

Hello,

My name is _____ from a company called Peak Environmental (UK) Ltd situated in Derry/Londonderry which is situated on the border of Donegal and L.Derry.

My company has been in the family since 1965 starting with my father and now myself, brother and sister. I have read the proposal by Roy Beggs and it is full of flaws. I would expect that as Mr Beggs has not grown up within the metal recycling industry and doesn't have a proper insight to the game.

Now, I like all other reputable scrap metal firms already adhere to the NIEA regulations, scrap metal regulations etc and putting this cashless regulation into place will basically close my business down.

Now, since my company is in the border, all customers will simply drive 10 miles into Donegal and get their cash money from another scrap metal business. I like other scrap dealers are not totally opposing the regulation, but a limit of £50 is far too low. A reasonable cash limit of £1000 would be needed to make it more realistic. Being on the border would not deter thieves as they would simply as they do at the moment go across the border to sell their stolen goods. They do this as I have CCTV and the roads leading up to the premises is monitored by CCTV by the police anyway. It is this reason stolen goods would go across the border.

It should be noted that here in Northern Ireland there is a lot less scrap material of any type than you would get on the mainland UK. This is due to the fact that we have a lot less factories, construction work and more importantly less population. You take the population of Manchester and Liverpool combined, there are more people here than the combination of all the people in Northern Ireland. So ultimately less scrap material about.

The northwest of Ireland is in poor times and Roy Beggs proposal will just add more agony to it. After all Roy Beggs gets his salary each and every month for no matter what the consequences are, but I like most other scrap metal dealers have to earn this and it is getting harder in these dire times. A lot of staff rely on Peak Environmental for their wages and this bill will simply put them on the unemployed.

I could go on about this but common sense would need to prevail. Will Roy Beggs offer my staff jobs if this bill goes through? I don't think so, but of course him like many in the public sector will only offer sympathy and talk about retraining, but retrain for what as no new jobs ever come to L.Derry.

Thank you