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The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) : Environmental Concern Regarding the Potential Impact Arising from a Proposed Survey Licence for Uisce Éireann.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally bring to the attention of the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority my concern to the potential damage that the intended use of Liscannor Bay to facilitate a new treatment plant for the Lahinch and Ennistymon areas and discharge process that Uisce Eireann plan to use, if permitted, into the Liscannor Bay and Cregg Beach locations.

Our family have lived in this area for multiple generations and enjoyed the natural beauty of the rivers, beaches and Bay of this region.
Schools every year come from Clare and neighbouring counties to these waterways and shores to show firsthand their students the beauty of this region.
This has happened throughout the generations when in the past it was nuns and society's that would take retreats in this area. Nowadays we have the addition of the international surfing and social communities that continue to enjoy the natural beauty and riches of this area. Into the future the plan is to create greenway passages so again the natural beauty can be enjoyed by locals and visitors equally.

Our land is adjacent to Moy river and leads right up to Cregg beach which is now at great risk. We understand the requirement for a wastewater treatment plant but have to question the location of the plant discharge in relation to the existing habitats and environmental effects but also the level of treated wastewater that will be discharged into the Bay.

European standards have set the highest standards throughout all global enterprises and as such any new wastewater discharges into our Bays should be to the highest standard available and not to the minimum requirements that are currently available.

The reason Lahinch has currently lost its blue flag is because of the original infrastructure not been to the highest standard when constructed (as stated by Uisce Eireann) and subsequently the lack of proper maintenance to manage these sites. Through the annual official reports issued on the current operational wastewater treatment facilities throughout the Clare and Munster regions there has been continuous faults and findings below the recommended levels and as such we believe

post any development in our area the same findings and maintenance failings will continue to exist.

The minimum requirements for all parties to ensure the beauty of our area can once again be passed to generations and ensure we development with our surroundings is that the only discharge allowed either as an emergency overflow into the river Moy or the final pumped wastewater discharge into the Bay or surrounding area waterways is to the highest level of treatment at any chosen site, existing or new.

This moment has the potential to have the greatest negative impact for the region which cannot be reversed once developed but at the same time has the potential to protect our waterways for the current and future generations, if the proper survey, location, infrastructure and highest standards are applied in all cases.

Yours faithfully,

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22 October, 2026