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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.

- Deepening Dublin Port would mean more space required for bigger cargoes from much bigger ships thus and in time another push to reclaim more land.
- The water quality in the Bay would be negatively affected by the dumping of mud 24/7 for 6 Months a year for 6 years.
- The Dumpsite off the Bailey is dispersive. The materials dumped would spread all over Dublin Bay but exactly where no one knows.
- Some of the material planned for dumping is contaminated with dangerous heavy metals such as Mercury, Lead, Zinc and Arsenic.
- The Deepening of the Fairway into the Port would increase the wave height at Dollymount and Clontarf and would thus increase the level of flooding there.
- All life would be wiped out on the Fairway by dredging the sea floor and at the Dumpsite by barge loads of sand, silt and mud cascading down on top of it.
- Dublin Bay is a Special Conservation Area, is also a Natura 2000 site and is an UNESCO Biosphere. No interference with the Environment should occur there.

Yours sincerely,

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