

11th January, 2012.

## Our Ref: January 12-18 & 19/MMcN/MMcI

Mr. Pat Rabbitte, T.D.,
Minister for Communications, Energy
and Natural Resources,
Department of Communications, Energy
and Natural Resources,
29-31 Adelaide Road,
Dublin 2.

Dear Minister,

At this months meeting of Clare County Council a deputation was heard from a group opposing fracking. Following the presentation the following two resolutions were adopted unanimously by the members of the Council.

- 1. "That this Council commence the process to amend or vary the Current Clare County Development Plan in the interests of proper planning and Sustainable development, that all intrusive Fracking/shale gas extraction related activity be halted pending introduction regulatory National and European oversight that does not contravene existing European directives."
- 2. "Based on the vast available evidence and the well documented international concerns on the detrimental effects of fracking on:
  - i. the environment
  - ii. its potential impacts on local communities
  - iii. the damage to all farming and tourism industries which are the backbone of the economy in Co. Clare with particular reference to the strong probability in the West Clare Area, of contamination to the ground water supply, due to the nature of the local geology.

I will propose that the Council call on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to ban fracking."

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The Council would be obliged to hear from you in response when you have had an opportunity to consider the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Michael McNamara,

Senior Executive Officer,

Corporate Services.



25<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.

## Our Ref: January 12-25/MMcN/MMcI

Mr. Brendan Howlin, T.D., Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Government Buildings, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.

Dear Minister,

I set out below the terms of resolution adopted by the members of Clare County Council at their January monthly meeting:-

"I call on Government to rescind the jobs embargo in the public sector on front line staff as it is having a serious effect on the delivery of services to the general public at large".

The Council would appreciate a reply in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Michael McNamara,

Senior Executive Officer,

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