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**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.

I'm a scuba diver and, as such, do a lot of diving around the Dublin bay area. When diving, it is very visible how much damage the previous project (Port tunnel) that dumped waste into Dublin Bay has caused. The sludge that was dumped in the bay settled on the bottom of the ocean floor, smothering all plants and small forms of life. These plants would have provided shelter, breeding grounds and food for fish all sorts of life. The bottom of Dublin Bay today is virtually without any life, with the exception of a few crabs, lobsters and scallops that made it. It literally looks like the place had been wiped out by a nuclear bomb.

I strongly urge you to reconsider dumping any more waste into the bay as the marine life is destroyed in the Bay already and is not even showing signs of recovering from the previous dump. I'm sure the dredge waist can be used to do good like doing a landfill somewhere - maybe a worked-out quarry or the like. That way two problems can be solved in the same go.

Yours sincerely,

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