

Sample text for email to First Minister, Nicola N Sturgeon

Nicola N Sturgeon MSP  
First Minister for Scotland

Dear First Minister

**SHIP TO SHIP TRANSFER OF OIL IN THE MORAY FIRTH**

I write to express my strong objections to the granting of a licence to Cromarty Firth Ports Authority to enable them to conduct ship to ship transfers of oil within the Moray Firth.

I would ask you, as First Minister, to liaise with the relevant parties within the Scottish Parliament to take all necessary action to ensure that: -

- Consideration of this application by the MCA is fully compliant with Scottish, UK, and EEC Marine legislation; and
- Nairn and other communities along the Moray Firth will not be subjected to the detrimental effects of such transfers in terms of benzene fumes, oil spillage and ballast waste, noise pollution, unsightly congestion of upwards of 150 oil tankers in the Moray Firth, adverse effect on tourism and beaches, and possible crop damage and groundwater contamination from benzene air pollutants.

Albeit, the Moray Firth is a designated conservation area in terms of EEC directives and marine conventions and is one of the most scenic and beautiful areas of Scotland, the damage to marine life, especially the bottlenose dolphins and other marine biodiversity will be significant.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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