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To whom it may concern,

With reference to the proposed extension to Galway harbor

I wish to make the following observations in relation to recent further information.

Chapter 4 of that information states " Ports are extremely long lived infrastructure [s].... " Therefore it is critical to do the right thing by the environment. What is done cannot be undone.

We stood at Nimmo's Pier in the iconic Claddagh recently at high tide as swans bobbed beside us. The water flickered silver with mackerel in pursuit of sprat and the Clare Hills glowed pink in the setting sun. Glistening seals popped their heads up to watch and more swans swooped low overhead ..... it is a fragile and finely balanced paradise.

In world terms, Galway Bay has much greater value as an unspoiled and pristine gem at the edge of the Atlantic than as an unnecessary heavy industrial port. Major local manufacturers have successfully exported by road for 40 years

Vast numbers of tourists come to enjoy the city and its outlook on Galway Bay, particularly as viewed from the Claddagh. To permanently spoil that outlook in order for some to arrive by Cruise ship seems preposterous and self defeating. We must treat the world famous Galway Bay with the utmost care. To construct and protrude an area nearly the size of the Claddagh into the inner bay dominating and cutting off the Claddagh sunrise and the famous sunset from the Renmore side could cause untold damage.

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The proposed harbour development with its attendant dredging and disruption and potential for pollution really does feel in danger of being an act that killed the goose that laid the golden egg. Nature must be protected. Thank

Yours faithfully

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