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To Whom It Concerns:

I reviewed MUL260006 Submission

This is a formal submission by [redacted] to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) **opposing** licence MUL260006 for survey works associated with a proposed wastewater outfall at Cregg, Lahinch Co. Clare.

Main arguments

1.The power and instability of the shoreline
- The author argues that Cregg is a highly dynamic Atlantic coast where storms regularly remove and rebuild large volumes of sand and shingle.
- He contends that the proposed surveys underestimate the significance of storm-driven coastal change.

2.Wildlife concerns
- The submission states that the works are planned during winter, when wintering birds are abundant.
- It questions the assessment of species such as sanderling, ringed plover, and seals in Liscannor Bay.

3.Ancient Drowned Oak Forest
- The author highlights exposed ancient tree remains within the proposed survey area.
- He argues these archaeological or palaeoenvironmental features have not been adequately identified or assessed and could be damaged by intrusive works.

4.Storm-season safety and engineering concerns
- The submission argues that trial pits, probing, and machinery are proposed during the storm season on a high-energy coast.
- It questions whether the surveys can adequately assess the long-term viability of a pipeline crossing such a dynamic shoreline.

5.Alternative solution
- The author claims that a wastewater treatment option at the existing Ennistymon treatment site was previously assessed as the best and lowest-cost option and would avoid the need for the marine outfall and associated surveys.

Requests to MARA

The submission asks MARA to:
•Refuse licence MUL260006.
•Record concerns regarding the ancient forest remains.
•Record concerns regarding wintering birds and seals.
•Record concerns about storm-season works and the absence of studies on storm forces affecting the proposed outfall.

Overall assessment

The document is a well-structured objection that combines:
•personal observations from over 30 years of walking this local beach,
•environmental and wildlife concerns,
•archaeological concerns,
•coastal engineering and storm-risk arguments,
•references to official reports, survey documents, and biodiversity records.

If you'd like, I can also provide a detailed critique, proofreading edits, or an assessment of how persuasive this submission is likely to be in a regulatory process.
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