Objection to MUL 260006 25/10/2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Re MUL 260006 license …..to conduct marine & site investigations at Crag Shore, Liscannor Bay

I am writing individually to request the MUL 26006 is not granted. I am also a signatory of the local group petition but writing here individually to provide some other reasons why this survey should not be permitted. I am also an adjoining landholder to Crag shore, and have informed Uisce Eireann that I will not give permission for my lands to be voluntarily used

- The survey area indicated cuts right through the main underwater kelp forest, extending about 150m along Crag shore, as evidenced by significant kelp deposits on the shore. Healthy kelp forests play important role in reducing coastal erosion, any changes to their nutrient balance by sewage discharges will cause irrevocable damage to this natural habitat and its dependants, and will increase shoreline erosion in that area. Also the growth of the seaweed industry indicates it would be foolhardy now to agree to permit the inevitable destruction of a natural resource with increasing economic value, (presently the water quality in bay prohibits its certification for human consumption -this could be reversed.)
- Crag shore has been an important local resource for generations, and its bounty has been sadly diminishing as society progresses, it would be a shame if the seaweed value was disregarded now – the gourmet sea-urchin was collected here until mid 1980's, then overfishing for the Paris market finished off stocks. The humble periwinkle has been declining up to now, especially over last two/three years organised groups have collected big & small for volume sales overseas, same story unfolding again it seems. There needs to be more regulation/awareness signage/protection for these specific issues. (Beach angling for sea-bass is now regulated & public awareness raised with simple signage, to survive.)
- Liscannor Bay is a significant international tourism area with some important top tier operations in its catchment – Cliffs of Moher, Lahinch Golf Club & beachsurfing hotspot. More locally this quieter part of Lahinch has the Blue Book Moy House Hotel (presently closed), innovative CastleDarcy Glamping, and the long established Barrtra seafood Restaurant. None of these coastal businesses, their staff, suppliers & dependents, or any of the local residents along our stretch, or from Miltown to Doolin, or general region of Clare, or in the national hospitaity industry would support these plans to discharge more sewage directly into Liscannor Bay

These geotechnical surveys are disregarding the natural habitat & wildlife of area. Boreholes & trenches are invasive & destructive, and if permitted now will be seen as unnecessary in time. These surveys are for a proposed Uisce Eireann Wastewater Treatment Plant that has not been clearly discussed & agreed with community. Clare Co.councilllors & other representatives feel hoodwinked & are now requesting that new public consultations are held. Their proposed plant is too small for population, their treatment suboptimal & the new location questions why the existing two plants are not upgraded, or maintained properly.

You represent our sea, a hugely important role in this Island nation please use your influence to persuade Uisce Eireann to reconsider their approach, to look for a Gold Standard, to meet & exceed EU guidelines & find the best treatment for our waste, tertiary/quaternary (removing micro plastics if possible) before it reached the bay – what would the sea say if it had a voice – YOU are that voice here! you are the Maritime Regulator, protecting our seas for us, from us !

Regards

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