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An Coimisiún Pleanála

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to formally request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse substitute consent for the Meenbog Wind Farm development (Case Reference: ACP-324433).

The Board must reject this application based on the severe risk to environmental safety and the developer's documented circumvention of the planning system: Judicial Precedent of Whole-Site Illegality: In Donegal County Council v Planree Ltd & Anor, the Court of Appeal definitively ruled that due to 25 major "material deviations," the entire Meenbog Wind Farm development is legally unauthorised. The court affirmed that a wind farm is a unitary development and its unauthorized elements cannot be severed from the project.

Disregard for Site Instability: The Court of Appeal judgment noted that the site suffered multiple peat failures within its first 12 months of construction. Despite these clear indicators of high risk and bog instability, the developers continued with unauthorized layout changes, culminating in the catastrophic November 2020 landslide.

Environmental Degradation: The resulting collapse of 86,000 cubic metres of peat caused massive ecological destruction to the Mournebeg River catchment area.

Substitute consent is an exceptional mechanism. It should not be used to regularize a project where a developer repeatedly bypassed planning permissions on a highly sensitive, dangerous blanket bog. Granting consent here would reward gross non-compliance and undermine the integrity of Irish planning System.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours sincerely,
Edward and Kathleen Byrne