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The Secretary

An Coimisiún Pleanála

64 Marlborough Street

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**Re: Objection to the Proposed Tirawley Wind Farm Strategic Infrastructure**

**Development Case Number: PAX16.324258**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a resident with a home in close proximity to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm project to formally lodge my objection to this Strategic Infrastructure Development application. Although I am currently overseas in Australia, I am in the process of returning home to my rural family home — a home chosen and well loved for its tranquillity, landscape character, and suitability for a family member with complex health needs. This development poses significant and irreversible risks to the local environment, biodiversity, landscape, and residential amenity. It also raises serious concerns regarding health impacts, traffic disruption, and the collective burden of multiple wind energy projects in the region.

Having reviewed the application materials and community consultation documents, I wish to raise the following concerns regarding health impacts; particularly shadow flicker, epilepsy, and migraines.

The proposal fails to adequately assess or mitigate the health impacts of **shadow flicker** on vulnerable residents. Shadow flicker is a recognised visual disturbance that can cause significant discomfort and neurological symptoms.

A **direct family member has epilepsy**, and exposure to flickering light is a known seizure trigger. The applicant has not demonstrated that vulnerable individuals will be protected, nor have they proposed enforceable curtailment measures during predicted flicker periods.

I also suffer personally from **migraines**, and flickering or alternating light is a well-established trigger. Even at low frequencies, the light–dark pattern produced by turbine shadow flicker can provoke headaches, nausea, and visual disturbance. These impacts are consistent with medical understanding of migraine triggers, yet the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) does not meaningfully address them.

The introduction of industrial-scale turbines so close to my home raises genuine concerns about whether it will remain a safe and suitable environment for my family. This directly affects my ability to return home from Australia as planned.

I also wish to express my full support for the detailed submission prepared by the Lacken Ballycastle Community Landscape Protection Group regarding the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm (PAX16.324258). Their concerns about cumulative wind farm development in North Mayo, the impacts on the Céide Fields cultural landscape, tourism, biodiversity, community consultation, and the Battery Energy Storage System reflect issues I also consider highly significant. Although I do not restate their arguments in full here, I request that their submission be read alongside mine and treated as an integral part of this objection.

Taken together, these concerns show that the application fails to provide assurance that the health and wellbeing of residents will not be put at risk. When considered alongside the substantial issues raised by the Lacken Ballycastle Community Landscape Protection Group, it is clear that this proposal is not appropriate for this location. I therefore urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission in the interests of proper planning and sustainable development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Chelsea Murphy