

## Statement of Case

On behalf of



### **Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian)**

This statement of case is being submitted in response to the Planning Appeals Commission decision to conduct a Public Inquiry into the Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian) which combines a number of conjoined applications as detailed below:-

#### **Curraghinalt Mine Project:**

- Dalradian Gold Ltd LA10/2017/1249/F (PAC Ref: C005)

#### **Curraghinalt 33Kv Project:**

- Dalradian Gold Ltd LA10/2019/1386/F- NIE Networks (PAC Ref:C006)
- Dalradian Gold Ltd LA11/2019/1000/F - NIE Networks (PAC Ref: C007)

#### **Consent to discharge:**

- Dalradian Gold Ltd TrC 080/20\_1 - DAERA (PAC Ref: 2021/WHR01)
- Dalradian Gold Ltd TrC 081/20\_1 - DAERA (PAC Ref: 2021/WHR02)

#### **Water Abstraction and Impoundment**

- Dalradian Gold Ltd AIL 2024/0008 - NIEA (PAC Ref: 2024/WHR01)
- Dalradian Gold Ltd AIL 2024/0009 - NIEA (PAC Ref: 2024/WHR02)

#### **Dalradian Gold Ltd Road Abandonment Application (PAC Ref:DR001)**

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### Introduction

Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian) is the name given to all the Planning applications associated with the proposal for a Goldmine and processing plant on the South facing slopes of Crockanboy Hill and Crocknamoghil.

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This statement of case [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

### Issue 1 Our future

We are currently building our family home and have invested significant money on it to date. We are worried that Dalradian's plans may affect future viability of the site. Can Dalradian guarantee their plans won't affect house or land values? Can they guarantee house insurance for homes won't increase? Will we even be able to get house insurance if Dalradian's plans go ahead?

These issues are extremely important to young couples like ourselves in a small community like Greencastle. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There are lots of other young people who are in similar positions who are living overseas who have plans of moving home to Greencastle to build down the line. If this goes ahead, this will have a detrimental impact on similar people returning.

Being able to build a life and home here helps ensure we will continue to have a strong and thriving community.

Houses = people = families = thriving community (Youthclub, church, sports clubs, schools)  
Put simply, people with a connection to the area they were brought up in, want to give back to the community. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Volunteerism is the lifeblood of the GAA and most activities in Greencastle, these volunteers contribute to a healthy community ensuring the wellbeing of all from young and old. With a reduction in people building houses this will ultimately impact the success of our club for generations to come due to a decrease in numbers.

### Issue 2 - Health & Pollution

Another major worry is pollution to our air, land and water which local people have kept clean for generations and which we depend on for our lives and livelihoods.

Salmonoids have been detected in Pollanroe and Curraghinalt Burn by NIEA and yet Dalradian has described these waterways as being low ecological value and hasn't undertaken a specific

survey as part of their EIA. Can Dalradian guarantee that there will be no pollution in our rivers and the flora and fauna within them and along them won't be affected?

Dalradian themselves have acknowledged that human error may lead to pollution and with 3.3 millions of litres of diesel to be used on the mine site annually, this would be a major pollution incident for an area like ours. Again we want to highlight that guarantees cannot be given and the application uses vague language where pollution is only limited if another variable is ensured, in this case if it's cleaned up efficiently and if spill control plans are followed.

Another issue is what happens if long term health is affected in the locality? With 24 heavy metals being released into our rivers and the DSF standing like a monster spreading harmful toxins over the village we would like to know is there a plan if there are increased health issues locally over the next 25 - 50 years, will this be monitored and will these people be compensated?

### **Conclusion**

Throughout this process it has become apparent that our planning system is flawed and we have serious concerns about the capacity of our statutory bodies to make a decision on this case and then to monitor Dalradian, they have failed before and they will again, unfortunately the next time may be detrimental!

The wildlife, flora, fauna, our ancient heritage and history and right to live happy and healthy lives is really threatened by this development.

And as such the proposal does not comply with planning policies or align with the aims of our Community Plan or our Local Development Plan.

In conclusion we as a family urge planners to refuse permission for the application as it is clearly not an appropriate location for many reasons, health, environmental, cultural and other,

In summary this Application must be refused.