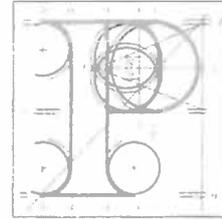


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An  
Coimisiún  
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Brian Leddin  
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**Date:** 03 March 2026

**Re:** Proposed Water Supply Project for the Eastern and Midlands Region  
in the counties of Clare, Limerick, Tipperary, Offaly, Kildare, and Dublin.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

The Commission will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála when they have been processed by the Commission.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Commission's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission. Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,



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24 February 2026

An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference: **323980**

Dear Sir / Madam

I wish to submit the following observations on the Proposed Water Supply Project for the Eastern and Midlands Region.

**Conflict with National Planning Framework**

The proposal may conflict with the National Planning Framework's regional-balance aims if it effectively reinforces disproportional growth of Dublin and Leinster. In that regard, permission for the project, if granted, should have conditions attached to ensure that it does not compromise those aims.

**Future demand**

Detailed consideration should be given to long term future scenarios, beyond the timeframe of the National Planning Framework. i.e. 50 to 100 years. If the project is likely to contribute to or enable faster growth and development of the capital and surrounding region then a future scenario where greater abstraction than is currently envisaged will become much more likely. I respectfully ask that An Coimisiún Pleanála consider and assess the sustainability of the proposal over this longer term.

**Drought risk**

A prolonged drought, such as that experienced nationally in 2018, may put undue pressure on the Shannon system. Planning permission, if granted, should have conditions attached such that the impact on the Shannon system is minimised in this increasingly likely event. Notwithstanding the greater cost involved, there is a rationale for building a storage reservoir as part of the project such that excess rainfall in winter and springtime can be stored in order to meet demand for water in summer time. This would greatly mitigate the risk to the Shannon system in the event of prolonged droughts.

Thank you for considering these points.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Leddin