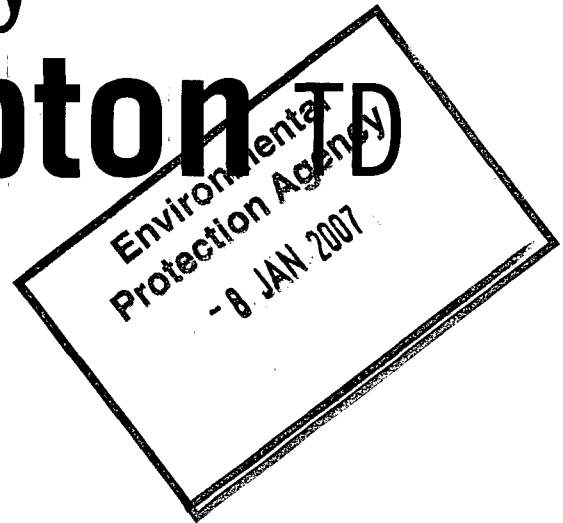




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# Mary Upton TD



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Ian Murnane  
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Wexford  
Dear Ian,

I write again to you in my capacity as the Labour Party's spokesperson on Agriculture and Food in relation to Fingal County Council's application to develop a landfill at Tooman/Nevitt (W0231-01). A document produced by the EPA which I wished to bring your attention to in the context of this application is '*CLIMATE CHANGE - Scenarios & impacts for Ireland*' ([http://www.epa.ie/EnvironmentalResearch/EPA-FundedResearchProjects/ReportsOutputs/ERTDI\\_15\\_Title-pages\\_and\\_ExecutiveSummary-for\\_web.pdf](http://www.epa.ie/EnvironmentalResearch/EPA-FundedResearchProjects/ReportsOutputs/ERTDI_15_Title-pages_and_ExecutiveSummary-for_web.pdf)).

One sentence in particular in this document that bears on this application is contained in a section entitled "Regional Context: Downscaling from Global Climate Models". In a sub-section entitled "Impact Assessments *Agriculture: water resources*" the author concludes, *inter alia*, that: "Since evaporative losses are also likely to increase during summer months, the water resource changes projected will have a significant effect on reservoir yields. Water supply infrastructure is expected to come under growing pressure particularly in the Greater Dublin Area and the strategic implications of this are profound for a number of areas, particularly spatial settlement strategy."

I would add, "and waste management" after spatial settlement strategy in the above quoted statement!

Given projected water shortages under various climate change scenarios, to risk the, expert-agreed, potential of the Loughswinney aquifer to meet human and agriculture water requirements well into the future, I think would not be appropriate. I would therefore urge you, again, to reject Fingal's application.

Yours sincerely,

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