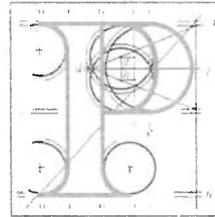


**Our Case Number:** ACP-323980-25



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Edward Frayne  
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**Date:** 10 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 submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Commission will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that landowners affected by the compulsory purchase order associated with this application are not required to pay the €50 submission fee associated with this case. Accordingly, as you are an affected landowner, a refund for the €50 that you have paid will be issued to you under separate cover in due course.

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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To Comisun Pleanála.

I am opposed to the granting of planning permission to the planning application case number 323980, re Uisce Eireann's Water Supply Project Eastern and Midland Region (WSP) Project for the following compelling reasons;

- (1) The construction of this project would inflict huge irreversible damage to the environment, and a sufficiently thorough and comprehensive analysis has not been carried out to identify the massive damage that will be inflicted on the environment, and the mitigation measures proposed by Uisce Eireann to address massive damage that will be caused to the environment is totally inadequate.
- (2) The huge damage to the environment that will be caused by the extensive removal of trees and hedgerows, with totally inadequate measures to address this damage is not sustainable and totally.
- (3) The serious damage done to biodiversity and species in rivers that will have to be traversed by the proposed water pipeline is not sustainable and no thorough environmental impact has been done on same and mitigation measures have not been put in place to address this serious anticipated irreversible environmental damage
- (4) No thorough analysis and environmental impact study has been carried out by the applicants on the massive adverse on the environment and release of CO2 into the environment from the massive excavation and digging up of pasture land and soil over the prolonged period of construction of the project, over a wide area of the 170 Kilometre pipeline, and the mitigation measures proposed by Uisce Eireann are totally inadequate or absent to address this very serious environmental concern.
- (5) The productivity of farm and farm land, and the farmlands ability to produce food and provide food security to high standards sustainably, will be irreversible damaged and significantly interfered with, and reduced by the serious interference to sub soil and soil structure, and damage and interference to existing drainage structures and to the sub division and fragmentation of farms and farm land, that would be imposed, and would be a consequence of the imposition of this project on the environment.

- (6) This proposed project will seriously undermine and damage successive governments special strategy, of promoting population growth in the west of Ireland by taking away from the west of Ireland the water resources of the Shannon river, WHICH WILL NEED SAME IN THE FUTURE, that all economists forecast will be hugely valuable in the future, and over which wars may be fought in certain parts of the world, and providing this extremely valuable resource to Dublin and the midlands, which could and should have been supplied by other sources of water in Ireland and in the Irish Sea by increasingly improving technologies, desalination and storage in massive reservoirs in cut away bogs, etc, of the massive amounts of rainfall water in Ireland which have not been properly and independently investigated, and researched, by an independent authority on behalf of the government. of Ireland.
- (7) The Uisce Eireann Proposals are totally inadequate to protect the security of landowner, farmers and rural dweller along the proposed 170-meter water pipeline, both during the proposed construction phase, and after construction in perpetuity, causing risk of intrusion, trespass, and possible Robberies, assaults or worse, on people living along the proposed pipeline, which is totally unacceptable.
- (8) I respectfully submit that this badly researched ill-considered project, originally designed as a quick fix for to provide a water supply to Dublin, and to mitigate against the neglect of the water infrastructure of Dublin and the nation, and the massive leakage of drinking water from the existing water structure, by successive governments, is an attempted quick fix, by Uisce Eireann and the Government using the housing crises and draconian legislation as a battering ram and engine to impose a project that is not in the best interest of Ireland and its people, in the long term, and is nothing more than an attempt to defend their indefensible record of governments over decades, and should be resisted.
- (9) I respectfully submit that this planning application should be rejected and refused.

Yours Faithfully,

Edward Frayne.

Edward Frayne.

Cheque for 50 Euros enclosed for Observations

Ed. Frayne