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A Chara,

Please see attached my submission to Dublin Port's proposal to dump 5.9 million cubic litres of dredged waste at the Burford Bank.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of this submission.

Thanks,

Averil

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Objection from Senator Averil Power to Dublin Port's proposal to dump 10 million tonnes of dredged material at the Burford Bank

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to Dublin Port's proposal to dump 5.9 million cubic metres (10 – 12 million tonnes) of dredged material on the Burford Bank in Dublin Bay.

I am concerned the dumped sand, silt and toxic metal waste will wash back towards the shore, ending up on our beaches and exacerbating the silting problems on our coastline. Much of the material is likely to end up inside the Bull Island and could block up Sutton Creek and the Blue Lagoon between Bull Island and the coast road. This area is already silting up at an alarming rate.

I understand that of the one million tonnes of waste dumped by the Port Company in the bay in 2012 only 15% of this remained at the dumpsite a year later.

The proposed dumping could also have serious implications for the continued existence of tidal flow in the inner bay at the Clontarf Promenade.

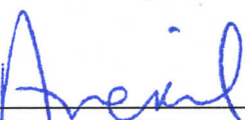
Permitting this dumping would also undermine Dublin Bay's recent designation as a UNESCO biosphere reserve site by killing marine life at the excavation and dumping sites and destroying the ecological balance of the sea bed.

Dumping at night and in all weathers will also pose a threat to mammals such as seals as they may not be visible to the crew dumping the material in such conditions. As the Seal Sanctuary has pointed out, disturbing the seals' natural environment could also put their continued presence in the bay at risk.

Divers will also be affected as dumping will make the water muddy and reduce visibility.

Given these serious potential consequences, dumping should not be allowed so close to the shore at Burford Bank. It should instead take place well out into the sea where it is not likely to be washed back in.

Yours sincerely,



Senator Averil Power
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