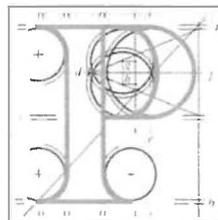


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**Date:** 04 March 2026

**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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**Re:** Case reference: PA92.323980

**Water Abstraction from River Shannon**

To whom it may concern,  
I strongly object to and stand against this project.

I am furious that at this late stage when we are seeing the impacts of climate change and ecological breakdown on a weekly if not daily basis that communities and people like myself are having to waste valuable time stopping our government from further damaging our life support systems.

I am frustrated that there is such a disconnect in the corridors of power from Nature and living systems that something like this should even be considered.

We should all be focused on restoring and remediating our natural systems, not causing more harm.

I am sick of trying to speak the language of planning trying to get our systems to do what is right for land and people.

Why are we so disconnected?

Why are our systems so dysfunctional?

Why are our political representatives in hock to greater powers who do not care for the land?

The River Shannon is, as you know, the largest river in Ireland, draining and feeding approximately 1/5 of the land area of the island. More than this it is a living being with rights, to whom we have responsibilities.

In considering this project we are treating her as inanimate, a resource to be plundered as we see fit. It is high time to stop this.

There are much better ways to solve water problems.

**Leaks:** We are told that Dublin's water system is full of leaks. These need to be fixed first.

**Floods:** We recently saw devastating floods in the Dublin area. We can expect to see more. This is a huge problem but also a solution. We must redesign our urban and rural environments to both make use of and protect us from excess water events. This needs to be done in harmony with Nature in a way that stabilises climate, enhances biodiversity and builds locally rooted economies.

**Data Centres:** We all know how much water data centres need. I have not seen it explicitly stated that this water is for Data centres, most of what I have read suggests it is to meet domestic needs. I do not believe this. We need to change our economic model if it is driving us to desecrate our greatest river.

**Salmon:** The salmon is a sacred animal to this land. Threading silver up our water ways, connecting the land to the sea.

Salmon fisheries in the Shannon have suffered since the building of the Ardnacrusha dam in 1929. Since then there are further pressures on the river that I will refer to elsewhere. To let this project go ahead will do yet more damage.

What are we doing to the land and the water  
What are we doing to our own souls  
To let projects like this continue?

How much good could we do for ourselves and the world to begin the process of reversing this damage?

Finding ways to meet our own needs that restore water quality and water sheds?  
This is a beautiful vision. We need beautiful visions.

<https://www.limerickleader.ie/news/environment/2019155/river-shannon-at-a-crossroads-10-billion-water-pipeline-to-dublin-or-salmon-restoration-in-limerick.html>

Thank you for reading  
John Baker