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Please find attached the CRA submission on Dublin Port Post 2040. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Kind regards

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Re: Dublin Port Post 2040 Dialogue

Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for affording us the opportunity to comment on the above.

Dublin Port is situated within a uniquely sensitive area. The environmental importance of Dublin Bay was further acknowledged in 2015 when the UNESCO Biosphere designation was expanded to cover the whole of the Bay area beyond North Bull Island. It has been our long-held belief that infill into Dublin Bay was inappropriate. We welcome the fact that DPC are no longer seeking to infill Dublin Bay and note the statements in Paper 2 that ***“there will be no further expansion of the port by infill into Dublin Bay.”***¹ and ***“Dublin Port Company has accepted this reality and, in the Masterplan 2040, has explicitly ruled out the option of further expansion by infill into the bay.”***²

The forward planning approach being pursued by DPC is also to be welcomed and from an environmental perspective we support the option of considering existing brownfield sites before greenfield sites.

We note the fact that the additional capacity is to be provided on the East coast. While this may ultimately turn out to be the best option, we do not believe that options along the Southern coastline should be ruled out. Brexit has presented many challenges for Ireland, including issues around accessing markets on mainland Europe. Direct sailings to mainland Europe from Rosslare and Cork may in time prove more appealing to businesses and it is possible that these ports could be considered for further expansion. It is also worth considering whether it may be possible to spread the additional capacity over a number of ports rather than creating another mega port. This could help with spreading jobs around different regions with the added economic benefits that would bring.

Yours Faithfully,



Deirdre Nichol
Chairperson

¹ Dublin Port Post 2040 Dialogue – Paper 2 HOW HAVE OTHER EUROPEAN PORT CITIES DEVELOPED? Page 2

² Ibid