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Comharchumann F Arann is the local development and community organisation on Inis mór the Aran Islands, we would like to submit the following for consideration:

Sea weed harvesting – CFA have applied for a seaweed harvesting licence for the island of inis mór – no decision has been made on this application, we feel in relation to the future of coastal areas and seaweed harvesting. The Department need to make a decision on this application.

Infrastructure for inshore fishing fleet; Pontoons are required for Killoran harbour.
Ice and storage facilities.
Water and power facilities

Marina; A marina is required for Kilronan Harbour, the demand for the marina is increasing each year and should be developed to encourage marine tourism on the island.

Development of Maritime activities : Diving , sailing , kayaking , shore and Rock Fishing etc need to be developed on the island of inis mór – facilities need to be developed to encourage these activities.

The Development of the Fishing fleet: The Aran islands were very dependent on the economy of the fishing fleet and at one time had a large fishing fleet operating out of Inis mór. This fleet has declined over the years- due to stringent regulations on boats, tonnage etc . if the future of the fishing sector is to survive then the Government needs to assess the current situation and need to put a plan in place to encourage young fisher men or those who are currently fishing to continue in this industry.

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