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To whom it may concern. 13 September 2019

I object in the strongest possible terms to Dairygold and Tine dumping factory waste from their joint business venture into the sea at Rathcoursey West.

I was born at home in Rathcoursey in 1959 and spent most of my childhood playing, swimming, boating and fishing all around the bay. My great Grandfather was the owner of one of the largest and most famous fishing boats to operate out of Rathcoursey 'The Paris'. From an early age I learned about the wildlife, the sea, the fish and the tidal currents. I have built my home next to the strand and sea in Rathcoursey, literally we can walk out the back door and onto the strand, so that my children could grow up in this safe and beautiful place and enjoy all that Rathcoursey has to offer, the peace, the beauty, the cry of the Curlew..... all things that cannot be bought!

I find it mind boggling that these two companies, Dairygold and Tine, look at this beautiful place and all they can see is an opportunity to dump millions of liters of their disgusting waste into the sea for the sole purpose of making more profit.

I know for a fact that the idea that this waste will magically make its way from Rathcoursey to East Ferry and then out through the Harbor and into the open sea is a complete nonsense, as I have a working knowledge of the tidal currents and I am qualified to give an expert answer to this claim. There is also the question of what environmental harm/damage will be caused by dumping this waste product (i.e) harm to the wildlife including the protected Curlew, the fish and shellfish etc. I'm genuinely worried for their future. We cannot rely on the word of 'paid experts' who will say that everything will be fine and dandy and there will be little or no environmental harm caused by dumping this waste at Rathcoursey.

This is a new and more informed Ireland, making ground breaking decisions, our young people demand that we take better care of our seas

and our country and indeed the world. Gone are the days when big business could just run a pipe into the local rivers, streams and the sea and pump God knows what into the environment with no thought of the harm and damage it can cause. And as for the claim that Dairygold and Tine will create jobs, it cannot be jobs at any COST to the environment, no no no, those days are gone!

It's time for companies such as Dairygold and Tine to use their substantial available funds and find new ways of manufacturing, use new technologies, more environmentally friendly methods and products that protect rather than cause harm. Sustainable jobs for the future using sustainable methods and energies.

It's interesting to note the parent company Tine has reached its quota in Norway and is not allowed to manufacture these said products, that's why they are teaming up with Dairygold because they think that they can get away with it here!

The world is at a critical point in our history and we all have a duty of care to the natural world and to pass it on to the coming generations in better shape than we found it.

People living in Rathcoursey and surrounding areas are outraged at this plan to dump waste product into the sea, I have not met not spoken to a single person who thinks it's a good idea.

It is also important to mention that Dairygold and Tine have gone ahead with pipe laying (giving 24 hours notice) before the EPA have given their decision and without care for due process or the residents who like my family are all suffering major disruption as this work commenced as schools reopen. We are now forced to drive miles out of our way every day for school runs and daily commutes, outrageous arrogance from these two companies!

I call on the good people of the EPA to take a stand for our beautiful Rathcoursey and East Ferry and indeed our beautiful country and say enough is enough and refuse to grant Dairygold and Tine permission to dump their waste product into the sea at Rathcoursey West.

Please EPA do what is right and not what is easy.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely
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