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I write to you to express my concern and opposition to the recent proposal of Dublin Port to undertake a dredging project that will see 9.7 million tonnes of dredge waste into the UNESCO biosphere of Dublin Bay.

This is Ireland's only designated biosphere. It has particular significance for our wildlife, recreational activities and brings hundreds of thousands of visitors to the area each year. It is crucial that this area is protected from potential harm caused by the dumping this amount of dredge waste.

I am very concerned about the potential for the release of hydrogen sulphide in the area around the dredging. I understand similar emissions of hydrogen sulphide were reported in Cork and that operation was 10 times smaller than this proposal. Further to these potential emissions is the possibility of dredging up heavy metal deposits often found in shipping ports. Such deposits are often harmless when trapped in the sediment but could prove disastrous if disturbed and then redistributed into the coastal waters.

Overall, I am baffled that such a proposal regarding disposal of waste in such enormous quantities is apparently even being earnestly considered. I am grateful to the media for raising this issue and hope my submission, together with the submission of others, will herald the end of this particular proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Uta Raab

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