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From:
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To: Licensing Staff
Subject: Proposed dumping in Dublin Bay - S0024-01

- > I wish to express my concern at the proposal to dredge material and dump it near Howth head.
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- > I grew up near the Bull Island and have lived near it for all of my life . From a very early age I appreciated how lucky we as Dubliners are to have a bird sanctuary 3 miles from the city centre. Waders, ducks, geese feed on the rich nutrients of the salt marsh and shores. The chemical balance of the waters important and may be compromised if metals are introduced.
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- > Careful studies need to be done to ensure that the waters are not in any way polluted and the rich feeding grounds remain to attract our varied bird population.
- > Currents and water flow need to be monitored and studied and very careful consideration given to any proposal for dumping heavy metals. Surely, it would be wiser to dump further out to sea. Even then the effects of such dumping would need to be studied.
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- > We have a very precious natural amenity in the Bull Island.
- > I accept that the port needs to be developed and have no problem with the dredging of silt.
- > A 'quick fix' solution may be tempting but in the long run we need to look at long term solutions that will preserve our waters and make them attractive to wildlife.
- > The walkers , bathers, flora and fauna lovers should enjoy the Bull Island for generations to come and I would urge you to protect it by careful studies and consideration before allowing this dumping to proceed.
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- > Thanking you,
- > Yours sincerely,
- > Aideen Roche

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