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Re: Maritime Usage Licence Application – Proposed Deep Water Port at Bremore

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a formal submission in strong objection to the above application (Ref: MUL240011) concerning site investigations for a proposed deep water port development off the Bremore/Gormanston coastline.

The Bremore–Gormanston coastline is an unspoiled and scenic stretch of the Irish east coast. The construction of a large-scale port would fundamentally transform this landscape into an industrial zone, causing permanent visual, noise and environmental degradation.

A deep water port would introduce risks including oil spills, ballast discharge, chemical pollution, and sediment disturbance from dredging, all of which threaten marine ecosystems and water quality.

The area supports sensitive coastal and marine habitats, as well as bird and marine species protected under Irish and EU law. Development would cause habitat loss and ecological disruption.

The site is not naturally deep water and would require continuous dredging, causing long-term environmental harm and raising concerns about suitability.

The Bremore area has significant archaeological potential, including offshore features, which could be irreversibly damaged by construction.

The Bremore coastal landscape consists of considerable archaeological significance, including:

- A prehistoric passage tomb cemetery protected under National Monuments legislation
- Evidence of medieval settlement, agriculture in the surrounding area
- Recorded archaeological features including enclosures, field systems and historic coastal infrastructure

Port infrastructure could alter coastal currents and sediment transport, potentially increasing erosion along nearby beaches.

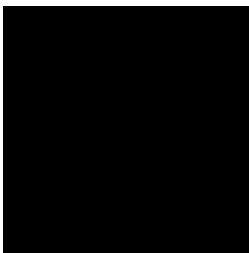
Modern ports offer limited long-term employment, while potential harm to tourism and fisheries could outweigh any economic benefits.

Existing ports could be expanded instead of developing a new port in a sensitive coastal location, eg Drogheda or Greenore

The proposed development poses a significant threat to the environment and offers limited benefit. It is

inappropriate for this location.

I respectfully urge MARA to refuse the Maritime Usage Licence (MUL240011) and prioritise environmental protection.



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