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National Water Resources Plan

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An approach to addressing our drinking water needs

The National Water Resources Plan sets out how we will balance the supply and demand for drinking water over the short, medium and long term.

The plan looks at the amount of water we have available in areas across the country and then looks at the demand for this water now and into the future. Finally, it identifies ways to ensure that there will always be enough water to meet these demands.

It is a 25 year strategy to ensure we have a sustainable, secure and reliable drinking water supply for everyone.

Why do we need it?

Ireland is not a water stressed country. We need to operate our water network to cater for growth and optimise this great natural resource.

At present, over half of our water supplies cannot provide a sufficient level of service to our customers. We saw this during Storm Emma in March 2018 and drought events in summer 2018. Despite the good work of the local authorities, decades of under investment in water infrastructure has resulted in more frequent water restrictions in Ireland than other European countries.

Our response to the challenge

Irish Water aims to ensure that all of our customers have a safe and reliable drinking water supply and to safeguard our water for our future. Our plan is to use a three-pillar approach:

1. To **lose less** by reducing leakage.
2. To **use less** by improving water efficiency in our homes, businesses, farms and through our own operations.
3. To **supply smarter** by improving our water infrastructure.

The NWRP sets out how we do this.



Environmental assessment

The National Water Resources Plan is subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA).

We published an SEA Scoping Report for consultation in 2017 and will publish the SEA Environmental Report and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for consultation in 2019.

Public consultation

An eight week public consultation on our draft NWRP and associated environmental reports will take place in 2019.

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