



Submission

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To the Environmental Protection Agency

Submission in relation to application for a licence by Dairygold Co-Operative Society Ltd and TINE Ireland Ltd for the emission of waste from their facility at Mogeely, Co Cork.

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I wish to submit the following objection to granting of a licence to Dairygold and Tine for the emission of waste into Cork Harbour at Rathcoursey outfall. As parents of young children it would be remiss of us not to strongly object to the any further contamination of a wonderful amenity location. We can not continue as a society to create problems in the hope that future generations will be able to solve them. We have the technology and the knowledge now to not have to resort to solutions of the past when it comes to disposal of waste. It has been proven in studies that the water in the harbour does not wash out completely and merely swirls around the middle harbour and washes back into the inner harbour with the incoming tide and the European Designated Natura Estuary of Rathcoursey thus polluting it even more.

By simple visual observation of the daily flow of tide in and out from Rathcoursey, it is wholly apparent that no two days are the same. On occasion the water will be completely calm and on such days there is a sheen or film on the water. It could only be presumed that any additional waste would exacerbate the situation.

As a resident of Rathcoursey we were required to undertake various measures when building our home to ensure there wouldn't be a risk of contaminating the sea and the special area of conservation. This we undertook at significant personal expense, however we were happy to do so as we recognise the privilege we have to be able to live in such a beautiful area. All we ask is that industry is held to the same standard and be as vigilant in protecting our environment.

Any discharge into the estuary should be treated to such a level that it is deemed as clean water. Allowing "grey fatty" water to be discharged in any waterway is immoral in our duty to the environment and goes against the EPA's core responsibility of being the gate masters to lead from the fore-front in its duty to protect Irelands natural beauty and environment for both our current & future generations. There has to be a balance between industry creating employment and generating profits and sacrificing our environment to get it. I believe that the technology is there to treat the grey water to the extent that it is clean water being pumped out into the estuary and the harmful by-products safely disposed of in a safe manner for everybody concerned while still maintaining very healthy profits for Dairygold & Tine Ireland and showing us, the current caretakers of our planet, that they as industry leaders are willing to lead the way into the future for all other industries to model themselves on proudly.

Yours Faithfully,

Trevor & Sinead O'Brien