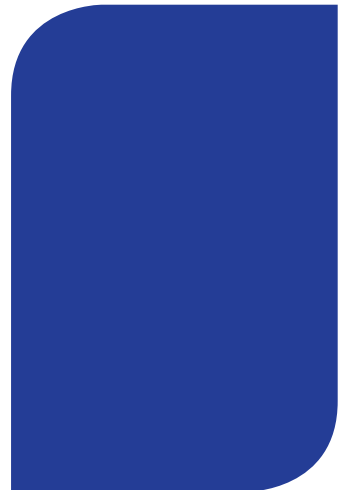


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# National Water Resources Plan

Consultation one



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## National Water Resources Plan

Irish Water is developing the first National Water Resources Plan (NWRP) that will outline how we move towards a sustainable, secure and reliable drinking water supply for everyone over the next 25 years whilst safeguarding our environment. The objective of the NWRP is to outline how we intend to maintain the balance between supply and demand for drinking water over the short, medium and long term.

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## What is happening now?

Irish Water is seeking feedback on the NWRP Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report. In preparing the NWRP, Irish Water needs to prepare some key environmental reports including a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA). A public consultation is now underway to inform the development of these reports.

Public consultation will be undertaken for six weeks from Thursday 9 November to Friday 22 December 2017 during which time the SEA Scoping Report can be viewed and downloaded at [www.water.ie/nwrp](http://www.water.ie/nwrp)

## Irish Water is inviting feedback on the following consultation questions:

- > Do you have any suggestions that you would like Irish Water to consider in the preparation of its NWRP?
- > Section 2.1 in chapter two of the SEA Scoping Report outlines the objectives of the NWRP. Do you have any comments on these objectives?
- > Irish Water has reviewed plans, policies and programmes relevant to the NWRP in chapter three of the SEA Scoping Report. Are there any others that should be considered?
- > Chapter four of the SEA Scoping Report sets out the current baseline environment conditions and future trends. The environmental issues are summarised in table 4.4. Do you have any comments on these?
- > Chapter five of the SEA Scoping Report sets out the environmental objectives that will be used to assess the NWRP and its potential effects on the environment. Table 5.1 summarises these objectives. Have you any comments on these?
- > How would you like Irish Water to communicate with you as the plan progresses?

Submissions will not be individually responded to but will be summarised in a consultation report which will be published on [www.water.ie/nwrp](http://www.water.ie/nwrp)

All submissions made on the SEA Scoping Report will be reviewed and relevant feedback incorporated into the environmental reports and the draft NWRP as appropriate. Submissions from individuals will be reported anonymously and feedback from organisations will be attributed to them.

In summer 2018, the draft NWRP will be published and an eight week statutory public consultation will be undertaken, before being reviewed and finalised later that year.


## Have your say


If you would like to make a submission, please send it by email or post by **Friday 22 December 2017**


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The NWRP is a plan identifying how to **provide safe, secure and reliable water supply to our customers for the next 25 years**, without causing adverse impact on the environment.

 Assess the availability of water resources at a national level (including lakes, rivers and groundwater).

 Identify areas where there are current and future potential water supply shortfalls taking into account normal and extreme weather conditions.

 Identify, develop and assess options to help meet potential shortfalls in water supplies.

 Develop a Drought Plan recommending measures to be taken before and during drought events.

 Assess the current and future water demand from homes, businesses, farms and industry.

 Consider the impacts of climate change on Ireland's water resources.

 Develop a plan that sets out how we will manage the waste material that is produced as a result of treating our drinking water.

The objective of the NWRP is to outline how we intend to **maintain the balance between supply and demand for drinking water** over the short, medium and long term whilst minimising the impact on the environment.

## Why do we need a NWRP?

Irish Water has a statutory responsibility to ensure the proper and effective management of water resources across the country, and to ensure all customers have access to safe, clean drinking water.

In order to ensure this, Irish Water needs to identify where any existing or future issues may occur and provide sustainable, safe and cost effective solutions.

This is Ireland's first National Water Resources Plan and will be reviewed and updated as more information becomes available and in line with other national plans. Previously water resources planning was undertaken at a county or regional level.

The objective of the NWRP is to set out how we intend to maintain the balance between our supply from water sources around the country and demand for drinking water over the short, medium and long term.

The NWRP will help Irish Water meet this objective throughout Ireland so that people have access to drinking water while our natural environment is protected.

## What is the benefit of the NWRP?

A national plan will ensure the best use of water resources for the benefit of all.

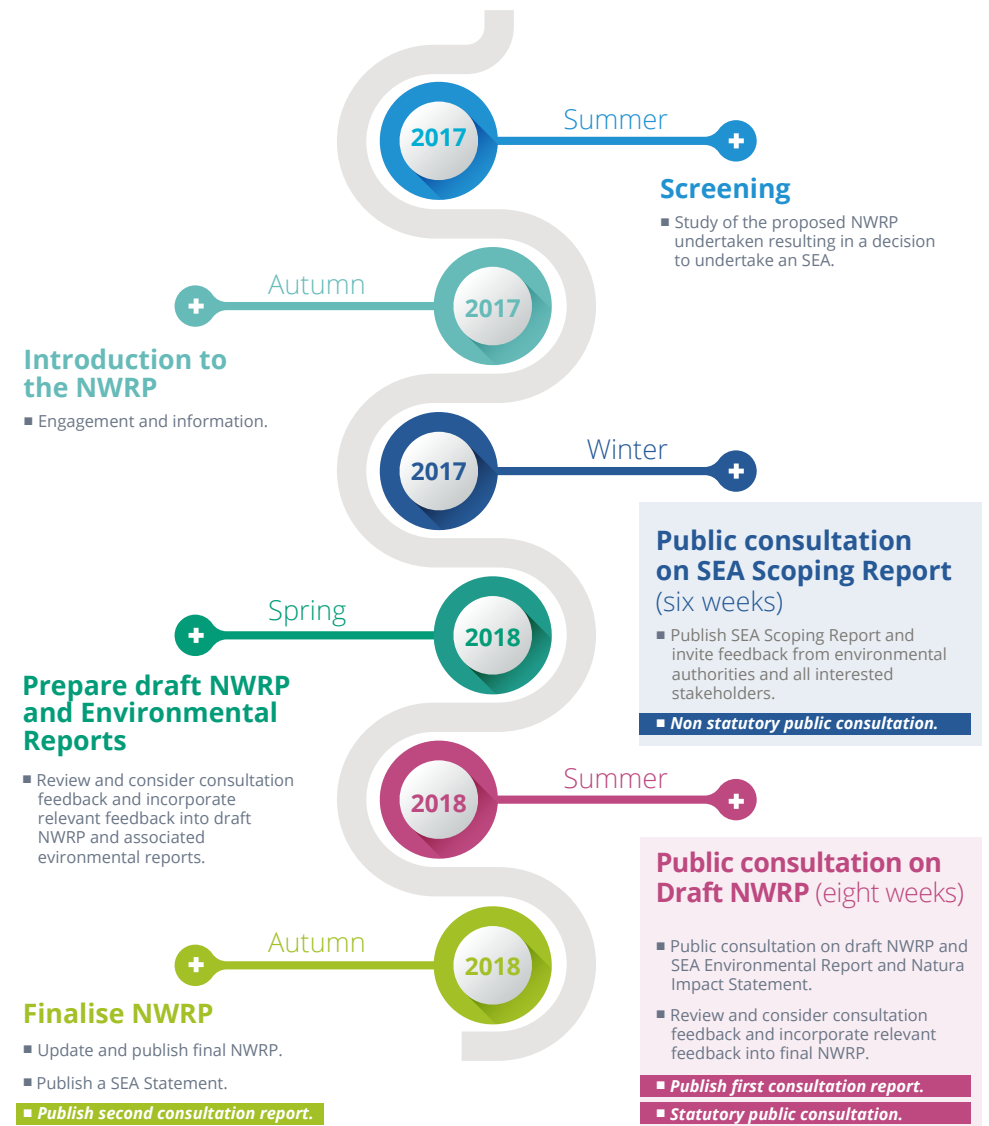
The NWRP is a long term plan, to ensure our water resources are sustainable, not only for future generations but for industry too. A robust and sustainable water resources plan will show that Ireland's water supplies will have the capacity to support future growth and encourage investment.

## How will the NWRP be developed?

The following activities will be undertaken in the development of the NWRP:

- > Assess the availability of water resources at a national level (including lakes, rivers and groundwater);
- > Assess the current and future water demand from homes, businesses, farms, and industry;
- > Identify areas where there are current and future potential water supply shortfalls taking into account normal and extreme weather conditions;
- > Identify, develop and assess options to help meet potential shortfalls in water supplies;
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## NWRP consultation roadmap



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## Next steps

Following the conclusion of this consultation, Irish Water will review and consider feedback received from stakeholders. In summer 2018, the draft NWRP will be published and an eight week statutory public consultation will be undertaken, before being reviewed and finalised later that year.

**The final NWRP will be published in 2018.** After this, Irish Water will undertake a review and update of the NWRP every five years at least. This review will assess the actions and objectives of the first NWRP and make recommendations for new or updated approaches.

The revised plan and associated environmental reports will again invite feedback during its development prior to adoption.