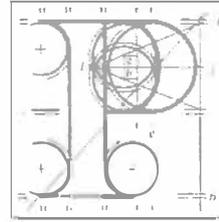


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**An  
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**Date:** 04 March 2026

**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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I wish to object to the proposed extraction of water system Parteen Basin and building of pipe line to Dublin. It is an unbelievably expensive project, with only a short term life span and doesn't solve the issue of the leaking pipes in Dublin – which will have to be fixed at some point in the future anyway. Why not fix those now and that would immediately improve the water issue.

There is absolutely no long-term benefit to building this pipeline and extracting water, and it's been proven it could be detrimental instead. Absolutely ridiculous that this “solution” is even being considered.

- The proposed abstraction at the Parteen Basin lies within the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (SAC), threatening critical habitats and protected species, including pollan, salmon, and trout, as well as the habitats of endangered species of water birds.

- Modelling indicates that even under current proposals, Lough Derg and the Parteen Basin could experience dangerously low water levels during drought conditions, risking ecological collapse. Climate change analysis by the ICARUS

Institute at Maynooth University have shown that in a short number of years, Ireland and the Midwest could experience increased times of drought during the summer months. This would mean that the proposed 2% water abstraction would in fact become a 30% abstraction due to the lowered levels of the river.

- Potential impacts on water quality and river resilience are significant, particularly during low flows, which could affect both biodiversity and downstream communities.

- The five-year construction period will cause severe disruption to local communities, including heavy traffic on regional and rural roads, temporary road closures, and risks to public safety.

- More frequent swimming restrictions – Reduced water levels in Lough Derg, combined with continued agricultural runoff, will increase phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations, heightening the frequency of toxic algal blooms that already occur seasonally and restrict

recreational use. These blooms pose risks to human and animal health, yet nutrient mitigation is reportedly outside the scope of the water extraction project's design and management plans. The severe ecological damage seen in Lough Neagh, affecting connected waterways including Lough Erne, illustrates how even small increases in nutrient concentration could trigger lasting environmental harm.

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