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Subject: Re.: Application submitted by Dublin City Council for the disposal of spoil generated by tunnelling of the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment works long sea outfall tunnel commencing in early 2014 for a period of three years.
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Dear Ms. Rochford,
please find enclosed Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club's objection to DCC's application to dump spoil in Dublin Bay. We ask you to consider our objection and to refuse the granting of a permit to DCC.

On behalf of
Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club Ltd.

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Re.: Application submitted by Dublin City Council for the disposal of spoil generated by tunnelling of the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment works long sea outfall tunnel commencing in early 2014 for a period of three years.

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby would like to lodge my formal objection against Dublin City Council's application to dispose spoil of the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Works at sea.

I am a member and the secretary of Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club. We do most of our diving on the southeast coast, but have an interest and respect for the entire sea surrounding this island of Ireland. We are extremely concerned about the effects this supposed spoil dump would have on the sea environment in Dublin Bay and surrounds.

- How will recovery of the sea take place if dumping is carried out **daily** over a **three year** period? The suspended material will be swept back and forth with each tidal movement, creating a "milky soup" in the process.



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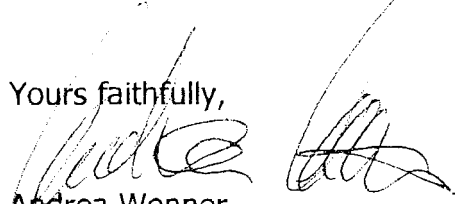


- The dumped material, which I understand will consist mainly of limestone dust, will cause "a cloud of dust" suspended in the water column blocking out sunlight thus killing nutrients and smothering life, before settling on sea bed, where it will create a blanket of silt.
- Visibility and water clarity will be badly affected, thus creating a safety risk to the many SCUBA divers, frequenting the area.
- The now common visitor to Dublin bay, the harbour porpoise, would most likely move out further to sea on account of tunnelling and pile driving noises. Will this not have an adverse effect on nature lovers? The proposed dumping will jeopardize marine tourism and threaten the tour boats that go out to watch harbour porpoises, dolphins and seals in the bay.
- How can it be possible that one of the six newly-proposed marine sites for designation as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) to protect marine habitats and species is the area from Rockabill to Dalkey Island – the proposed dumping area in Dublin City Council's application?

In conclusion I object to your granting permission to DCC for the benefit of marine life, underwater as well as tourist activity in Dublin Bay.

For the sake of future generations to come we have to try to preserve our natural environment, not destroy it!

Yours faithfully,


Andrea Wenner
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