



In its submission to the Expert Commission the Public Water Forum stressed the importance of

- Enshrining the public ownership of Irish Water and its assets in the Constitution through a referendum
- Ensuring that water, as a basic need, is a citizen entitlement where access should not be determined or circumscribed by ability to pay or that one's water usage should in any way increase the risk or exacerbate the impact of poverty.
- Water as a finite and vulnerable resource needing to be protected and conserved
- The legacy of decades of under investment in the water network and waste water treatment facilities needing urgent attention
- The need for a single national authority to manage the asset and the service.

While the Forum has yet to consider the detailed recommendations of the Commission it welcomes and is by encouraged the progress the Commission has made on these priority areas.

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