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**From:**  
**Sent:** 30 August 2015 18:42  
**To:** Wexford Receptionist  
**Subject:** Dublin Port Company dumping in Dublin Bay

Dear EPA!

Please find the attached objection to the planned dumping of dredging spoil, effectively into Dublin Bay, by the Dublin Port Company and the Alexandra Basin Redevelopment Project.

Thank you,  
Peter O'Doherty

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

re the application by the Dublin Port Company to dump, effectively into Dublin Bay, TEN MILLION TONS of dangerously polluted dredging spoils.

Alone among Europe's capital cities, possibly alone among ALL of Europe's major cities, Dublin looks out over an aquatic paradise, easily accessible to its people. Twenty minutes from the city centre and one can be on, in or under the waters of Dublin Bay. From Sutton to Dollymount, Half Moon to Seapoint and Sandycove – and even Killiney Bay – every summer's day hundreds of swimmers slip into the crisp, clean water. On the surface youngsters sail their dinghies, often capsizing as they hone their skills. Sea anglers fish from the rocks and the piers, or hire boats to partake of the bounty that the sea provides. An abundance of fish life, from plaice and mackerel to cod and haddock – not to mention the hundreds of species of tiny, beautiful creatures that we never see unless we venture into their domain; several different species of marine mammal; crabs and lobsters so numerous that Festivals are held in Howth and Dalkey to celebrate these tasty crustaceans; they all thrive in the comparatively clear waters of Dublin Bay. And now the Dublin Port Company wants to execute a dumping plan that will destroy this singularly life-enhancing environment - possibly forever. The swimmers will no longer swim in clean waters, the young sailors will capsize in polluted filth and the fishermen will wait in vain for a tug on the line. As for the marine mammals – well, who knows? But we do care.

Stop this madness now, for madness it is. To satisfy a greedy, grasping consumer culture we are going to smear TEN MILLION TONS of vile, dangerous filth onto our aquatic doorstep. We will coat our maritime heritage, and the people who enjoy it, and the animals which live in it, with unspeakable pollution, just so that those who don't care for tomorrow can line their pockets with that most insidious filth of all – lucre. The horror will be invisible from the land, more visible to those who go on or into the water, but the true magnitude of the devastation will be obvious only to those who go beneath the waves. There are dozens of sub-aqua clubs in the greater Dublin area who, like the hill walkers in the Dublin Mountains, take their recreation a few minutes from the capital. They alone will see the deadly effect that this planned desecration will have for decades to come, but they're not the only ones who will care. The swimmers, sailors and fishermen will, too.

We may want to be "the best little country to do business in" – but must we prostitute and pollute ourselves and our much envied natural environment for the baubles and the pints bought by cruise ship tourists – or, more likely, so that the faceless exploiters of our thoughtless hunger for material acquisition, can coat us in the artificial luxury to which we aspire while, at the same time, they are coating the real beauty, the only beauty, in filth. Please, EPA, uphold the objections to this plan.

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