouches and cans from other suppliers, both here and in Victoria, which will result in increased business profitability.
- b) Increasing our workforce by one part time employee to cover the additional processing work.
- c) Provide an additional option for Tasmanian abalone quota holders and divers to sell their catch to.

At this stage, sales will be retail focused with individual products offered for sale to inbound Asian tour groups that tour the factory as part of their itinerary, domestic tourists, and any local opportunities.



Figure 1: Retort clave in situ. Source: Tas Live Abalone Pty Ltd





Figure 2: Steam generator. Source: Tas Live Abalone Pty Ltd

