



Submission

Submitter:	Mrs Miriam Montagne
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Application

Applicant:	Dairygold Co-Operative Society Ltd and TINE Ireland Ltd
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To Whom It May Concern,

I/We strongly object to Dairygold/Tine obtaining a waste water discharge licence.

I/We have read and agreed strongly with all the detailed submissions from concerned individuals.

While my submission may lack scientific evidence, I am hopeful that the EPA in their professional capacity will bear consideration to the environmental impact of East Ferry and surrounding areas.

The following points have concerned myself and family greatly, in regard to the proposed discharge into the 'head of the Ferry'.

- Dairygold states that it will 'further process any water that may be discharged and fails to meet the limits set by the EPA' – surely this sets off alarms bells that hazardous material will have the potential to be dispensed into Dairygold's 'fail safe' system and ultimately into Rathcoursey.
- No alternative discharge area was considered after solid recommendations were established.
- The outfall is located between two protected sites for migratory birds and is home to a number of wildlife such as seals and sea bass – *a species that is currently protected under EU law, as its numbers have fallen below safe biological levels due to overfishing.*
- Risk to the amenities currently being enjoyed in the area such as kayaking, rowing, sailing and fishing.
- Neap tides and spring tides have different flow rates which question how the estuary would be flushed out sufficiently. The University of Galway has established that this part of the harbour takes up to 70 days to flush out to the sea, which is 14km away - this is completely ludicrous.
- The recent storm event of January 2018 corresponded with a high astronomical tide which produced storm surges. Easterly winds blew in from an onshore direction causing the sea water to pile up against and over residents coastal sea walls in Rathcoursey. It is estimated that sea levels will rise, with an increase of severe storms over Ireland. These events coupled with up to four million litres of effluent per day will surely affect those living in Rathcoursey/East Ferry.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the EPA for perusing this submission and I am expecting that the EPA will stay true to their mission and values of 'protecting and policing the environment'.

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Montagne & Family