SAVE OUR LADY'S ISLAND LAKE ACTION GROUP



Request for information from Wexford County Council relating to Lady's Island lake

- 1. Is there any plan currently in place to stop water pollution within Lady's Island lake catchment area, and what specific actions are being taken directly by Wexford County Council to stop water pollution in this area? Wexford County Councils Environment Section continue to undertake inspections within the Kisha_010 catchment as per the objectives of the Water Framework Directive. Adding to this, inspections continue under the National Inspection Plan for DWWTS as well as the National Agricultural Inspection Programme.
- 2. What actions are in progress to check waterbodies for pollution within the lake catchment area?

 Wexford County Council will continue to monitor all feeder streams around Lady's Island Lake as well sampling of the lake itself. This will include sampling for physio chemical, bacterial and phytoplankton.
- 3. How many feeder streams will be checked for water pollution during 2025, and how often will these be checked on an ongoing basis?

 There are currenlty 13 feeder stream identified under the sampling programme which will be done on at least a quarterly basis.

4. Maps on A3 size paper are requested indicating the feeder streams and sampling points involved for water quality tests carried out to date during 2025 within the lake catchment area.



An additional sampling point was idenified on the South east of the lake at Raheenmoor. Site 1 is located on the south west of the lake at Bunargate pool outlet.

5. How many samples have been taken to test the water quality in all feeder streams into the lake during the five years prior to Dec 2024, and during 2025?

Wexford County Council carried out sampling of feeder streams in April 2025. This is in addition to any sampling carreid out by the CLEAR project as well as two phytoplankton sampling dates in 2025.

- 6. How many samples from feeder streams failed water quality tests in the five years prior to Dec 2024, and during 2025?

 Approx 11/13 streams failed to meet satisfactory levels for Nitrates
- 7. What action was taken in relation to any samples of polluted water from feeder streams during the five years prior to Dec 2024, and during 2025? Wexford County Council has continued to undertake inspections within the catchment. Inspections continue under the National Inspection Plan for DWWTS as well as the National Agricultural Inspection Programme where furtehr stream surveys will continue throughout 2025.

- 8. How many legal cases commenced in the District Court in relation to water pollution within the lake catchment area during the five years prior to Dec 2024, during 2025, and what was the outcome of the legal cases?

 1 case has been taken under the NIP for DWWTS.
- 9. What types of tests were carried out within the catchment area in respect of the 30 inspections carried out by Wexford County Council staff from 2018 to May 2025, and what actions were taken by the Council following those tests? Assuming the FOI is requesting data with regard to the 30 agricultural inspections carreid out from 2018 to May 2025. These inspections were carreid out in accordance with Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP)
- 10. What was the result of water quality tests on discharges from the waste water treatment plant at Lady's Island lake during the five years prior to Dec 2024 and 2025?
 - Please refer to the EPA and/or Uisce Eireann in relation to any queries rasied about the WWTP located in Our Lady's Island.
- 11. How many farm inspections are planned during 2025 in relation to compliance with Good Agricultural Practice regulations?

 It is planned to carry out an additional 20 agricultural inspections in 2025 bring the total to 55 farms out of 65 in a 7 year period.