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Submission- Pro Gas Mayo Group

I am Secretary of the group called Pro Gas Mayo and in January this year we welcomed your decision in principle to issue licence for Corrib Gas Terminal with 85 conditions attached thereto. We also welcome this oral hearing so that all can have their say and as good democrats, having participated, we will abide by the outcome.

We are concerned with the progress and future safe prosperity of Mayo and the image some well intentioned but erroneous statements were having on further industrial and investment projects here.

It is clear to anyone who has sat in this room over the last number of days that there is a fairly high level of distrust, distrust of Shell, but also of the EPA, Mayo Co Co, An Bord Pleanala and various other bodies and individuals. While I personally do not share this distrust, I believe that the EPA have an opportunity, in their final proposal, to take specific trust building measures which may well turn out to be very beneficial.

I suppose the first question is what sort of measures are we talking about? I do not claim to be an expert in these matters, and I certainly don't claim to have all the answers, but considering the objections raised surely it a step in the right direction would be to form monitoring committees with local representatives playing a full and active role. I don't believe it would be too difficult to form groups to deal with the water and air emissions during operations; these groups would have local community representatives, the local authority, a representative from the EPA, and convene on a regular basis to discuss the latest monitoring results. There would be no chance for anyone to hide anything or for any ambiguity; all the emissions data would be available for public scrutiny and debate and any deviance from the EPA limits would have to be rectified as a matter of urgency.

There are people in this room who have made it their business to find out about Shell operations in other parts of the world and have decided that they don't want this on their doorstep, that's a personal choice. What I would say is that there are others who do want the gas to come ashore in Bellanaboy and I see no reason why together, we can't demand the highest standards from all concerned. Surely there are lessons we can learn together from other oil and gas refineries around the world and say to Shell and all concerned, we want to be part of this.

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Dear Sir,

EPA Oral hearing in Belmullet- Corrib Gas

I am secretary of the Pro Gas Mayo group. On Monday the 16th inst I came on record at the opening of the oral hearing in Belmullet, when submissions were invited from interested parties.

I now make attached submission (attachment) which is relatively short. Please note that I already made a somewhat similar one to you back in February.

I understand that I will have to attend to present it, having given you 24 hours notice. That I now do.

Please pass on to Mr. Clinton or Mr. Doyle. I am also sending a hard copy of this to your team in Belmullet.

Yours Faithfully,


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(please note that my telephone number is not to be distributed to third parties who may get my submission)

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