

I am writing in response to the Public Consultation on the Irish Household Waste Collection Market.

I want to make the following points.

As an employer and a member of the local community, I would strongly oppose a change in the market from competition in the market to competition for the market.

- My business employs a lot of local people and these jobs would be in jeopardy if competition for the market was introduced
- These people and their families depend on the survival of our business.
- The survival of our business and valuable local jobs depends on the survival of the waste companies we currently supply.
- They in turn employ 5,000 people across the country.
- Right now, the current system is working well.
- There is no evidence in your discussion document of any problem that couldn't be resolved under the current structures.
- There is no evidence that a change in structure wouldn't lead to greater problems.
- There is competition in the market which keeps prices down for customers and provides gainful employment in this community for hundreds of people.
- Under a competition for the market structure competition and choice will be reduced, businesses will close, jobs will be lost, costs will increase, and there will be no benefit to customers or the community.
- The loss to our community as a result of company closures and job losses would be devastating.

Yours sincerely,

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