

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the Friends of the Earth submission. It would appear that you intend putting economic consideration at the top of your list when it comes to granting permission for planning. This is shortsighted and damaging to our environment as has been witnessed many times in the past. As a member of the Six Mile Water River Trust and Antrim Angling Club I have witnessed the damage done from industry. Four years ago there was a massive fish kill in the Six Mile Water River which affected all the river life, and don't forget this river runs into Lough Neagh which provides our drinking water. It is a constant battle to keep our rivers from pollution and were it not for the diligence of volunteers would be in a much worse state than at present. Government couldn't possibly employ enough staff to police and monitor discharges from whatever source and this is why it is vitally important, although realising the economic situation, that the environment takes preference over any planning.

We have a duty to our children and grandchildren to leave this place as well, if not better, than it is now. Our stewardship is all-important and they won't forgive us if we fail in that duty.

Thanking you,

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