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Dear Mr Phelan,

I acknowledge your response of 08th October to my correspondence of 13 August where I referenced the extreme stress I have been placed under regarding the EPA's lack of movement on my waste licence application. I was aware of the protocols that the EPA employ to defer workloads and have seen or borne witness to a number of letters of a similar nature to the one I received.

Nothing in your response or letter has given me any comfort or timeline that satisfies my requirement or lends itself to dissipating any of the stress upon me at present regarding the commencement of my quarry recovery operation.

I find myself in a position where having spent hundreds of thousands of euros in preparing for this commercial venture I cannot move forward with any part of my proposed enterprise due to the fact that the EPA is understaffed.

It is very hard to read in your document that the EPA receive between 20 and 30 Waste Licence applications annually. By that reasoning alone an application made in 2021 should surely have passed stage one of the licensing process. It appears not.

Please accept this response as an indicator of the extreme stress I'm under and an indication that I cannot accept the contents of your letter in any form of good faith due to the fact that it appears to be a template letter written to somehow purge the guilt of inefficiency on your part.

I apologise for the tone of this letter but the stress brought upon me by your lack of action is simply unbearable

Yours Faithfully

Noel Lawler