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Dear Sir/Madam

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 Bremeore/Gormanston coastline.

**1. Impact on an Area of Natural Beauty and Public Amenity**

The Bremeore–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.

**2. Risks to Marine Water Quality and Pollution**

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.

**3. Destruction of Habitats and Biodiversity**

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.

**4. Unsuitable Location – Requirement for Extensive Dredging**

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

**5. Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Sensitivity**

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

The Bremeore 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

#### 6. Coastal Processes and Erosion Risks

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

#### 7. Limited Economic Benefit vs Environmental Cost

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

#### 8. Availability of Less Harmful Alternatives

Existing ports could be expanded instead of developing a new port in a sensitive coastal location.

#### Conclusion

The proposed development poses a significant threat to the environment and offers limited benefit. It is inappropriate for this location and therefore I would urge MARA to consider all the above points in its deliberations.

Yours sincerely



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