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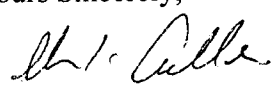
Re: Waste Licence Application W 0231-01 Fingal Landfill

Dear Dr. Marnane,

I attach a copy of a letter to Dr. Mary Kelly expressing my concern that the Agency would move to licensing the above landfill in the absence of information previously requested by yourself from both the Applicant and the GSI.

My concerns may be wrongly placed.

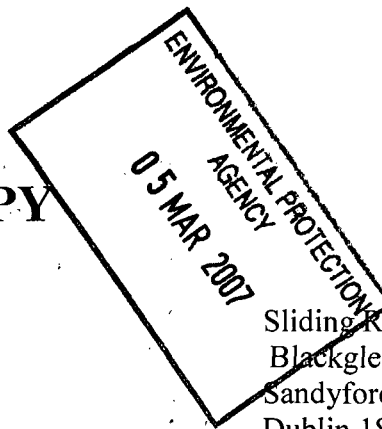
Yours Sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Kelly,

The Agency has clearly identified that there is a need for certainty on the prospects for a significant groundwater resource at and in the environs of the above planned landfill development.

This awareness follows on from my own and other's contentions that this is in fact the case and critically from the Geological Survey of Ireland's observations in its response to the Agency dated 23-8-06.

The Agency subsequently requested the GSI to comment on whether 'the groundwater resources beneath the proposed site are of similar potential to the bedrock aquifer at the Bog of the Ring.' in its letter to the GSI dated Nov. 30th 2006.

The Bog of the Ring groundwater abstraction supplies 50% of the potable water needs of Balbriggan and at 4,000m³/day is one of the largest groundwater abstractions in the country.

I am not aware that the Agency has received an answer to this and the other questions included in its Nov. 30th communication to the GSI. Nor am I aware that the Agency has reminded the GSI of its Nov. 30th request for this information.

I am not aware either that the Agency has yet received the revised geological map and/or the report on the numerical modeling exercise it requested of the Applicant in its letter to the Applicant dated Nov. 16th 2006. Nor am I aware that the Agency has informed the Applicant of this significant deficiency in its response to the Agency dated 19th Jan. 2007.

The information requested by the Agency of both the GSI and the Applicant is vital in determining the quantum of the groundwater resource that would be lost to future generations by locating the landfill at this location.

With respect, and due to the apparent absence of any reminders, I would be concerned that the Agency would move to granting a licence for the planned landfill without receiving the requested information from either the GSI or the Applicant.

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I would respectfully suggest that the Agency remind both the GSI and the Applicant of the original requests.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to reviewing the GSI's and the Applicant's responses to the Agency's requests in due course.

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cc. Dr. Ian Marnane

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