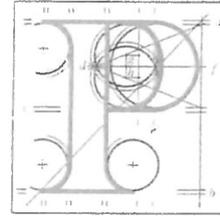


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Date: 06 March 2026

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.

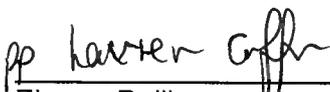
The Commission will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that 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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Re: Notice of Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development - Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see attached observations regarding correspondence received by the Environmental Protection Agency on 18th December 2025 in relation to the above development.

For all further queries and correspondence relating to planning matters, please contact eiapanning@epa.ie.

Yours faithfully,
Marian Doyle

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to correspondence received by the Agency on 18th December 2025 from consultants on behalf of Uisce Éireann regarding the Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application for the above referenced development. Having regard to Section 25(6) of the Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Act 2022, hereafter referred to as the Abstractions Act, the Agency makes the below observations.

It is noted that the development includes a raw water intake at Garrynatineel, Ballina, Co. Tipperary. The Agency is satisfied that the proposed development the subject of the SID application is development comprising of a water abstraction. A water abstraction licence will be required for the abstraction under the Abstractions Act as it exceeds the licensing threshold of $\geq 2,000$ m³/day. The Agency has not received a water abstraction licence application relating to the development described above.

As the SID planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), we understand that the proposed development will be the subject of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) by An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Should the Agency receive a water abstraction licence application, the applicant will be required to submit the associated EIAR to the Agency as part of the licence application. The Agency will carry out EIA, **as respects the matters that come within the Agency's functions under the Abstractions Act**. The Agency will reach a reasoned conclusion on significant effects of the proposed abstraction on the environment.

It should be noted that the Agency cannot grant a licence unless it is satisfied that the abstraction, carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be attached to the licence will not (a) cause a deterioration in the status of the body of surface water or groundwater concerned, and (b) compromise compliance with any standards and objectives established for a protected area, where applicable.

On receipt of a licence application, the Agency will request An Coimisiún Pleanála to provide any observations in relation to the licence application. Any observations or information provided will be examined as part of the Agency's assessment and before making a decision in relation to the licence application.

It is noted that where An Coimisiún Pleanála decides to grant permission, that under Section 116 of the Abstractions Act, (amending sections of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended), it shall not subject that permission to conditions which are for the purposes of controlling the abstraction related to the operation of the activity.

The Agency further notes that the development shall not result in a contravention of the Water Framework Directive, Habitats Directive and Birds Directive.

Finally, please note that in accordance with Section 25(4)(d) of the Abstractions Act, the Agency cannot issue a proposed decision on a water abstraction licence application which addresses the above development until a planning decision has been made.

For information on water abstraction licensing and see [Water abstraction | Environmental Protection Agency](#).

Should An Coimisiún Pleanála wish to request the Agency to make further observations regarding the proposed development, the contact address for correspondence is eiaplanning@epa.ie.

Yours faithfully,



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