

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Drought Management Overpumping at Inniscarra Dam



In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Irish Water has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European site(s) listed below:

The Gearagh SAC (000108), Cork Harbour SPA (004030), Great Channel Islands SAC (004058)

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Irish Water has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as European site(s) and as it can be concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on the European site(s) listed above.

This determination is based on the nature, scale and duration of the works, the continued provision of compensatory flow downstream, the lack of effect on water levels upstream of the reservoir which are controlled by another dam, and the distance between the works and the nearest connected European site(s).

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Galvin'.

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