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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.

While I have no objection in principal to the proposed improvement works in Dublin Port I have grave concerns about the plans to dump dredge waste at the Burford Bank. There is strong evidence that the action of the tides will wash much of this waste material back into Dublin Bay and, most particularly will result in further silting of the Bull Island lagoon with consequent damage. As you are aware, North Bull Island is a special protected areas for wildlife (EU Code 004006) and it is almost inevitable that this environmentally sensitive area will be irreparably damaged if the proposed Burford Bank dumping site is used.

The solution is quite simple - dump the waste material outside of the Burford Bank in a location where the tidal effects will not result in the material re-entering the Dublin Bay area and causing major environmental damage. Whatever additional monetary costs that may be involved will be more than offset by protecting the amenity value of Dublin Bay for the local community and also for the wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

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