

Annex F7: daa Board "No Further Engagement" Response (2 May 2025)

Source

Letter from Miriam Ryan, Company Secretary, daa plc, 2 May 2025. Responding to NRTG letters of 24 April 2025 addressed individually to all daa board members.

Full Text

"I refer to your letter of 24 April to daa's board of directors which they have asked me to respond to on their collective behalf. The directors absolutely refute your suggestion that 'it may be reasonably argued that the Board is failing in its fiduciary duty' and any suggestion that 'corrective action' is necessary in this regard. The matters raised in your letter have been well rehearsed by your group as have daa's responses addressing the issues. The board believes it does not serve your group well to issue communications that are based on unfounded concerns about potential 'misstatements'. Please regard this letter as a formal notice that there will be no further engagement with your group on these points from a board perspective."

Board Members Listed

Basil Geoghegan (Chairman), Paula Cogan, Peter Cross, Ray Gammell, Marie Joyce, James Kelly, Karen Morton, Des Mullally, Ger Perdisatt, MarkJames Ryan, Risteard Sheridan, Denis Smyth, Kenny Jacobs (Chief Executive)

CC Recipients

Minister Darragh O'Brien, Gillian Toole TD, Darren O'Rourke TD, Minister Helen McEntee, Minister Thomas Byrne, Louise O'Reilly TD, Robert O'Donoghue TD, Grace Boland TD

Aarhus Relevance

A State-owned company, operating under planning permission granted following an EIS process that included public participation, has formally refused to engage with the public on evidence that the development deviates materially from what was permitted. This refusal was copied to government ministers, none of whom intervened. The daa Board's characterisation of documented planning breaches (acknowledged by Fingal's own warning letter and ABP Inspector's Report) as "unfounded concerns" and "misstatements" represents a denial of the public's right to participate in environmental decision-making.