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Subject: Proposed plan to dump waste at entrance of Dublin Bay

Hello,

I understand that the Dublin Port Company (DPC) recently received planning permission for major development works. It subsequently filed a Dumping at Sea (DAS) permit application with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to allow almost 10 million tonnes of seabed material to be disposed of at an existing marine site at the entrance of Dublin Bay, by-product of increasing the depth in the port from seven to 10 metres.

While the development of the Port is a positive move, I am very concerned about the plan to dump the resultant waste at the entrance of Dublin Bay. There are two elements to the concerns that I have.

1. I understand that there is the possibility of toxic material being in the waste to be dumped. Like many people in our area, I take great pleasure in swimming in the sea. However, the proposed move to dump possibly toxic material in Dublin Bay makes me nervous about continuing my hobby. Would I possibly be endangering my health, possibly seriously endangering it, if I keep it up?

2. 10 million tonnes of waste is a huge amount, even if it is dumped over six years. I have read that this is ten times the previous amount dumped in this way in this country up to now. It doesn't matter whether the amount will be dumped in the summer or winter (the plan is for the dumping to happen during the colder months). The effect will be a massive load being placed onto a small area. The result of this large-scale dumping will surely be a massive alteration in the sub-marine ecosystem, clogging up the entrances to rivers and I would say almost certainly sealing up the entrance to Sutton Creek.

Arising from this, I hope that the EPA will reject the proposed plan to dump such a huge amount of waste at the entrance to our Bay.

Yours sincerely,

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