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Meenaboll Environmental Protection Group

c/o Gerry Mulgrew, Secretary
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EPA Headquarters

P.O. Box 3000
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Re: Application, by Donegal County Council, for a Waste Management Licence to operate a
— Landfill at Meenaboll

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to express our concerns on the suitability of the proposed landfill site at Meenaboll.

It is too high -

Situated between 800 and 1000 feet above sea level on the exposed side of a mountain, all spills, leakages and runoffs can only flow downwards to the River Finn and Gartan Lake. It would be impossible to protect against any leakage at this elevation.

It is too wet -

It is unstable -

The peat surface has often been referred to as 'similar to the infamous Derrybrien slide area', and there have been several slides in the Meenaboll area in the recent past. Given the huge levels of excavation that would be required it is difficult to envision anything other than regular slides.

It is guaranteed to pollute -

The Sruhanpolladoo stream runs directly through the site, into the Cumrick River, on into the River Finn and ends up in the North of Ireland. This is regarded as one of the finest salmon rivers in Europe. Officials have admitted to us that it be impossible to protect this stream.

It is a political site -

This site was selected because there are no 'voters' in this specific townland, and simply to avoid the political backlash from elected officials as occurred in 1999 at Coravaddy. The level of understanding by elected officials of the proposed site and the contents of the EIS is minimal. No wonder we have so many environmental disasters under scrutiny by Europe

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It was selected and then justified -

Having selected a politically correct site the EIS has been carefully prepared to justify Meenaboll as the most perfect site in Donegal and the whole process was kept as quiet as possible. Get it going and then worry about the problems seems to be the approach taken. However as more people visit the proposed site the most common remark is 'what utter madness to put a landfill here'.

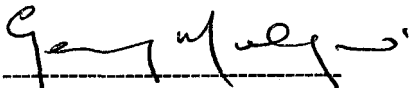
It does not fulfil the proximity principle -

There is no waste being produced in the Meenaboll area and very little in the ten square miles around it. The majority of the waste is being produced in urban areas and Donegal County Council propose dumping it in trucks and shipping it for miles to Meenaboll. There is no point in having principles if we are not going to adhere to them.

It does not fulfil the 'polluter pays' principle -

Meenaboll would pay the price of everyone's waste production. Meenaboll would get the inconvenience, the loss of land value, the smell, the rats, the increased traffic, the gas and the threat of pollution. The producer of the waste would never see it.

Yours Truly,



Gerry Mulgrew (Secretary)

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