



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

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

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**

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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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Dear sir/madam,

I am deeply concerned about the potential ecological damage to Lough Derg by the proposed plan to extract up to 330 million litres of water a day and pipe it to Dublin (over 50% leakage rate) and the Eastern region.

Last August, Nenagh and its environs was put under a hosepipe ban because the lake (where Nenagh gets its water) water levels were so low. How it is ecologically sound to extract 330 million litres daily but Nenagh (town population 9,895) having to be put under a hosepipe ban, has (to my knowledge) never been explained by Uisce Éireann. Bearing in mind that the plan is for maximum extraction during dry weather.

Uisce Éireann say they will extract the equivalent of 2% of the average water flow that would pass through Ardnacrusha. There have been drought periods where no water was allowed through Ardnacrusha. Again, I'm not aware of any comment on this from Uisce Éireann.

I am very seriously concerned about the visual impact that further lowering the water level during periods of drought could have on this very scenic lake.

I also have concerns that the lowering of the water level may encourage the algal blooms that currently blight the lake. We do not want another Lough Neagh situation.

I enclose a link with a report on the hosepipe ban in Nenagh and strongly request that this proposal be refused.

<https://www.nenaghguardian.ie/2025/08/02/hosepipe-ban-in-nenagh-despite-water-supply-from-lough-derg/>

Yours sincerely,

Fergal Hayes.