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Re: Application submitted by Dublin City Council for the Disposal of spoil generated by tunneling of the Ringsend Wastewater treatment works Long sea outfall tunnel commencing early 2014 for a period of 3 years.

To whom it concerns,

I am writing on behalf of Wexford Sub Aqua Club.

We are an amateur diving club based in County Wexford and have a membership of approximately thirty people.

Even though we are not based in Dublin, we are concerned about the application by Dublin City Council to grant a permit to allow dumping of tunneling spoil in Dublin Bay.

We feel this dumping of spoil so close to shore will adversely affect marine life in the Dublin Bay area by blocking sunlight, killing nutrients and smothering life on the seabed.

It is also possible that this sediment will build up and spread along the coastline towards Wicklow and Wexford.

The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group, who we would consider experts in their field, have expressed concern over the impact of high noise on Whale, Dolphin and Seal life in the area.

We feel it will certainly ruin the enjoyment that our fellow divers get from the sea around Dublin.

The certain reduction in the underwater visibility will increase the safety risk of those that dive in that area. It will be harder for people to see any dangers such as lost nets.

If the marine life suffers it will have a knock on affect to other marine users including angling clubs, dive schools, angling boats, sightseeing tours, etc.

Please consider this objection when deciding on the issuing of a licence for this dumping.

Kind regards,

Ivan Donoghue

Wexford Sub Aqua Club