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To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
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I am emailing to voice my objection to the routing of the Aquind interconnector through Portsmouth. The route will cause nothing but chaos and damage to the already densely populated, congested and polluted city of Portsmouth.

The fact that all of the city's politicians of one accord are against the AQUIND project speaks volumes. Everyone knows that it will be a disaster for the city, damaging our very few green spaces, affecting the wildlife. Portsea is an island and when there is any sort of disruption in or out of the city, roads are gridlocked for miles around. If you knew our city well you would understand what effect this project would have.

AQUIND have behaved with arrogance ignoring alternative, less disruptive routes suggested and insisting on this one. Their behaviour has been nothing short of bullying, sending solicitors letters to householders, including myself, but also to many elderly people who have lived in their houses for years asking to provide details of land and home ownership and causing great distress. I live on the [REDACTED] where they wish to lay the cables and Aquind expect to have temporary use of the access to my property for subsoil. This will mean nobody will be able to access the 20 steps up to my property so I will have no post or deliveries whilst this work is going on. This type of behaviour cannot be sanctioned by government officials and should be addressed with Aquind.

However what concerns me most is the corruption around one of the Aquind directors who has boasted about being able to topple a Prime Minister because he has so many conservative politicians in his pocket is nothing short of scandalous.

I was especially incredulous to hear you state on the Andrew Marr show that you have not shown support for this project when there are letters that clearly show otherwise. How can you possibly make an impartial decision on a project that you said that you would support?

No wonder people are so distrustful of politicians when very clearly money buys influence. By donating to a politician, any money making project you want to undertake, no matter how unpopular it is with the general public, will be received favourably.

This is bribery and if this is approved just confirms how corrupt politicians and the planning process is.

It is the people of Portsmouth's lives and quality of their lives that you are dealing with here.

I strongly urge you to do the right thing and reject the project.

Regards
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