

**UISCE ÉIREANN COMPULSORY PURCHASE
(DROMCOLLOGHER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT) ORDER,
2025**

On 1st January 2014 all functions conferred on water services authorities by the Water Services Act 2007 (other than excluded provision and section 22) were transferred to Uisce Éireann by section 7(1) of the Water Services (No 2) Act 2013. Consequently, Uisce Éireann has powers, duties and functions vested in it by the Water Services Act, 2007 to make proper provision for water services as defined in the Water Services Act, 2007. In this regard, Uisce Éireann is responsible for the provision and development of water services, including the collection, treatment and discharge of urban wastewater.

Submitted:

Engineers Report dated September 2025 from Patrick Greene connected with the Dromcollogher Wastewater Treatment Plant Project being carried out by Uisce Éireann who is carrying out the functions of a Water Services Authority for the purposes of the Water Services Act, 2007.

This project aims to allow for the provision of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant and decommissioning of the existing treatment process to treat sewage from the Dromcollogher agglomeration to the standard required by the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive.

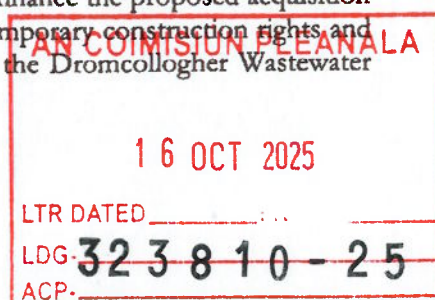
The main objectives of the project are as follows:-

- To provide adequate wastewater treatment capacity to facilitate the planned development and forecasted growth of the Dromcollogher agglomeration.
- Eliminate the discharge of poorly treated effluent.
- Compliance with the EPA – Wastewater Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations (S.I. No. 684 of 2007)
- Compliance with the Urban Wastewater Treatment Regulations (S.I. No. 254 of 2001) (UWWTD).
- Compliance with Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations (S.I. No. 272 of 2009)
- Compliance with the Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC)

Confirmation:

Having considered the said report, I am satisfied that the lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas detailed in the Schedule attached to the said report are necessary implementation for the Dromcollogher Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

In addition, the project has been included in Uisce Éireann's Capital Investment Plan 2025 to 2029 and sufficient resources are available to finance the proposed acquisition of these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas and the implementation of the Dromcollogher Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.



I am satisfied that all reasonable alternatives have been fully considered and that these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas are necessary for the Dromcollogher Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and suitable for the purpose for which they are required. I am also satisfied that Uisce Éireann needs to invoke the Compulsory Purchase Order Procedure to acquire the lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas required as it is unlikely that all of same can be acquired by agreement with the relevant Landowners with full title or otherwise in a timely fashion.

Having considered the Engineering Report from Patrick Greene, I **HEREBY CONFIRM** that the lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary working areas and temporary construction rights as referred to above and detailed in the Schedule attached to the report and accompanying maps:

- (a) be acquired compulsorily by Uisce Éireann;
- (b) for the purposes of carrying out the Dromcollogher Wastewater Treatment Plant Project;
- (c) for the purposes of performing its functions under the Water Services Act, 2007; and
- (d) in the interests of the community and for the other reasons outlined more fully in the report.

I am satisfied that all reasonable alternatives have been fully considered and that these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas are necessary for the Dromcollogher Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and suitable for the purpose for which they are required. I am also satisfied that Uisce Éireann needs to invoke the Compulsory Purchase Order Procedure for the lands, wayleaves, rights of way, temporary working areas and temporary construction rights required as it is unlikely that all of same can be acquired by agreement with the relevant Landowners with full title or otherwise in a timely fashion and that adequate financial provision has been made by Uisce Éireann to finance the proposed acquisition of these lands, permanent wayleaves, rights of way, temporary construction rights and temporary working areas and for the implementation of the Dromcollogher Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

Having received a report from MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants I am satisfied that the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order is in order from a sustainable development perspective and is in the community interest and is required to assist Uisce Éireann in fulfilling its duties and functions under the Water Services Act, 2007. I am satisfied that the proposal is compliant with:

- The most recent National Development Plan 2021-2030;
- The most recent Planning Guidelines for the Southern Region detailed within the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region (RSES); and
- The Local Area Plans including the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028.

I am of the opinion that it would be appropriate to effect the acquisition under Section 76 and the Third Schedule of the Housing Act, 1966 as extended by Section 10 of the Local Government (2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by Section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966 and as amended by Section 6 and the Second Schedule of the Roads Act, 1993) and the

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2015 and as applied to Uisce Éireann by Section 93 of the Water Services Act, 2007, as amended.

I FURTHER CONFIRM that a Compulsory Purchase Order as aforesaid be prepared in the prescribed form and once prepared, I confirm that the seal of Uisce Éireann may be affixed to the said Order and maps referred to therein and be signed by me and countersigned by the Company Secretary of Uisce Éireann, that the necessary notices be served on the owners, reputed owners and occupiers and where necessary posted on the lands, that notice of the making of the Order be published as prescribed in the Limerick Leader and that the Order and said maps are to be deposited for inspection in the prescribed manner at the following locations:

(i) Limerick City and County Council, Gortboy, Newcastle West, Co.Limerick, V42 EH73

and

(ii) Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1, D01 NP86

and that the Company Secretary is hereby assigned the duties of signing all notices connected with the said Compulsory Purchase Order on behalf of Uisce Éireann and that the Order be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Dated this 19 day of September 2025

SIGNED: _____

CEO, Uisce Éireann

Being the person duly authorised by the Board of Directors
of Uisce Éireann to give this confirmation