



18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Climate Change, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee**

**Item No. 4 on Agenda of SPC Meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

**Dear Member,**

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has published a document outlining the Significant Water Management Issues for the third River Basin Management Plan for Ireland for public consultation.

Ireland is currently in the early stages of preparing the third cycle River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) under the Water Framework Directive. As part of this process there is a requirement to publish a consultation document that sets out the understanding of the Significant Water Management Issues that need to be addressed in the period 2022 – 2027.

The purpose of this consultation phase is to gather your views on what are considered to be the significant water management issues for Ireland which should be addressed in the planning process for the next RBMP.

The following link has further information.

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/water-framework-directive/public-consultation-significant-water-management>

Please also find attached consultation document.

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