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I write to you to express my concern and opposition at the recent proposal of Dublin Port to dump 9.7 million tonnes of dredge waste on the Burford Bank near the shore in Dublin Bay.

This will destroy underwater visibility in the bay. That will prevent light reaching the flora that stabilize the bottom making the water extremely silty and prone to storm disturbance. The suspended matter in the water will discourage all forms of fish life turning the bay into a desert. This has happened twice in the last thirty years and the bay has only recovered a little in the last few years. The condition of Dublin Bay compares very unfavourably with the North east coast of England in terms of visibility and wildlife though the wind, tide and onshore industrialization are comparable. Diving will become dangerous in zero visibility, a diver was killed in poor visibility conditions off Sandycove on 14-5-1994. Swimming will become unsafe because UV light penetration is essential to kill bacteria, viruses and parasites and already Rush beach is unfit for swimming this year because of pipeline works and sewage discharge. Sea angling as a recreation will be pointless if there are no fish. The engineering assessment that there will be no dispersion of the mud is contradicted in their assessment by saying that gravel will be deposited to cover the dump ground. There are alternatives however unacceptable to other parties such as filling sloblands at Bull Island, Clontarf and Sandymount or even creating a coffer dam and concrete surround to contain the dumping area. The dumping ground be at least beyond the Kish Bank. The Burford area is much too close to shore and far too shallow.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Bourke

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