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Subject: Submission No 713 Mairead McKenna

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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. Please please please do not let this happen. As a sailor from Clontarf Yacht & Boat club I sail regularly in Dublin Bay and it has been a pleasure to see the improvement in water quality since the pipeline to the water treatment plant went down some years ago. For years I wouldn't let my children swim on Dollymount when they were growing up but now people can let theirs use the water safely. Why are we going backwards and ruining the water quality again? The amount of oil and pollutants in the shipping channel which will be dredged up fills me with horror as the proposed dumping point is so close to land and in an area used by so many people - sailing, fishing, canoeing, kite surfing, rowing and swimming. Not to mention the harm to the numerous wildlife I see out on the water. The EPA has an obligation to protect our waters, please act on my strong objection and that of all those familiar with beautiful Dublin Bay. Make them dump the waste well out from land.

Yours sincerely,

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