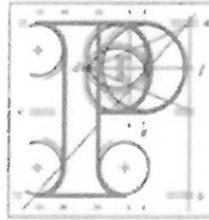


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**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Bridget Ginnity
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Date: 26 February 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.

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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**Submission Objecting to the Proposed Water Supply Project for the Eastern and Midlands Region –
SHANNON to DUBLIN WATER SUPPLY PROJECT (Ref. PA92.323980)**

Applicant: Uisce Éireann

NAME: Bridget Ginnity

ADDRESS: 12 Cottage Gardens, Ennis, Co. Clare V95 HT3V

I wish to object to the Proposed Water Supply Project for the Eastern and Midlands Region. I acknowledge the urgency of action required to protect the water supply to Dublin and the eastern region but consider that the proposal creates as many problems as it solves.

I am concerned that climate change is likely to exacerbate the existing stress on Lough Derg and the Parteen Basin. Adding the stress of reduced volume due to abstraction to climate related drought could risk irreversible ecological collapse. This potential did not appear to be addressed adequately in the EIA, as legally required.

An additional concern is that so many of the environmental crises we experience now have stemmed from extracting natural resources without putting a true value on the resource, or the environmental costs – examples such as fossil fuels, minerals, fish and water abound both in Ireland and globally. This project seems to consider abstraction of additional water as the only solution, which continues the extraction mentality to the detriment of our environment.

A third issue is that the EIA does not seem to have adequately assessed the alternatives as required in accordance with Article 5(d) of the EIA Directive.

5(d) a description of the reasonable alternatives studied by the developer, which are relevant to the project and its specific characteristics, and an indication of the main reasons for the option chosen, taking into account the effects of the project on the environment;-

The analysis of alternatives deals entirely with alternative approaches within the proposed pipeline – routes, materials, abstraction points etc. As far as I can see, Uisce Éireann has failed to undertake an analysis of alternatives as required I believe that there are other options which were not assessed that could address the need. Many of these alternative options would actually benefit the environment and increase our resilience in the face of climate crisis. These include:

- Large scale rain water harvesting in urban areas with associated environmental and cost benefits.
 - About 40% of domestic water use is from toilet and washing use. These can readily be provided by harvested rainwater
 - The amount of water treated to potable standard is reduced by 40%;
 - The volume of water sent for waste water treatment is reduced by 40%,
 - The amount of storm water collected is reduced with a corresponding reduction in flood risk
- Repair of existing pipe work
 - Up to 50% of water is leaking, mainly in a few areas
 - Replacement of lead pipework leads to health benefits
- Usage controls
 - Incorporate greywater systems for toilet flush etc.
 - Promote instant hot water systems
 - Collect clean water being run for hot water in temporary cistern

- Make plumbing/engineering solutions such as those mentioned above and others a requirement in all new housing and support households to adapt current plumbing
 - Implement charge for excessive water use (e.g.90th percentile/occupant)
- Reduced additional large water consumers
 - Ensure all new large water users such as data centres provide water harvesting to compensate for their water use and limit water usage as much as possible
- Alternative sources of supply
 - Reduce electricity generating requirement in Poulaphouca reservoir and increase water supply to Dublin
 - Utilise aquifers within the greater Dublin region, to the minimum extent necessary

These proposals are not a single, large infrastructure project, and therefore less appealing to Uisce Eireann and the authorities. Clearly an enormous amount of effort has been expended to date on this proposal. Had this effort been redirected to these and similar solutions, we would already be benefitting enormously in terms of security of supply and flood risk.

As a scientist who has worked in a chemical, engineering and regulatory environment, I am deeply concerned that the single-minded development of this proposal is damaging to our environment. I ask that you fulfil your legal requirement to analyse the alternatives and your moral obligation to protect our environment and future generation.

Thank you for your attention

Bridget Ginnity

18/02/26