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***Fingal Landfill Facility at Nevitt, Lusk,
Waste License Proposed Decision
Registration No. WO231-01
Balbriggan, March 2008***

***Statement of Evidence by Tim Bergin.
Resident of the Area, Processer, Local Producer, ECT***

My name is Tim Bergin. I have lived in the area all my life and my family have farmed here in N.C.D. for four generations. I have been farming in this area since I left school in 1987.

The land in this part of N.C.D. is among the best agricultural land in Ireland and it is a well known fact that in this region of Ireland, we can produce the highest grain yields in the world, particularly Winter Wheat where yields of 12 tons per ha are easily achievable.

Ireland is not self sufficient in grain and we are always a net importer of wheat for both bread making and animal feed.

It is well known that all commodities are rising in price, (Wheat has doubled in price in last 12 months and will double again in next 18 months.)

It would be not be considered in any other country in the 21st century to wipe out a national asset by placing a landfill in it.

Wiping out food production land in this day and age is bad enough but to place the landfill on top of a major

regional aquifer that is so close to Dublin city is beyond belief.

Will talk about our own borehole-well and its importance to ourselves and to other growers in area.

Talk about the risk of contamination and even how damaging the perceived risk of contamination would be viewed by the retailers and consumers. (N.C.D. should not become famous for having the largest dump on the country)

Will talk about costs associated with mains water and how much water an irrigator needs to function.

Global warming and increased demand for water from both agriculture and the National needs in general.

Will mention Dublin's need for water and Dublin City Councils proposal to pipe future water supply from River Shannon.