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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. I am very concerned about the potential for the release of hydrogen sulphide in the area around the dredging. Similar emissions of hydrogen sulphide were reported in Cork and that operation was 10 times smaller than this proposal. Further to these potential emissions is the possibility of dredging up heavy metal deposits often found in shipping ports. Such deposits are often harmless when trapped in the sediment but could prove disastrous if disturbed and then redistributed into the coastal waters. This particular bay is hugely popular for bathers and water-sports athletes and this project will severely hinder their ability to continue in safety.

Yours sincerely,

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