

9 December 2020

Mr. Kieran Fitzpatrick Co. Galway Ireland

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Ireland in connection with the cost of access to justice (ACCC/C/2014/113)

The Compliance Committee has asked me to write to you to invite your comments on the implications for the allegations contained in your communication of the Court of Justice of the European Union's judgment dated 15 March 2018 in case C-470/16 *North East Pylon Pressure Campaign Ltd. v. An Bord Pleanála* and any subsequent developments since that ruling at the domestic level.

The Committee would be very grateful to receive your comments on or before **Wednesday**, **23 December 2020**. Please send your comments to <u>aarhus.compliance@un.org</u>, copying the Party concerned. The Party concerned will have ten working days from the receipt of your comments to provide the Committee with any comments it wishes to make on your reply.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Marshall

Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ireland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Ms. Aoife Joyce, Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment, Ireland Ms. Attracta Ui Bhroin, Environmental Law Office of the Irish Environmental Network, observer

Mr. Colm McKenna, Irish Times, observer