

Date: 11/01/2018 16:27
Subject: Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Hildegarde,

I am writing to you on behalf of Kilrush Tidy Towns in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dáil last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward.

Kilrush Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items around our town and on the Irish countryside. We are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Paul Edson Chairman - Kilrush Tidy Towns
Kilrush
Co. Clare



TidyTowns Adjudicator & Skreen Coastal Care Group
Supports Waste Reduction Bill

Date: 12/01/2018 12:30

Subject: TidyTowns Adjudicator & Skreen Coastal Care Group Supports Waste Reduction Bill

FAQ Hildegard Naughton TD,
Chair of the Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Committee Dear Ms Naughton TD

I am writing to show my support for the proposed waste reduction bill under consideration currently. I am the chair of our local Coastal Care group (Skreen Dromard Coastal Care Group) and I am one of many volunteers that pick up regularly ridiculous amounts of plastic from our beach that we care for on the West of Sligo.

I am also one of a number of national adjudicators for the TidyTowns competition and see first hand the fantastic work of community groups across the country to reduce plastics and support actions through sustainable waste initiatives.

Now that the Waste reduction bill has reached the second stage in the Dail, this is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. I urge you to consider

bill favourably and to move it forward.

Myself and Skreen Dromard Coastal Care Group is in support of both provisions of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Yours sincerely,
Sharon

Sharon Eastwood

Woodrow Sustainable Solutions Ltd

Main Street, Ballisodare, Co Sligo, F91 R9VC, Ireland



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FOR THE NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS

12 January 2018

Hildegarde Naughton, T.D.
Chair of the Communications, Climate Action and Environment Committee

Dear Ms. Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of the members of An Taisce North West Local Association in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill, which passed second stage in the Dáil last July thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation from the Labour Party, Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward. Specifically, our members support both provision of the bill, as follows:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the problem of on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Our members experience first-hand the negative effect that single use items have on the Irish countryside and we fully support the introduction of this bill as a means of reducing litter throughout Ireland.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

An Taisce Northwest Local Association

**Fw: Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting on Climate Action next Tuesday (16th) - solar, retrofitting and offshore wind**

Date:
Subject:

12/01/2018 15:02
Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting on Climate Action next Tuesday (16th) - solar, retrofitting and offshore wind

Dear Chairperson,

I write to you with respect to the Oireachtas committee agenda next week. I note the topic includes retrofitting in Ireland. I also note that there is relatively little expertise from a presenter on the topic of retrofitting.

I run a non profit public good organization called the Tipperary Energy Agency, which has been retrofitting homes for the last 10 years under various European and national (mainly) funding. We specifically have significant experience in deep renovation with insulation and renewables under the banner of Superhomes.ie. We have received significant support from SEAI & the european Comission to put this program together (as a not profit public service rather than a for profit model). We would be recognized across Europe as one of the leading retrofitting experts.

We have successfully retrofitted 70 homes to date with people paying for 50-70% of the retrofitting themselves, saving an average of 75% energy/ carbon & energy costs.

I would be happy to present to the committee on our experience if it was so wished, and am available next Tuesday.

Paul Kenny B.E. C.Eng MIEI
Chief Executive Officer,
Tipperary Energy Agency,

Date: 12 January 2018 at 14:30:45 GMT

Subject: Re: Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting on Climate Action next Tuesday (16th) - solar, retrofitting and offshore wind

Paul,

On this basis I think it's worth you asking to be allowed to present. There's no expert on the list on retrofitting and yet it's one of the listed topics.

The clerk is **Anita Gibbons**

Chair is Hildegard Naughton, Members include Eamon Ryan, Brid Smith. And Michael Lowry! Are you on good terms that Tipp TD?!

If you want Jen) can do some of the contacting for you.

Also you could balance the ISEA with the community energy perspective.

They are so effing random with their topics and speakers!

Oisin

On 12 January 2018 at 13:30, Jerry Mac Evilly - Stop Climate Chaos Coalition wrote:
Dear Paul,

Happy New Year. I'm emailing in relation to a Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting that's taking place next Tuesday (16th). We've been informed that this meeting will focus on '1. Expansion of Solar Power; 2. Deep Retrofitting of Buildings and 3. Development of Offshore Wind'. Brid Smith's office kindly passed on details of the industry speakers who will present at the meeting (see below). It does not seem that there are many speakers with particular expertise in retrofitting, however I'm sure you'd have better insights.

Oisin suggested I forward this info as you may wish to pass on information to friendly TD/Senator's on the Joint Oireachtas Committee (on Climate Action).
Happy to chat further if necessary.

Best wishes,

Jerry

Jerry Mac Evilly
Policy Coordinator
Stop Climate Chaos coalition
www.stopclimatechaos.ie

Date: 12/01/2018 12:52
Subject: Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Hildegard Naughton,

I am writing to you as a member of Skreen Dromard Coastal Care Group, County Sligo, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dail last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Fein, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fail, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward.

Skreen Dromard Coastal Care Group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit-refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit-refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Skreen Dromard Coastal Care Group

Naomi McBride
County Sligo



Fw: Waste reduction needed in Ireland Hildegarde Naughton to: Anita Gibbons
Sent by: Gavin Mcspadden

Date: 12/01/2018 12:02

Subject: Waste reduction needed in Ireland

Dear Hildegarde Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of The Grand Canal Biodiversity and Cleanup group in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dail last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Fein, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fail, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward.

Our group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill. The amount of litter we collect regularly on the canal is very bad.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Eric Conroy
Grand Canal Biodiversity and Cleanup group (based at Dolphins Barn, Dublin).

**Drumcliffe Rathcormac Tidy Towns
County Sligo**

CCAЕ-R18-644f
Rec'd 12/01/18

12 January 2018

Hildegarde Naughton, T.D.
Chair of the Communications, Climate Action and Environment Committee

Dear Ms. Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Drumcliffe Rathcormac Tidy Towns committee in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill, which passed second stage in the Dáil last July thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation from the Labour Party, Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward. Specifically, our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill, as follows:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the problem of on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Drumcliffe Rathcormac Tidy Towns Committee

Dear Hildegardē Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Tidy Towns, Conna, County Cork, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dáil last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

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Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Tidy Towns, Conna, Co. Cork



Fw: Waste Reduction Bill

Date: 11/01/2018 23:01
Subject: Waste Reduction Bill
Sent by: swinfordtidytowns@gmail.com

Dear Hildegard Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Swinford Tidy Towns, Swinford Co Mayo, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dail last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Fein, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fail, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward.

Swinford Tidy Towns is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Tidy Towns groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Swinford Tidy Towns.

Kind Regards,

Michael Maye

P.R.O.

Swinford Tidy Towns

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[Youtube Channel](#)

13/01/2018

Support for Waste Reduction Bill

Mary Elizabeth Keane Tidy Towns Westport

Dear Hildegard Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Tidy Towns Westport, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dáil last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

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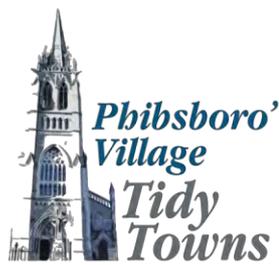
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Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Tidy Towns Westport

13th January 2018

Dear Hildegarde Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Phibsboro' Village Tidy Towns in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dáil last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

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Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, and in our urban villages, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Susan Dawson,
Chairperson



Email: info@abbeyleixtidytowns.net;
<http://www.abbeyleixtidytowns.net/>

Dear Hildegard Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Abbeyleix Tidy in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dáil last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

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Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

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Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favor of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,
Mary White Secretary Jan 12th 2018

Abbeyleix Tidy Towns

Working in partnership to build a sustainable community in Abbeyleix



15.01.18

Dear Hildegard Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Westport Eco-Congregation, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dáil last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward.

Our Westport Eco-Congregation group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
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Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Caroline Goucher

On behalf of the Westport Eco-Congregation

Email: westportecocongregation@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WestportEcoCongregation/>

CCAЕ-R18-644m

15/01/2018

Hildegarde Naughton, Chair of the Communications, Climate Action and Environment Committee

Re: The Waste Reduction Bill

15th of January 2018

Dear Hildegarde Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Trim Tidy Towns, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dáil last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

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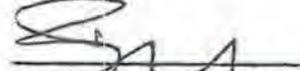
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Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill. In fact 90% of litter that we pick are drink containers – it would solve our litter crisis over-night and save the councils much needed resources. I also understand that in many of the countries that already use a deposit/refund scheme, the governments include a levy of their own, which raises much needed finance for environmental issues. It's a win - win!!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,



Brian Heffernan, Chairperson Trim Tidy Towns

Email: 

CCAЕ-R18-654

16/01/18

Support for Waste reduction Bill

Date: 16/01/2018 07: 36
Subject: Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Hildegard

Can I ask that you support this Bill being considered this week?

I along with many many others are aware of the urgent need for our society to immediately reduce its use of plastic .

I hope FG will show leadership and courage in this important area.

Many thanks for your time and attention

Yours faithfully

Miriam Mooney

15/01/18

Support for Waste Reduction Bill

Date: 15/01/2018 20:52
Subject: Support for the Green Party's Waste Reduction Bill.

Dear Hildegardē Naughton,

I am writing to ask you to support the Green Party's Waste Reduction Bill which has garnered considerable cross party support.

As a regular rural cyclist I have an excellent view of extensive roadside litter from single use "take-away" plastic and un-recyclable drinking cups. My observation is that these two things along with drinks cans make up the bulk of roadside littering.

I am also a regular beach walker and witness the twice daily tide-line of plastic debris.

This is an opportunity to take positive steps towards environmental protection in Ireland.

Let's face it, nearly all of us are fed up with the pernicious flow of plastic into our countryside, our wildlife and even our own bodies.

Plastic never breaks down, it just breaks up into smaller and smaller pieces.

Plastic is forever.

So, please help this Waste Reduction Bill progress into law.

Yours sincerely,

John-Mark Dick

Carnaree
Dromard
Co. Sligo.

15/01/18

Support for Waste Reduction Bill 2017

Date: 15/01/2018 20:23
Subject: Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Hildegard Naughton,

I'm emailing you to ask you to consider the Green Party's Waste Reduction Bill favourably.

A ban on disposable cutlery and plates; We are simply downing in litter and a ban on it, something we've seen in many countries over the last year, could help greatly with this problem.

A deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers has proven to be extremely effective in many other European countries as well as elsewhere in the world. It could make a huge difference to our cities, towns and countryside.

I urge you to consider the difference to our health and our environment that this Bill could bring.

All the best,

Aislinn

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Aislinn Lynch

15/01/18

Support for Waste Reduction Bill

Date: 15/01/2018 17: 43
Subject: Green Party's Waste Reduction Bill

Hello Hildegarde,

as a VOICE supporter I've been made aware of the Green Party's Waste Reduction Bill, which VOICE Ireland coordinator, Mindy O'Brien, will be testifying on next Wednesday to help move it to the next stage.

This bill proposes to do the following:

Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware.
Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

To pass this bill would be a good start to creating a healthier future for us all. I'm asking if you would please consider this bill favourably, because we are polluting our own environment with single use plastics that take hundreds of years break down, and when they do they release toxic chemicals into our environment.

The oceans are being hugely affected, better explained in this article here that I can: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/jan/19/more-plastic-than-fish-in-the-sea-by-2050-warns-ellen-macarthur>

I find it highly troubling that by simply trying to buy basic foods I can't avoid one-use plastics that can't be recycled. So please do support this bill.

On a slight tangent: I would also be a supporter of a zero-waste shop if there was one nearby - does the government provide incentives/support for such a shop to open? Apparently there is going to be the first one ever in Ireland opening up in Cork soon, it's an hour away from me so still not useful for myself, but it's still excellent.

<https://yaycork.ie/2017/12/23/irelands-first-zero-waste-grocery-store-is-opening-in-cork/>

Thank you,

Shona

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Shona Shirley Macdonald
Illustrator / Artist

15/01/18

Support for Waste reduction Bill 2017

Date: 15/01/2018 17:26
Subject: Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Deputy Naughton

I am writing to you today to request your help in getting the Green Party bill for waste reduction through as soon as possible. As the Chair of the Communications, Climate Action and Environment committee it is imperative that you support this action.

On New Years Day I went for a walk on Salthill prom with my husband and two daughters. We had read an action of 'just three pieces' - to pick up just three pieces of rubbish off the beach each time you visited it. By the end of the walk, we would have filled a black bag - and we weren't even trying hard.

Plastic waste (well, waste in general, but particularly plastic waste) MUST be stopped. There are examples of dealing with this the world over, Ireland is lagging so far behind. We must act now. Please support this Bill and lets make Ireland try to do its bit.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards

Claire Hillery

16/01/18

Date: 16/01/2018 13:54
Subject: The Green Party's Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Hildegard,

I am writing to you on behalf of Ballinrobe Tidy Towns, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dáil last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Niamh Coyne

Secretary and Environmental Awareness Officer, Ballinrobe Tidy Towns

Date: 16/01/2018 15:17
Subject: Waste Reduction Bill

Greetings Hildegarde

As part of the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation group in the Diocese of Kerry, can I strongly encourage you to do all that is possible in promoting care of our environment through supporting the Waste Reduction Bill.

Beannacht,
Aileen

Aileen Murphy rlr
Diocesan Pastoral Team
John Paul II Pastoral Centre,
Rock Rd.,
Killarney,
Co. Kerry.

CCAE-R18-656

Date: 16/01/2018 14:26
Subject: RE: Waste Reduction Bill 2017

Dear Deputy Naughton,

I write to you on behalf of Eamonn Bates of Pack2Go Europe in reference to the Waste Reduction Bill 2017 and its proposed ban on single-use non-compostable cups and other tableware products. Please see the attached letter from Eamonn which addresses Pack2Go's concerns with the bill for your consideration, and the consideration of the Joint Committee for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

Best wishes,

Claire

Claire O'Loughlin
Account Executive

16 January 2018

Houses of the Oireachtas

Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Ireland

To: Deputy Hildegarde Naughton, Chairwoman,
Oireachtas Committee on Communications, Climate Action and the Environment

cc. **Committee members:**
Deputy Timmy Dooley, Deputy James Lawless, Deputy Michael Lowry,
Deputy Eamon Ryan, Deputy Brid Smith, Deputy Brian Stanley,
Senator Terry Leyden, Senator Tim Lombard, Senator Michael McDowell,
Senator Joe O'Reilly

Clerk to the Committee: Anita Gibbons

Dear Deputy Naughton

RE: WASTE REDUCTION BILL 2017 / Proposed ban on single-use non-compostable cups and other tableware

We write to you regarding proposals in the Waste Reduction Bill 2017, which I understand is currently being considered by the Joint Committee for Communications, Climate Action and Environment. The bill proposes to place a requirement on the Minister to ban the marketing and use of certain food & beverage service packaging in Ireland, unless compostable in a domestic compost facility.

Ensuring that food & beverage service packaging is fully integrated into the emerging circular economy in Europe is the leitmotif of Pack2Go Europe, which brings together raw material suppliers, manufacturers and distributors of food & beverage service & convenience packaging. We are material neutral in our approach.

Today, the wider food service sector may represent up to 5% of GDP in Europe, employing millions of people. This depends to an important degree on our packaging, filled at the point of sale or just before serving, designed to guarantee **food hygiene, public health and consumer safety** in a world where many people consume out-of-home and often on-the-go.

Conformity with EU rules

Banning these products is not a practical solution from a range of perspectives, not least the perspective of consumer convenience. However, most important of all, the current proposal is entirely in contravention of **Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste**. A recent attempt by France and Italy to amend the Directive to allow member states to introduce

such bans was roundly rejected by both the Council of Ministers, the European Parliament and the European Commission before Christmas.

This initiative by the Green Party in cooperation with the Labour Party is based (almost word for word) upon a similar piece of legislation promoted by the French Green Party and adopted in extraordinary circumstances in the Assemblée Nationale in 2016 as part of the French Energy Transition Act 2016.

Meanwhile, the French government's statutory instrument to implement the law has been criticised by a range of stakeholders through the EU's TRIS notification procedure for failing to respect EU law, including formal opposition by Spain and negative comments from the European Commission. **Any Irish measure would be obliged to go through the same process and face the same criticism.**

Four companies have also taken the initiative to challenge the conformity of the French measure with EU law in the highest court in the land for these purposes, the Conseil d'Etat. The case is ongoing and may potentially be referred to the Court of Justice of the EU in Luxembourg. If a similar measure was adopted in Ireland that infringed Directive 94/62/EC and the EU's rules on free movement of goods, then it would almost certainly be challenged through the courts also.

The legal challenge notwithstanding, the French government has been forced to clarify in published Qs & As that the scope of the measure is, in practice, restricted to products sold to consumers in retail for home use (for example for children's birthday parties or picnics) and a number of other grey areas, and this precisely to avoid infringing EU law. We are concerned that the promoters of this legislation in Ireland have used the so-called "success" of the French example in their public statements to mislead, willingly or not, both their colleagues in the Oireachtas and the general public.

Collection and recycling

All that said, we believe that the Green Party and the Labour Party have **correctly highlighted the fact that there is a need to address the integration of food & beverage service packaging into the circular economy in Europe.**

The answer is not to be found in unpopular and unworkable bans or restrictions. Rather, it will be through **more and better collection and recycling of these products once used and better consumer information and education.** Our association is taking the lead to work with all concerned all across Europe to ensure that our products have access to recycling by 2025 and that consumer behaviour is oriented towards disposing of used items properly, to boost recycling and cut littering.

As an example, last year Pack2Go Europe entered into **a ground-breaking agreement with the beverage carton industry in England, to work with local authorities across the country to collect used paper cups and beverage cartons together and to recycle them** in a purpose built-facility in Halifax. This cooperation was a year in the making and commenced on 1 January this year.

With all this in mind, we wrote to Minister Naughten last year asking to meet him and his services to explore the pathways towards the goal of more and better recycling of our products in Ireland. We are happy to say that a first meeting with representatives of the Department and other stakeholders took place last week (when we learnt of the Joint Committee's 17 January hearing, prompting this letter). We are in the process of setting up further working meetings with key players, starting next month.

Single use versus reuse

Pack2Go Europe agrees that there will be contexts where it makes sense to employ reusable durable alternatives. More can be done to ensure that single use service packaging is not used inappropriately. However, **it must not be assumed that durable, reusable items are interchangeable with single use food & beverage service packaging** because in practice they are used in different contexts for different reasons.

The service packs are essential in the vast majority of contexts where assuring food hygiene, public health and consumer safety out-of-home or on-the-go is an imperative. The newly agreed Packaging & Packaging Waste Directive has repeatedly included **a clear new requirement on national governments not to undermine food hygiene, public health and consumer safety when considering the promotion of reusable packaging** (three times in recitals, twice in articles).

In practice, consumption of single use food & beverage service packaging will be necessary because reusable alternatives are not adapted for on-the-go consumption, large events and other contexts where use of glass or ceramics, for example, would put **food hygiene, public health and consumer safety at risk**.

For example, safety needs to be taken into explicit consideration regarding the use of tableware in **prisons, hospitals, trains and stations, airplanes and airports, sporting events**, etc. Potential weaponisation of glass and metal items has led police forces and local authorities around Europe to push for single use alternatives at sporting occasions and other outdoor events.

Composting

The Bill seeks to put in place a ban on plastics disposable tableware "*except for items which can be disposed of by composting in an ordinary domestic compost facility*". Such home-compostable plastics material does not exist today for rigid items like tableware. There is little chance that such material will emerge before 2020. The Green Party is fully aware of this. The implication is that implementation of this legislation (if it were lawful) would, in practice, lead to a total ban on all plastics disposable tableware because no compostable alternative would be available in practice. Such an outcome, we respectfully submit, may not be desired by most members of the Oireachtas.

There are other reasons to challenge the appropriateness of promoting composting in this proposed legislation. Scientific experts that regularly analyse the composition and performance of food & beverage service packs, confirm that rigid products that are claimed to be compostable are, typically, either **compostable only under industrial composting conditions** or consist of a barrier layer on carton board and are **not watertight in practice when in contact with a beverage, notably hot drinks**. This makes such products incompatible with household composting units or simply of no use in practice for the purposes intended.

Not only are there problems in relation to domestic composting, there are issues also as regards the handling of so-called compostable packaging in industrial composting facilities Ireland. In the past weeks as we have started the process of identifying solutions in the Irish context, we have been in direct contact with about 25 such facilities across the country. According to what we have been told, these **composting facilities are either forbidden to take compostable packaging or their installations are not capable of processing these products in practice.** We are aware that in other locations in Europe there is also often a difference between what facilities are accredited to do and what they are capable of composting in reality.

Finally, there is a significant degree of **consumer confusion around the terms “compostable”, “biodegradable”, “bio-sourced” and the like.** Many consumers will mistakenly believe that a product labelled as “compostable” will easily biodegrade in nature. Nothing could be further from the truth. This phenomenon may well result in **increased levels of littering,** especially in the countryside or parklands, in the mistaken belief that the littered item will soon “disappear” into the earth. Indeed, a range of leading environmental NGOs have campaigned on this point. Yet, promoters of this legislation regularly erroneously cite litter prevention as a primary motivation.

Levies

In parallel to the discussion on the Bill, we have seen the emergence of a debate around a tax on coffee cups that has been dubbed by some parts of the press in Ireland **the “latte levy” - a “stealth tax” on coffee drinkers rather than a solution** to the fact that coffee cups are not yet separately collected or recycled in Ireland.

The example of Ireland’s plastics bags charge is frequently mentioned as evidence that a restrictive approach could be directed at food & beverage service packaging with similar effect. However, **this comparison is entirely inappropriate.** There is a clear alternative to the single use plastic carrier bag - the reusable shopping bag - whereas this is not at all the case for the vast majority of food & beverage service packaging applications, as explained above.

We believe that it is now the time to bring key stakeholders to the table to identify constructive solutions that will allow people to live the way they want to live while ensuring that the valuable materials used in food and beverage service packaging are returned to the circular economy. The Waste Bill in its current form is not the answer. We stand ready to play our part in finding more constructive solutions.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Turner
Managing Director International Paper Foodservice Europe
President and Chairman of the Board of Pack2Go Europe



Eamonn Bates
Secretary General, Pack2Go Europe

Date: 17/01/2018 12:41
Subject: Plastic pollution / waste reduction bill

Dear Sir / Madam

Im writing today to voice my frustration with the state of plastic pollution in Ireland and globally.

For many years I have made changes to my purchases to minimise my households use of plastic.

Water bottles are the norm for us, biodegradable bin bags, bamboo tooth brushes, bulk buying of some food stuffs & refills of laundry liquid etc.

We are fortunate to be able to grow 90% of the fruit and veg that we eat, baking bread etc etc the list goes on and the effort continues as i do believe personal responsibility has a part to play and that i have a voice through how i choose to spend my money.

The choices i make mean that i can limit what plastic comes into the house but it takes a huge amount of time, effort and costs more, this is just not an option for many people and the onus now really needs to switch to the producers of plastic packaging, supermarkets, drinks companies and all other goods providers who use plastics.

Even grabbing a everyday staple like a bag of rice as in the picture below, means checking the label- only to find the wrapping is non recyclable. That plastic, is not going away, it will end up in our water, animals and as micro beads it will end up in me and my family, impacting our health and causing future economic costs to my family for health care and for our health services.

I am deeply concerned, frustrated and angry at the slow move forward by the government in relation to implementing change requiring the producers of plastic and the supermarkets who continue to use single use plastics to wrap fruit and vegetables. bread, biscuits etc etc to change to alternative materials.

Biodegradable packaging is available and no packaging or bulk isles could and should be mandatory.

It is great to know the EU now have a deadline of 2030 in relation to some of these issues, please work towards Ireland implementing change long before then.

The photos attached are-

1- a selection of plastic bottles, take away coffee cups etc that i picked up along the very quiet rural road i live on in just 15 minutes. it was a fraction of what is in the hedgrows. Littering is one part of this but also the materials thrown out as stated already are going to break down into micro beads and end up in animals and humans.

2- images of non recyclable packaging on everyday food staples from supermarkets. This is shameful!

The figures are horrendous - every day in Ireland something like 2.5 million plastic drinks bottles end up in landfill and 500,000 take away coffee cups, this doesnt even take into

account any of the non recyclable packaging on pasta, biscuits, sliced pans, bags, toothbrushes, disposable razors, earbuds-the list goes on and on.

Please please help to make this change especially from production level down rather than customer up.

Corporations and producers are making profit, profit that comes from polluting the planet and harming wildlife and humans.

A final note on litter- if the country is spending approx 90 million a year combating litter surely as in some countries ive traveled in it would be better to have more bins accessible and put the 90 million towards bin collection. The Spanish model seems to work well, There will always be people who abuse any system - that doesnt mean you dont put the system in place for the benefit of all.

Its time for change.

Yours sincerely

Pam Hosford



CCAЕ-R18-664

Date: 18/01/2018 08:26
Subject: Waste reduction bill

Hi Hildegarde,

Please pass the waste reduction bill. It's so
Important to lead on plastic reduction.

Best regards,

Ruth

Killoscully Development Association

17th January 2018

Dear Hildegardē Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Killoscully Development Association/Tidy Towns Committee of Killoscully, Newport, County Tipperary in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dáil last July, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

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- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminum cans, which has been done in

many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Maria O'Driscoll

Secretary

On behalf of Killoscully Development Association/Tidy Towns Committee.

cc. Fiona Bonfield, C.C.

17/01/18

Support for Waste Reduction Bill

Date: 17/01/2018 22: 20
Subject: Help protect our rivers, lakes and oceans

Dear Hildegarde,

I am very concerned about the amount of plastic that is used just once and thrown away in Ireland and around the world. Everyday in Ireland we use more than 500,000 plastic-lined coffee cups that can't be recycled, and 2.5 million plastic bottles that don't get recycled, and supermarkets foist more and more packaging on us. Meanwhile, micro-plastics are making the fish we eat sick, and if we keep going the way we are, plastic waste will outweigh fish in the oceans by 2050.

We need to change this situation. There are solutions.

Please support these initiatives to reduce the amount of throw away plastic in Ireland:

- Deposit Refund System for drinks containers. There is a Bill (draft law) under discussion in the Dáil and Seanad to introduce a 10c deposit on plastic bottles, which would be refunded when you bring the bottle back for recycling. In countries where they have a scheme like this recycling rates are as high as 98%. We had a deposit and refund scheme for glass bottles in the past. It's time to do it for plastic.
- A ban or levy on once use plastics like disposable coffee cups. There is a Bill which would also ban or introduce a levy on single-use plastic items like plastic-lined take-away cups. A 15c "latte levy" as it has been described would encourage more and more people to bring their own cup to the coffee shop.
- No packaging isles in supermarkets
- Companies must use recyclable plastics and other parts in their packaging
- Companies must use less packaging

Your sincerely,
Bernadette Power

CCAIE-R18-664c

17/01/18

Support for the Waste Reduction Bill

Date: 17/01/2018 19:14
Subject: Support for The Green Party's Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Ms. Naughton,

I respectfully request you to consider the Green Party's WASTE REDUCTION BILL favourably in the Dail. As you are, no doubt, well aware WASTE is an urgent issue in Ireland today.

Trusting you will give it your support,

Sincerely,

Sr. Ann Pender pbvm

23/01/18

Rathangan Tidy Towns Support for Waste Reduction Bill 2017

Date: 23/01/2018 21:50
Subject: Support the Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Hildegardē Naughton,

We are writing to you on behalf of Rathangan Tidy Towns, Co. Kildare, in relation to the **Green Party's waste reduction bill which passed second stage in the Dáil last July, thanks** to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the **Green Party's bill**, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward.

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Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Mack & Lesley Graham
Joint-Secretaries, Rathangan Tidy Towns

CCAЕ-R18-680a

24/01/18

Support for Waste Reduction Bill 2017

Date: 24/01/2018 10: 34
Subject: Waste Reduction Bill

As chairperson for the Joint committee on Communications, Climate Action and the Environment I ask you to consider the Green Party's Waste Reduction Bill favourably as a step towards reducing the amount of waste produced in Ireland each year.

Kind Regards
Mark Hosford

29/01/2018

Support for Waste Reduction Bill 2017

Hon. Hildegardē Naughton, T.D.

Chairman

Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Dear Chairman Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Carlingford Tidy Towns, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in your committee, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration in the Dail.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

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Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again, we urge you to support this bill and ask you to move it on to third stage in the Dail. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Carlingford Tidy Towns

Date: 28/01/2018 14:02
Subject: Will you be helping reduce waste?

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegardē Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the risk that plastic pollution is bringing to our country.

I know that this committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you seen this?
<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Many people, including myself, are worried that you are not going to support the Waste Reduction Bill. Please, as my representatives can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Kind regards

P.S In case you haven't seen it, here's the MyUplift petition signed by myself and thousands of others <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Yours sincerely,

Maggie B

Date: 27/01/2018 02:39
Subject: Getting it through committee stage

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegardē Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to our country.

I know that this committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you seen this?
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Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. Please, as my representatives can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Sarah Thubron

Date: 26/01/2018 21:03
Subject: A request about the waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am worried about the risk that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that this committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you seen this?
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Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you support this Bill through the committee stage?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Rhona Flynn

Date: 26/01/2018 19:17
Subject: Will you support reducing waste?

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am concerned about the risk that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you seen this? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. As a TidyTown volunteer I see the terrible amount of rubbish that is thrown all over every day again and it is so sad to see!

Please, in the interest of all us can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Kind regards
Katja Enders

P.S In case you haven't seen it, here's the MyUplift petition that thousands of people are signing <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Yours sincerely,

katja enders

Date: 26/01/2018 13:22
Subject: Waste reduction

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am worried about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that your committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you seen this?
<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

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Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Martina O'Dea

Date: 25/01/2018 22:48
Subject: Getting it through committee stage

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the risk that plastic pollution is bringing to our country.

I know that your committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you considered what the Irish people want?<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am writing to you because I would like to see action taken by this committee to roll back plastic pollution in 2018 and beyond. Please, in the interest of all of us can you support this Bill through the committee stage?

Many Thanks

P.S In case you haven't seen it, here's the MyUplift petition that thousands of people are signing <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Desmond

Date: 25/01/2018 20:13
Subject: Will you be helping reduce waste?

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am concerned about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland, her land and sea areas.

I know that this committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you considered what the Irish people want?<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Many people, including myself, are worried that you might not support the Waste Reduction Bill. Please, on behalf of Irish people and people who settled in Ireland or who visit Ireland, can you support this Bill through the committee stage? The well-being of millions of people depends long-term and short-term, at least to a high degree, on strong legislation in order to protect our environment, our planet, our health - please play your part in this by pushing this bill through! Please resist all efforts to dilute it. Thank you!

Kind regards

P.S In case you haven't seen it, here's the MyUplift petition signed by myself and thousands of others <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Yours sincerely,

Eckhard Ladner

Date: 25/01/2018 20:44
Subject: Support the waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegarde Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am worried about the risk that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland. Citizens like me can do our part but real change will only come about with a change in policy. Please can you show the leadership we need to bring about this change?

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you heard about the huge public outcry going on? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Many people, including myself, are worried that you are not going to support the Waste Reduction Bill. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Fiona O'Rourke

Date: 25/01/2018 21:18
Subject: waste reduction update

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I am angry about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to our country.

I know that your committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you considered what the Irish people want?<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am writing to you because I would like to see action taken by this committee to roll back plastic pollution in 2018 and beyond. Please, as my representatives can you support this Bill through the committee stage?

Kind regards

P.S In case you haven't seen it, here's the MyUplift petition that thousands of people are signing <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Yours sincerely,

Bernie Twomey

Date: 25/01/2018 18:36
Subject: Waste is killing our country!

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am worried about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that this committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you seen this?
<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. Please, as my representatives can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

frances kay

Date: 25/01/2018 18:06
Subject: Getting waste reduction through committee

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am worried about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to our country. This problem can't be ignored any more, marine animals are dying from our plastic waste and now we know it's getting into the food chain as well.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you considered what the Irish people want?<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am writing to you because I would like to see action taken by this committee to roll back plastic pollution in 2018 and beyond. Please, in the interest of of all us can you back the Waste Reduction Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Nina Crozier

Date: 25/01/2018 16:52
Subject: Waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegardē Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

Hi, I am constantly worried about the affects plastic is having to the environment around me. I can't go anywhere without seeing an old Lucozade bottle at the side of the road, it just annoys me. And now there's News about plastic being in our food chain but it could've been in there for years.

I know that this committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you heard about the people that want to end this plastic suffocation? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am eager to hear about what you intend to about the Bill. Please, in the interest of of all us can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Kind regards, Thomas

P.S In case you haven't seen it, here's the MyUplift petition signed by myself and thousands of others <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Hague

Date: 25/01/2018 17:17
Subject: In support of waste reduction

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

A chairde,

We simply can, and must do better in terms of reducing plastics and improving our recycling possibilities in this country, and as a matter of urgency.

Our levels of plastic pollution are, in truth, a disgrace.

I am aware that a committee you serve on is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill.

Hence, I am writing to you because I would like to see action taken by this committee to roll back plastic pollution in 2018 and beyond. We need and deserve more than cosmetic assurances. We need action.

As my representatives I am calling on you to back the Waste Reduction Bill.

Many Thanks

Claire.

P.S Here is the link to the MyUplift petition signed by myself and thousands of others in relation to this matter: <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Yours sincerely,

Claire Blennerhassett

Date: 25/01/2018 15:45
Subject: Regarding plastics

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegardē Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that this committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you seen this?
<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am eager to hear about what you intend to do about the Bill. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you support this Bill through the committee stage?

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

Ronnie Martin

Date: 25/01/2018 15:10
Subject: The Waste Bill

Dear Hildegarde,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chair of the Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and the Environment.

I am increasingly concerned about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland. I live and work in Dublin and am very worried about the level of plastic pollution I see on the roads and in the grass areas, not withstanding the pollution I do not see.

I took this picture today at the canal, just past the Charlemont Luas stop. I think it sums up the situation that we face if we continue to proceed as we are in terms of plastic use. What is so disheartening is that this is just one example of many I see everyday.

Unfortunately people will continue to use plastic as long it is available as in most cases convenience trumps everything. I feel we face many challenges in our time but this is one that we can really take on and win.

I do not want my children to grow up to world destroyed by plastic, I want them to know we did something about it before it was too late.

I know that the committee is currently reviewing the bill and I would ask that the committee support the bill.

Thank you,

Rachel Bermingham

Date: 25/01/2018 15:21
Subject: Regarding plastics

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am worried about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to our country.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you considered what the Irish people want?<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am writing to you because I would like to see action taken by this committee to roll back plastic pollution in 2018 and beyond. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you back the Waste Reduction Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

william daly

Date: 25/01/2018 14:41
Subject: waste reduction update

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

Plastic waste has gone beyond a joke and you have a responsibility to address this. I implore you to consider the upcoming bill,

Ronan

Yours sincerely,

Ronan Desmond

Date: 25/01/2018 14:35
Subject: Getting it through committee stage

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am concerned about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you heard about the huge public outcry going on? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am writing to you because I would like to see action taken by this committee to roll back plastic pollution in 2018 and beyond. Please, in the interest of all of us can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Brendan Kelly

Date: 25/01/2018 14:15
Subject: Waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you seen this? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am eager to hear about what you intend to do about the Bill. Please, in the interest of all of us can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Gemma Hensey

Date: 25/01/2018 14:17
Subject: Waste reduction

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am very concerned about the damage plastic pollution is doing to our environment, globally and here within our own territorial limits.

It is my understanding that a committee on which you sit is reviewing a Bill which can solve this issue, <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

It is my belief that there is a strong movement - in the thousands - in support of a Deposit-Refund System being introduced, and I would ask that you would support this Bill through the committee stage.

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

Martin O'Malley

Date: 25/01/2018 14:29
Subject: Plastic Containers and the environment

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

Dear representatives,

Im a 32 year old man living on the banks of the beautiful lower river Shannon on the Clare/Limerick border. I actively partake in village clean ups along our water ways. About 10 months ago, we did a major 4 hour plastic and rubbish removal as part of the tidy towns, from boats and along the shore...

The river is now in flood and approx 2 metres higher, and unfortunately, a rising tide lifts more than all boats. It lifts and reveals hidden and new plastic rubbish.

Unless we tackle the source of the problem (single use containers) all the tidy up's in the world will never resolve this issue. I implore you to protect our landscape, green image branding aboard and environment; ahead of pressure groups, whose costs may increase if plastic cutlery and single use containers were levied or banned.

We led Europe with the plastic bag levy, but we are now lagging behind. With China now refusing to take Europe's plastic masses, the time to act decisively is upon us.

Act boldly, with courage and lead the way. Only you have the power.

Regards, Patrick Aherne. O Briens Bridge Co Clare.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Aherne

Date: 29/01/2018 17:12
Subject: Your stance on the waste bill?

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the risk that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that this committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you seen this?
<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you back the Waste Reduction Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Breda Nolan

Date: 31/01/2018 05:05
Subject: Will you be helping reduce waste?

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am worried about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you considered what the Irish people want?<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am writing to you because I would like to see action taken by this committee to roll back plastic pollution in 2018 and beyond. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you back the Waste Reduction Bill?

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

Richard Casey

Hon. Hildegard Naughton, T.D.

Chairman

Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Dear Chairman Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Tidy Towns [insert town name], in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in your committee, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration in the Dail.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again, we urge you to support this bill and ask you to move it on to third stage in the Dail.
Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Tidy Towns [insert town]

Date: 01/02/2018 10:53
Subject: Reduce Litter Waste

Dear Chairman Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of GeesalaTidy Towns Committee, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in your committee, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration in the Dail.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again, we urge you to support this bill and ask you to move it on to third stage in the Dail. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

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Geesala Tidy Towns Committee

Hildegarde Naughton, T.D.

Chair of the Communications, Climate Action and Environment Committee

Dear Ms. Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of **Tireragh Community Support Ltd** in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill, which passed second stage in the Dáil last July thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation, as well as the support of many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement and this bill provides the opportunity to greatly reduce levels of waste generated in Ireland. For this reason, we ask you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration by the Dail. Specifically, our group, **Tireragh Community Support Ltd** is in support of both provisions of the bill, as follows:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

These provisions will hopefully address the problems of on-the-go litter and non-compostable plastic containers, so much of which litters our countryside, rivers, and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are also asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ours see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, which is why we are very much in favour of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Tireragh Community Support Ltd

Date: 01/02/2018 11:41
Subject: Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of Ballymote Tidy Towns and Tourism we would appreciate your support for this bill, You have only to look around our beautiful country to see the damage been done to our lakes and rivers We must get rid of all kind of plastic this is a huge probilm please support the waste reduction bill.

Thanking You,

Noreen Cremin Secretary.

BRAY TIDY TOWNS

Making a Great Town Better



Hildegarde Naughton TD
Leinster House
Kildare
Street
Dublin 2

3rd February 2018

Re: Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Mrs Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Bray Tidy Towns, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in the Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and the Environment, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, and it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environment, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation. We urge you to support this bill and to encourage Hildegarde Naughton, Chairman of the Environmental Committee and Denis Naughten, Minister for the Department of Communications, Climate Change and the Environment to act on this bill and enact an effective waste reduction bill.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again, we urge you to support this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Mary

Fleming

Bray Tidy Towns

<http://www.braytidytowns.com/>

Hon. Hildegarde Naughton, T.D.

Chairman

Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Dear Chairman Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Tidy Towns Monivea, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in your committee, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration in the Dail.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
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Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again, we urge you to support this bill and ask you to move it on to third stage in the Dail. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Tidy Towns Monivea.

Date: 05/02/2018 15:39
Subject: Your stance on the waste bill?

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that this committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you seen this?
<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am eager to hear about what you intend to do about the Bill. Please, as my representatives can you support this Bill through the committee stage?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Louise Cribbin

Date: 05/02/2018 15:36
Subject: Getting waste reduction through committee

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the risk that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that your committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you heard about the huge public outcry going on? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you support this Bill through the committee stage?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Marie Le Men

Date: 05/02/2018 15:38
Subject: Support the waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am concerned about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you considered what the Irish people want?<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. Please, in the interest of all us can you back the Waste Reduction Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

James Durkin

Date: 05/02/2018 19:52
Subject: Your stance on the waste bill?

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Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Michael Sherlock

Date: 05/02/2018 20:04
Subject: A request about the waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

Dear TD's

Like many others I am angry about the risk that plastic pollution is bringing to our country.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you considered what the Irish people want?<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am eager to hear about what you intend to do about the Bill. Please, as my representatives can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

Adrienne Fleming

Date: 05/02/2018 20:13
Subject: A request about the waste bill

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I am concerned about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that this committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you considered what the Irish people want?<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. Please, as my representatives can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

John Betts

Date: 05/02/2018 20:21
Subject: Getting waste reduction through committee

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I am angry about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you seen this? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you support this Bill through the committee stage?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

May Doyle

Date: 05/02/2018 20:23
Subject: Regarding plastics

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegarde Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am worried about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that your committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you seen this?
<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am writing to you because I would like to see action taken by this committee to roll back plastic pollution in 2018 and beyond.

Plastic is just another oil slick in solid form, that is covering our planet in a plague of toxic detritus. It is slowly destroying our oceans, killing aquatic mammals and birds and its broken down micro particles are already in the aquatic food chain. Ironically, the gas equivalent of this solid form toxic oil slick, is already seriously disrupting our climate, acidifying our oceans and devastating our health to the point of a planetary and public health emergency.

Please, as my representatives can you back the Waste Reduction Bill?

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

John Fitzgerald

Date: 05/02/2018 20:31
Subject: Waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegarde Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

My 9 year old heard the news a week ago about move to eridicate non recyclable plastics by 2030 and she said Mom why are they waiting 12 years can they not do it in 12 weeks. A child can see how urgently we have to act. I am sending this email to try and safeguard her future. You have the power to be make things happen use it.

I am angry about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that your committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you heard about the huge public outcry going on? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am writing to you because I would like to see action taken by this committee to roll back plastic pollution in 2018 and beyond. Please, in the interest of of all us can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Smyth

Date: 05/02/2018 20:31
Subject: Getting waste reduction through committee

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I know that your committee is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Many people, including myself, are worried that you are not going to support the Waste Reduction Bill. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you back the Waste Reduction Bill?

Ireland is way behind on recycling and waste reduction initiatives and the waste reduction bill needs support now, so we can begin to get on with many other environmental challenges.

Thank You.

Yours sincerely,

james bermingham

Date: 05/02/2018 20:34
Subject: Will you be helping reduce waste?

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegarde Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am horrified about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to our country. All of our groceries come wrapped in an inexcusable amount of plastic that can not be recycled. The amount of plastic going through my house (despite my best efforts to avoid it!) makes my head spin.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you seen this? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. Please, as my representatives, can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Kind regards

Breffni Coffey

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Yours sincerely,

Breffni Coffey

Date: 05/02/2018 20:49
Subject: I want the Climate Emergency Measures Bill to get detailed scrutiny by Committee

Dear Deputy Naughton,

I'm a constituent of yours and I'm writing to you about the Climate Emergency Measures Bill - <http://bit.ly/CEMBill18> - that will be debated in the Dáil next Wednesday.

It deals with the really important question of whether we should drill for new oil and gas in Irish waters. The question deserves proper consideration by a Dáil Committee not just a 2 hour set-piece debate. So please vote for the Bill to be sent for detailed scrutiny by the appropriate committee.

I'm very concerned about climate change and I know we just can't afford to burn most of the coal, oil and gas we already know about. So we're just deluding ourselves giving companies licences to look for more.

Anyway, even if we find any it doesn't contribute much to our energy security as at best the companies sell it back to us at market price. And the state has one of the lowest tax regimes in the world on oil and gas finds so we don't even get much of a boost to the public finances. We'd be much better off supporting communities and households to start generating solar and other renewable energy.

If you need more information, the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition have produced a briefing on the Bill which is online here:
<http://bit.ly/SCC010218>

And there was a comprehensive briefing in the AV room in Leinster House last Tuesday with an expert panel of Prof John Sweeney, Dr Amanda Slevin, Dr Aideen O'Dochartaigh, Cliona Sharkey from Trocaire and Oisín Coghlan from Friends of the Earth. You can watch back here:
<http://bit.ly/CEMBill18>

France and Costa Rica have already moved to end exploration and now Belize is following suit. If they are doing it, so can we.

Last year we became one of the first countries to ban onshore fracking. It was a rare action for a country which our Taoiseach admits is a laggard on climate action.

Let's take the next step towards leadership by moving to end new offshore drilling.

At the very least don't stop this Bill - and the issues it raises - getting proper consideration. As the fracking Bill was being passed TDs promised the Dáil would come back to the issue of offshore drilling. So now I'm counting on you as my representative to support sending the Bill to committee.

Please let me know how you are going to vote next week.

Thanks for giving this issue the parliamentary time it deserves.

Yours sincerely,

Wayne walsh

Date: 05/02/2018 19:35
Subject: Seeking information about the waste bill

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Yours sincerely,

Denis O'Connell

Date: 05/02/2018 17:58
Subject: In support of waste reduction

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Yours sincerely,

Robert Kennedy

Date: 05/02/2018 18:05
Subject: Getting it through committee stage

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegarde Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to our country, and the worlds oceans. It is now shown to have devastating effects, in so many ways, on the very fish and other lifeforms that mankind depends on. Billions of plastic bottles are produced every year, and they can only be recycled twice! It is essential that non recyclable plastics are banned outright, and manufacturers forced to change to sustainable alternatives, made from vegetable starches, hemp etc.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you considered what the Irish people want?

The right of the next generation to a habitable planet ?<http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund System brought in this year. Please, in the interest of all our children can you support this Bill through the committee stage?

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

pat massey

Subject: Please support the Climate Emergency Measures Bill on Feb 7th
Sent by: martinomalley58@gmail.com

Dear Deputy,

As your constituent, I am writing to urge you to support the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Climate Emergency Measures) Bill 2017, which will be debated in the Dáil on the 7th of February. Recognising that the current levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere place us in a state of climate emergency, this Bill seeks to ban the issuing of licences for the exploration and extraction of oil, natural gas and coal.

The extraction and burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas causes around 60% of global greenhouse gas emissions the gases that are causing the climate crisis. Ireland is not immune from the impacts of climate change, as communities in the midlands and the northwest of Ireland can testify all too well. However, communities in developing countries are hit hardest by these impacts. Across East Africa there are currently over 26 million people experiencing significant food shortages. These are communities who are already too vulnerable and have done the least to create the crisis.

Under the Paris Agreement, Ireland agreed, along with the rest of the world, that we must limit the rise in global temperatures to well below 2 degrees Celsius – and pursue the lower, safer limit of 1.5 degrees Celsius given the severity of impacts even at a 2 degree rise. To have a chance of achieving this 80% of known fossil fuel reserves must stay in the ground. With the Fossil Fuel Divestment Bill moving to Third Stage in the Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, Ireland is on a path to removing its investments from the fossil fuel industry. Building on this, the Climate Emergency Measures Bill gives us a chance to make sure Ireland is contributing to the global necessity to leave fossil fuels in the ground and is moving closer to a more just and sustainable future.

Deputy, I know you will not fail to recognise the urgency of phasing out fossil fuels in order to curb the climate crisis. Whilst fossil fuel use cannot stop overnight, enacting this Bill will ensure we avoid unnecessary fossil fuel ‘lock-in’ and that we meet the goal of 80-95% decarbonisation of Ireland’s energy system by 2050 set out in the Energy White Paper. As one of your constituents, I am asking that at your next Parliamentary Party meeting you represent my wishes and urge your party to support and vote in favour of the Climate Emergency Measures Bill on February 7th.

Yours sincerely

martin o malley

Date: 05/02/2018 18:19
Subject: Getting waste reduction through committee

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Kill the plastic, let nature survive!

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

Jayne McGonigal

Date: 05/02/2018 18:26
Subject: Support the waste bill

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Yours sincerely,

Roisin Cuddihy

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Yours sincerely,

Tony Lennon

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Yours sincerely,

Bernard Veale

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Yours sincerely,

Olga Mezza

Date: 05/02/2018 19:06
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Yours sincerely,

Brendan O Donnell

Date: 05/02/2018 19:18
Subject: Getting it through committee stage

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegarde Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I have been recycling glass, paper and plastic for as long as I can remember. It upsets me to see the disregard there is for the environment when it's possible to do so much more. I am angry about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland. We need to do better for our children and for the environment on which we depend.

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Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

Liz Rackard

Date: 05/02/2018 19:22
Subject: waste reduction update

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Yours sincerely,

Liz Duffy

Date: 05/02/2018 17:23
Subject: Support the waste bill

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Yours sincerely,

Denise Harding

Date: 05/02/2018 16:08
Subject: Regarding plastics

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Yours sincerely,

Matthew Norrish

Date: 05/02/2018 16:08
Subject: A request about the waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

On Feb 13th 2-3.50 pm (as part of TCD Green Week) Coastwatch is publishing the autumn 2017 waste and marine litter results gathered by ± 2000 surveyors around Ireland. They highlight further rise in plastics on the shore. As your committee is reviewing the Waste Management Bill, I am writing to

- invite you to participate in our launch and say what action you will take. Please can you back the Waste Reduction Bill?

While it isn't perfect, further tweaking of the bill is still possible. At least it will address a number of our waste and plastic problems and such action is overdue.

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

Karin Dubsy

Date: 05/02/2018 16:10
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Yours sincerely,

Duncan McLaren

Date: 05/02/2018 16:12
Subject: Your stance on the waste bill?

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Seán Ó Broin

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Kevin Rickard

Date: 05/02/2018 16:03
Subject: Getting waste reduction through committee

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Neil Smyth

Date: 05/02/2018 16:03
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jim tevlin

Date: 05/02/2018 21:20
Subject: Will you support reducing waste?

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Claudia Tormey

Date: 05/02/2018 21:35
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Christine Siddle

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Date: 05/02/2018 22:10
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Date: 05/02/2018 22:18
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Una Halpin

Date: 05/02/2018 22:50
Subject: Regarding plastics

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I am angry about the risk that plastic pollution is bringing to our country.

I know that your committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. I want to see all measures used to stop this problem.

I make my living as a seaweed forager and educator, and bring many tourists onto our coast every summer. I feel ashamed and disappointed when I see plastic on the shore. I try to go down beforehand to remove the worst of it, but it reflects poorly on us as a nation.

And of course, it causes untold damage to the wildlife on the coast and finds it's way into the human food chain.

I am eager to hear about what you intend to do about the Bill. Please, as my representatives can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

This is a solvable problem.

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Marie Power

Date: 05/02/2018 17:36
Subject: Getting it through committee stage

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Yours sincerely,

David Twomey

Date: 05/02/2018 22:51
Subject: Waste reduction

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I cannot understand how so little has been done to date around plastics, pollution of various and many types and the countless ecological disasters in this state.

I am both disgusted and embarrassed.

I know that this committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will go some way to helping. Do something good and meaningful.
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Many Thanks

Will Mitchell

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Date: 05/02/2018 23:02
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I am writing to you because I would like to see action taken by this committee to roll back plastic pollution in 2018 and beyond. Please, in the interest of of all us can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

Mel Cullen

Date: 05/02/2018 23:14
Subject: Waste reduction

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Jack Morrissey

Date: 05/02/2018 23:35
Subject: In support of waste reduction

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Terry OBrien

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Yours sincerely,

Sally Ardis

CCAE-R18-692bw

Date: 06/02/2018 01:09
Subject: My stance what future are leaving our country is a joke on many things and plastics is on the list .greed again

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I am eager to hear about what you intend to about the Bill. Please, as my representatives can you back the Waste Reduction Bill?

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

Rob Johnson

Date: 06/02/2018 03:54
Subject: Waste bill

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Yours sincerely,

Conor Lyons

Date: 06/02/2018 07:02
Subject: Your stance on the waste bill?

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Yours sincerely,

Daniele Dreyer

Date: 06/02/2018 07:26
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Yours sincerely,

Eithne McAdam

Date: 06/02/2018 10:20
Subject: Will you support reducing waste?

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Yours sincerely,

Brian Sheridan

Date: 06/02/2018 11:40
Subject: Waste bill

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Gerard Hanlon

Date: 06/02/2018 11:48
Subject: Your stance on the waste bill?

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Yours sincerely,

Jim Farrell

Date: 06/02/2018 12:36
Subject: Waste bill

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Limerick is lacking behind in protection for the environment especially to the river Shannon. All I seem to hear these days is another planning approval to some industrial company that could have disastrous results on our space. Acting after the disaster is a ‘Grenfell’ too little too late.

Putting a tax on the plastic shipping bags had a great results. A refund on plastic bottles I think could have the same effect.

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Many Thanks

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Yours sincerely,

tony O’Loughlin

Date: 06/02/2018 12:54
Subject: A request about the waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am worried about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

Have you noticed the increasing amount of rubbish littering every roadside in Ireland and waste/green space in our cities (Dublin Particularly)? It seems to be getting out of control and something needs to be done as soon as possible.

I know that this committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you heard about the huge public outcry going on? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

I am eager to hear about what you intend to do about the Bill. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you back the Waste Reduction Bill?

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Yours sincerely,

Aisling O'Keeffe

Date: 06/02/2018 14:04
Subject: Waste reduction

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Yours sincerely,

Damien Ryan

Date: 06/02/2018 14:07
Subject: Waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegardē Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

It is clear the harm that plastic and plastic pollution is bringing to OUR country, OUR landscapes, OUR seas and the health and wellbeing of OUR people.

I have been informed that this committee is reviewing a Bill that I believe is imperative to pass to only begin to fix this crisis.

I am eager to hear about what you intend to about the Bill.

I would encourage you to watch the documentary 'A Plastic Ocean', if you haven't already. For me it was an awakening to the absolute dangers of plastic pollution in OUR seas. It highlights the problems we face due to plastic pollution is far greater than I even imagined. Plastic litter is not only visually unappealing but plastic has entered OUR food chain. Plastic and it's toxic side effects are literally IN the jumping salmon of the blackwater. Its on your dinner plate. It is time to fix this. OUR rivers and seas are one of OUR most valuable assets! The Wild Atlantic Way is a testament to that.

Kind regards
Brian Jordan

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Yours sincerely,

Brian Jordan

Date: 06/02/2018 13:39
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Yours sincerely,

Colin Redmond

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Yours sincerely,

Cait Fahy

Date: 07/02/2018 08:57
Subject: Waste reduction

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Yours sincerely,

Johanna Mavromihales

Date: 07/02/2018 09:08
Subject: Waste bill

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Mary McManus

Date: 07/02/2018 03:14
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Yours sincerely,

Jacinta Whelan

Date: 07/02/2018 06:00
Subject: Getting it through committee stage

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the harm that plastic pollution is bringing to our world and all who are in it. You have the power to change that and show the rest of the world how green Ireland does it. Let's be leaders not followers. Some day there will be an outright ban on all plastics.

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Thank you very much
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Yours sincerely,

Paul Tyrrell

Hildegarde Naughton, T.D.

Chair of the Communications, Climate Action and Environment Committee

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Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Michael Bell

Team Leader, Wildlife & Natural Ammenities

Sligo Tidy Towns

CCAЕ-R18-692cp

Date: 05/02/2018 15:43
Subject: PLEASE Support Reducing Plastic

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegardē Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

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Yours sincerely,

Aine NicCharthaigh

Date: 05/02/2018 15:46
Subject: waste reduction update

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Yours sincerely,

Eva Bourke

Date: 05/02/2018 15:50
Subject: Please Support this waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

A Cara,

Ireland is winning in the export market and has a green reputation provided by the many depictions of our landscape.

We have a fantastic opportunity to make that an environment green too.

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David Lang

Date: 05/02/2018 15:51
Subject: Support the waste bill

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Yours sincerely,

Rhonda Waters

Date: 05/02/2018 15:52
Subject: Please support the waste bill

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Yours sincerely,

Aidan Smith

Date: 05/02/2018 15:53
Subject: Support the waste bill

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Kind regards,
John D.

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Yours sincerely,

John Devlin

Date: 05/02/2018 15:54
Subject: Waste reduction

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Yours sincerely,

Annette Cashell

Date: 05/02/2018 15:55
Subject: Will you be helping reduce waste?

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Yours sincerely,

Philip O'Connell

Date: 05/02/2018 15:56
Subject: Your stance on the waste bill?

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Yours sincerely,

Joe Mullarkey

Date: 05/02/2018 15:57
Subject: Support the waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am very worried about the impact of plastic waste here in Ireland and globally. Research has shown that already 72% of Irish drinking water contains microscopic particles of plastic fibres. This must have long term effects on human health. We have depended on China to recycle so much of this waste, now no longer available to our waste collectors. It is estimated by 2050 if nothing is done there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish!

I know that your committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will be a start to fixing this. Have you heard about the huge public outcry going on? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

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Kind regards
Wendy O'Conghaile

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Yours sincerely,

Wendy O'Conghaile

Date: 06/02/2018 10:20
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Yours sincerely,

Brian Sheridan

Date: 12/02/2018 15:42
Subject: Waste Reduction Bill

Hildegarde Naughton, T.D.
Chair of the Communications, Climate Action and Environment Committee Dear Ms.

Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of **Dromore West Tidy Towns (Co. Sligo)** in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill, which passed second stage in the Dáil last July thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation, as well as the support of many NGOs.

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Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service. Sincerely,

Dromore West Tidy Towns

Lauragh Community Council

Co Kerry

Registered Charity Number 20141387

19 Feb 2018

Dear Hildgarde Naughton

As a Community Council in a rural area of Kerry we would like to register our support for the proposed Waste Reduction Bill and hope that is it only the beginning of a tough and innovative approach to the current problem of plastic waste.

We are fortunate to live in an area of outstanding scenery both coastal and mountainous which relies heavily on tourism. As a community group we do our best to keep the area litter free. In the last 2 years we have collected over 50 large rubbish bags, mostly of plastic litter, from a small stretch of road a couple of kilometres long. This is in addition to collections by the local school and other collections along the shore-line. And that is only from a fraction of our shoreline and road verges.

Responsible members of the public are doing as much as they can to alleviate the plastic problem with purchasing choices, careful sorting of household rubbish and giving up their free time to pick up litter on roads and beaches.

We now need government legislation to force manufacturers and retail outlets to reduce the amount of packaging, redesign items and packaging to make the types of plastic used easily recyclable or compostable.

It is not practical to expect the average household to further sort their rubbish – most people do not have room in their kitchens for numerous bins. Neither is it practical to expect them to visit several different locations to dispose of their sorted rubbish.

In a rural area you usually need to take the rubbish to a recycling point or the local dump. The time and cost of this means the less responsible will just dump their rubbish where they can. For instance, in our area someone is regularly dumping over the wall into a beautiful wood. If the cost of waste was made upfront and responsible disposal free this might help alleviate the problem of dumping.

Yours faithfully

Janet Hawker

For Lauragh Community Council

Date: 22/02/2018 21:14
Subject: Getting it through committee stage

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the risk that plastic pollution is bringing to our country.

I know that your committee is reviewing a Bill I believe will fix this. Have you heard about the huge public outcry going on? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Many people, including myself, are worried that you are not going to support the Waste Reduction Bill. Please, on behalf of Irish people like myself can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Many Thanks

P.S In case you haven't seen it, here's the MyUplift petition signed by myself and thousands of others <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Yours sincerely,

Bláthnaid Deeny

CULDAFF TIDY TOWNS

Dear Hildegard,

22nd February 2018

I am writing to you on behalf of Culdaff Tidy Towns, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in the Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and the Environment, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, and it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Fein, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fail, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environment, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation. We urge you to support this bill and to encourage Hildegard Naughton, Chair of the Environmental Committee and Denis Naughten, Minister for the Department of Communications, Climate Change and the Environment to act on this bill and enact an effective waste reduction bill.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again , we urge you to support this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service .

Yours sincerely,

Philomena O'Brien
Chairperson , Culdaff Tidy Towns

CCAE-R18-721d

Date: 23/02/2018 19:54
Subject: Support the waste bill

Dear Timmy Dooley, James Lawless, Micheal Lowry, Hildegard Naughton, Eamon Ryan, Bríd Smith, and Brian Stanley,

I am angry about the damage that plastic pollution is bringing to Ireland.

I know that a committee you serve on is reviewing the Waste Reduction Bill. Have you heard about the huge public outcry going on? <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Thousands of us are keen to see a Deposit-Refund Systems brought in this year. Please, as my representatives can you update me on the progress and support for this Bill?

Many Thanks

P.S In case you haven't seen it, here's the MyUplift petition signed by myself and thousands of others <http://bit.ly/2r1y44v>

Yours sincerely,

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Hon. Hildegard Naughton, T.D.
Chairman
Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment
1st March 2018
Dear Chairman Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Donegal Town Tidy Towns Committee in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in your committee, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration in the Dail.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

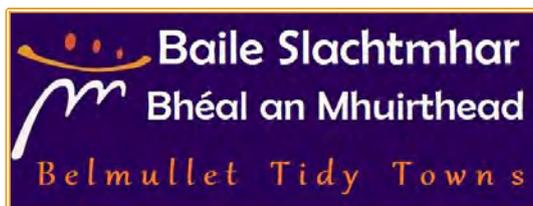
Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again, we urge you to support this bill and ask you to move it on to third stage in the Dail. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Owen Howells,

Chairman, Donegal Town Tidy Towns Committee



Hon. Hildegarde Naughton, T.D.

Chairman

Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Dear Chairman Naughton,

We are writing to you on behalf of Belmullet Tidy Towns, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in your committee, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration in the Dail.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again, we urge you to support this bill and ask you to move it on to third stage in the Dail. Thank you for your time and consideration and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Katherine Mangan

Mary Keenaghan

Hon. Hildegard Naughton, T.D.,
Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

9th February 2018

Re: Waste Reduction Bill

Dear Chairman Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Monkstown Village Tidy District, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in your committee, thanks - to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Fein, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fail, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration in the Dail.

Our Tidy District group is in support of both provisions of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world, e.g. France who is so far ahead of Ireland on these matters. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and streets and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again, we urge you to support this bill and ask you to move it on to third stage in the Dail. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Walsh', is written over a horizontal line.

Brendan Walsh Treasurer
Monkstown Village Tidy District

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Hon. Hildegarde Naughton, T.D.
Chairman
Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment
4/4/2018

Dear Chairman Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Ballon Improvement Group in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in your committee, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration in the Dail.

Ballon Improvement Group group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again, we urge you to support this bill and ask you to move it on to third stage in the Dail. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely, Máire George, Chairperson

Ballon Improvement Group, Ballon, Co. Carlow. 087-2424934

Hildegard Naughton, T.D.

Chair of the Communications, Climate Action and Environment Committee

Dear Ms. Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of ^{Coolaney ICA} [insert group/committee name] in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill, which passed second stage in the Dáil last July thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation, as well as the support of many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement and this bill provides the opportunity to greatly reduce levels of waste generated in Ireland. For this reason, we ask you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration by the Dail. Specifically, our [group/committee/community] is in support of both provisions of the bill, as follows:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

These provisions will hopefully address the problems of on-the-go litter and non-compostable plastic containers, so much of which litters our countryside, rivers, and seas.

Ireland once had a deposit/refund scheme for glass bottles where individuals returned their bottles for the deposit placed on each bottle. We are also asking the government to establish a similar system for glass and plastic bottles and aluminium cans, which has been done in many countries around the world. These initiatives have reduced the amount of litter as well as increased the collection and recycling rates for drinks containers up to 95% of the containers on the market.

Groups such as ours see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside, which is why we are very much in favour of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

[Name of group/committee]

COOLANEY IRISH COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Mary O'Boyle, Secretary.

Hon. Hildegarde Naughton, T.D.

Chairman

Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Dear Chairman Naughton,

I am writing to you on behalf of Killybegs Tidy Towns, in relation to the Green Party's waste reduction bill which is currently undergoing pre-legislative scrutiny in your committee, thanks to tremendous cross-party co-operation. The Labour Party agreed to co-sponsor the Green Party's bill, it also received support from the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin, Independents for Change, and Fianna Fáil, as well as many NGOs.

This is a pivotal moment for the Irish environmental movement, as this bill would have an enormous impact on reducing waste generation in Ireland. We urge you to consider the bill favourably and to move it forward for consideration in the Dail.

Our Tidy Towns group is in support of both provision of the bill:

- Ban disposable plastic plates and cups and other tableware (including non-compostable disposable coffee cups), which would encourage take-aways to use compostable packaging such as paper and cardboard.
- Introduce a deposit/refund scheme for drinks containers.

This would address the on-the-go litter and ban the use of non-compostable plastic containers, which litter our countryside and enter our rivers and seas.

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Groups such as ourselves see the everyday impact of single use items on the Irish countryside and we are hugely in favour of reducing this type of litter by the introduction and adoption of this bill.

Again, we urge you to support this bill and ask you to move it on to third stage in the Dail. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Patricia Murrin

Secretary Killybegs Tidy Towns