

Submission -

- Consultation on the Digital Connectivity Strategy.

I have been very ill with covid so I hope you will consider my submission despite the deadline being 2 weeks ago. For the past 18 yrs I have the disability microwave sickness / electrosensitivity, caused by involuntary exposure to industrial strength frequencies from a mobile phone antenna mast beside my house. Exposure was for 3 yrs. This condition means I should stay off computers, hence I only found out about your consultation document today from the ES-Ireland website.

If a strategy of blanket coverage of Ireland with microwave frequencies is pursued, it will seriously impact the environment and ecosystem. All birds, insects, plants, trees, will all be adversely affected and extinction rates will increase.

All I ask is that this be considered when developing your strategy, along with the impact on the human population. Microwave Sickness (MWS)/Electrosensitivity - has totally destroyed my life, and that of my children, and isolated me from society. Most of the time I have to stay in my home. The only communication with the outside world is the copper landline.

Please consider those vulnerable groups already permanently injured by this technology, which includes the elderly, chronically sick, children and those like myself with the disability MWS/ES, and take the right decisions to protect us. Exposure to microwaves triggers flare-ups of my fibromyalgia (26 yrs), migraine & a host of other symptoms. The Oireachtas Committee on rare & chronic diseases and conditions already has my submission with all my medical details. Blanket coverage with 5G/4G etc, & no landline would be hell on earth & shorten my life.

I feel too ill and weak to make a proper submission, so I hope this will be acceptable - please could you acknowledge receipt of my submission by letter. Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

P.S. More & more people are becoming sensitised as a result of exposure to these frequencies - especially children (cause by exposure to wi-fi in schools & home), so general population becoming sick. No cure for MWS/ES only avoidance.