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**Sent:** 30 January 2017 18:20  
**To:** Alab, Info  
**Subject:** Oyster Farming Carrickfinn Braade Strand Donegal

A Chara,

We are writing to you concerning the determination your department made, and the recommendation to Minister Michael Creed, to grant four new licences to Carrickfinn- Braade Strand as published in the Donegal Democrat on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2016. We are very concerned that there was no public consultation given the massive scale of the proposed oyster farms, and the environmental and visual impact this proposed operation will have.

It has been shown that in areas where these farms exist, that there is a detrimental effect on native species, such as periwinkles and mussels. There is also concern about the contamination of our pristine waters with decomposing oysters and the stench emanating from this. This would also lead to an increase in the rodent population.

The infrastructure in the area is not suitable for dealing with the traffic involved in processing the input and output of such a large scale operation.

A number of meetings have been held locally where residents have expressed their opposition and outrage about this proposed operation. This is an area of natural beauty which has always attracted a large number of tourists and is one of the highlights of the Wild Atlantic Way. We would like to preserve this existing protected area for the benefit of future generations.

Is muidne le meas,

Margaret O'Donnell and Joseph Hanly, Braade, Kincasslagh, Co. Donegal.

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