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Hi

I have written twice previously regarding the growing population of gulls menacing the Marino Fairview and City Centre.

It is now completely out of hand and I must admit I am now nervous of going to my back garden when there are groups of them screaming and screeching on my rooftop as they call to each other. Whilst I love springtime never more than this year with all the restrictions I am dreading the breeding season of gulls which means being woken up at 3 or 4am as they never seem to sleep and are especially noisy and aggressive at these times which seems to continue throughout the summer into autumn. I would like to be able to use my back garden this year however the days of being able to eat outdoors are gone as I have been attacked very aggressively on one occasion where I was very concerned for my infant granddaughter (you will have my letter on file)

I find it appalling to know that nothing has been done to cull these wild creatures. I walk in Marino Institute and Fairview Park as they are within my 5k radius and I have witnessed squirrels being attacked and eaten. I am only grateful that my granddaughter is too young to notice this. God knows what older children who love to watch squirrels must think. They would be fearful of their lives of these birds. They are now brazen and see humans as a food source by whatever means.

I have also noticed that when I use my water butts for my plants the water stinks from their droppings which we all know is toxic. How can I use this water for my herbs. I will have to resort to using my fresh water supply which is a disturbing waste of fresh water but I feel I have little choice.

As I write this note to you in my home in Marino it has stopped raining and I would like to sit outside for some air but there is no comfort or peace because when they notice you have a cup in hand they presume there is also food.

You must know that the curlew population and also our lovely sparrows are now in decline. Are the gulls eating them too?

I implore you to once and for all to do something about this epidemic that is destroying our peace and comfort in our own homes and our city.

Regards
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