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To: Lo, Anna
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Hello Mrs Lo

I am contacting you considering your position of chairperson of the environment committee and I trust that you will ensure that all members of the committee are made aware of my and I am certain if they are made aware of this issue the wider shooting and wildfowling fraternity concerns.

I wish to express my concern at the content of the Draft proposal and in particular Clause 24. This together with the fact that the task force assigned to deal with this issue has made no consideration or provision for wildfowling activities at the various sites throughout NI. I have grave concern in that as a responsible wildfowler for some 30 years I will find the legitimate rights of myself and wildfowlers alike will be unjustifiably curtailed on the decision of a working group who have as far as I can ascertain made no consideration to consult or include the shooting and in particular the wildfowling fraternity.

I note in the task force website the support of the RSPB, Wildlife trust, National trust, WWF, WWT and the friends of the earth amongst others who are worthy associations in their own right but are such that they have no consideration for opinions other than their own and have shown time and again that they do not consider my and many others legitimate activity of shooting and in particular Wildfowling as being worth consideration.

In conclusion I would again stress my concerns as detailed above and ask that my legitimate concerns are made known to all members of the committee and acted on accordingly. It should be noted that a draft bill that is put in place without the input and consideration of all concerned is morally wrong and in all likelihood less than legal.

Thankyou

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