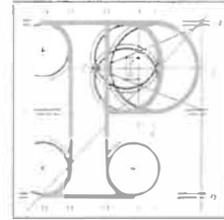


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**Date:** 03 March 2026

**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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**Submission in relation to the Proposed Water Supply Project for the Eastern and Midlands Region.**

**An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: PA92.323980**

To whom may concern,

I am writing to state my formal objection to the above-mentioned proposal. I am objecting under environmental and economic grounds

Under the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Lough Derg (River Shannon) is classified as a Special Protection Area (SPA) based on various flora and fauna being present in the catchment. Although it is stated in the EIAR that considerations were taken not to negatively impact these areas; it cannot be thoroughly proved that the displacement of water will not affect the birds nesting, fish breeding, and other habitats in a negative manor either upstream or downstream of the proposed intake location. The continuous presence of algae bloom in the local water courses also poses the question of human health as the water is intended to be for human consumption after being treated.

Furthermore, there are numerous studies on the decline of salmon and eel passing though the fish lift at Ardnacrusha power station since its construction. It is highly likely these figures will reduce again if the proposed project is given the green light. IFI advised that “salmonid designated waters could not be subject to derogation application by Uisce Éireann as it is not a validated body under the Local Authorities (Works) Act 1949”. The closed salmonoid river may be over 4km northeast of the project however displacing water will lower the level of the tributaries and streams the fish thrive in harming their survival

The project is unsustainable environmentally and economically. The water originating from the Shannon, once reaching Dublin and the wider region, will lose half its quantity due to the poor infrastructure existing in the underground pipe network. A full financial assessment should be conducted and published by Uisce Eireann on the repair of the existing pipe network prior to seeking further action, including relining of pipes or replacing

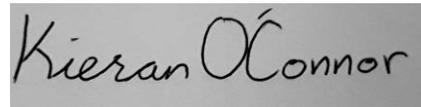
pipes. Alternative sources should also be sought out reducing the length hence the cost of the pipe run, the Dublin Mts for example, or a groundwater source.

In conclusion, I am under the impression that the proposed project will have a negative impact on wildlife in the surrounds of Lough Derg. I also believe the project is ill thought out when Dublin's current watermain network resembles a leaky bucket.

Please take this observation into consideration along with others you may receive with similar or additional concerns.

Regards,

Kieran O'Connor

A handwritten signature in black ink on a grey rectangular background. The signature reads "Kieran O'Connor" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

24/02/26