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From:
Sent: 27 August 2015 09:57
To: Licensing Staff
Subject: Submission Re: DAS application by Dublin Port Company

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I write to you to express my concern and opposition at the recent proposal of Dublin Port to undertake a dredging project that will see 9.7 million tonnes of dredge waste into Dublin Bay.

As an avid scuba diver I have had the pleasure of diving on some of the historic ship wrecks lying in the bay. These wrecks are covered in fine silt which occurs naturally in the bay carried by the rivers that drain into Dublin Bay. As there are no ocean currents to wash them away the silt moves around with even a slight movement of water which can effect water clarity for days. If it is allowed to dump millions of tons of waste into the bay that extra silt will cover the sea floor for years to come which will stop all scuba diving in Dublin as visibility will be reduced to zero something on a par with the colour of the Liffey river flowing into the sea. As well as the clarity of water this extra silt will kill most of the sea plant life that inhabits the sea bed which are filter feeders. Please take time to review some of the photos available on line that shows the wonderful marine environment that is right on our own doorstep and like me believe we need to protect this amenity for the future. Think of all the people locals and tourists that take a walk around the bay looking out on a brown sea view. Will they continue to enjoy this vista or the families visiting any one of the nice beaches we have looking at their children wading through brown sludge washing onto the beach.

Please please rethink this decision which will effect all of us who enjoy our lovely city.

Yours sincerely,

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