

20 March 2023

Mr. Brendan Keenan
Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
Ireland

Mr. Kieran Fitzpatrick
Ireland

Dear Mr. Keenan,
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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)

I write at the request of the Compliance Committee to invite the views of the communicant and the Party concerned on whether, following the judgment on 10 November 2022 by the Supreme Court of Ireland in *Heather Hill Management Company CLG v. An Bord Pleanála* [2022] IESC 43, there is any reason that the Committee should not now resume its deliberations on its draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2014/113.

The Committee would be grateful to receive your reply to the above question on or before **Monday, 3 April 2023**. Please send your reply to aarhus.compliance@un.org, copying the other party. The other party will have ten working days from the receipt of your reply to provide the Committee with any comments thereon. The Committee will consider all views received by the above deadlines when deciding how to proceed with respect to the communication.

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 Ireland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Ms. Attracta Uí Bhroin, Irish Environmental Network, observer
Mr. Colm McKenna, Irish Times, observer