

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Minister for Environment Climate and Communications  
Department of Environment Climate and Communications  
Elm House,  
Earlsvale Road,  
Cavan,  
H12 A8H7

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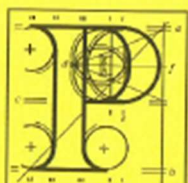
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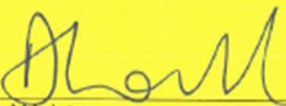
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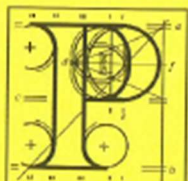
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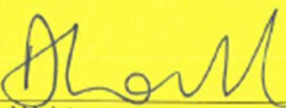
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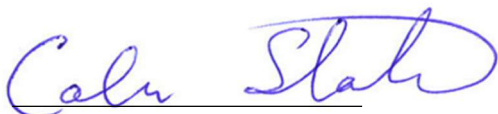
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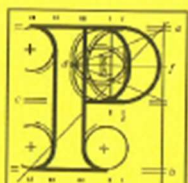
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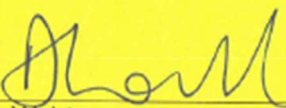
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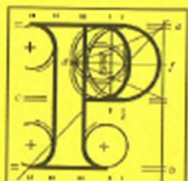
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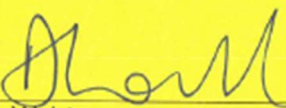
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Date: 24/11/2021



Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Irish Water  
Colvill House  
24-26 Talbot Street  
Dublin 1

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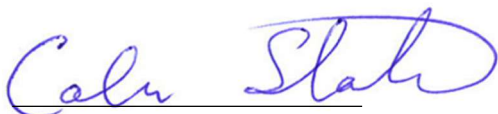
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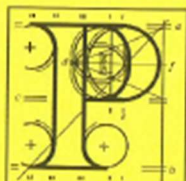
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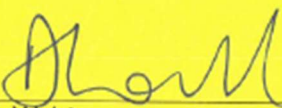
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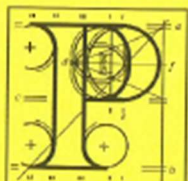
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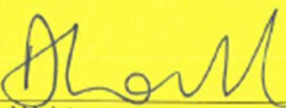
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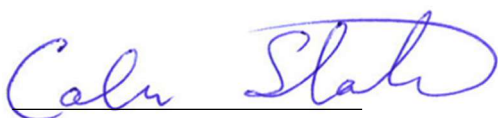
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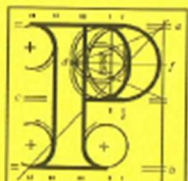
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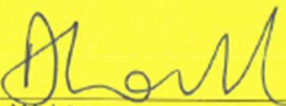
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