

**Northern Ireland Environment Agency
Resource Efficiency Division**

**Your reference
Our reference AIL 2024/0003 and
AIL/2024/0004**

Chief Commissioner
Planning/Water Appeals Commission
Park House
89-91 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
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11TH June 2024

Dear Chief Commissioner

**DALRADIAN GOLD - PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WATER
ABSTRACTION AND IMPOUNDMENT (LICENSING) REGULATIONS (NI) 2006.**

Thank you for your letter of the 14th May 2024.

DAERA is of the opinion that its direction to the Commission to consider the new applications for abstraction and impoundment, is indeed valid, and there is no legal impediment to such a referral being made in advance of the receipt of all the representations. As previously advised all representations received in regard to the 2020 Applications have been included in our considerations and will form part of the submission to the PACNI/ WAC. The DAERA Web Page has provided a statement to alert that representations made on the 2020 Applications (reference number AIL/2020/0105 and AIL/2020/0106) will be considered in relation to the new applications and do not need to be repeated.

In our previous letter, the Department outlined an appropriate timetable for the consideration of the new applications. However, the Commission has declined to adopt this approach.

In light of the Commission's position on the validity of the direction made on 2nd May 2024, the Department intends to re-submit its direction to the Commission before 21st June 2024. The process is as follows:



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Under Regulation 9 representations are to be made within 28 days of the advertisement date. This period started on the 2nd May and will conclude on the 30th May. A number of respondents have asked for an extension of this time to respond. Given the position taken by the Commission on the Inquiry timetable, the Department has afforded the public more time to respond to the advertisement and has extended the advertisement period to 13th June 2024.

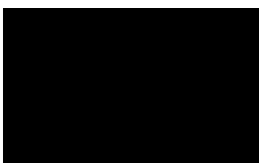
I can confirm that the proposals submitted in the April 2024 Applications are the same as those submitted in November 2020. In addition to the application and supporting information, the applicant has submitted additional information which was provided in response to information requests on AIL2020/0105 and AIL 2020/0106, where the Department had sought clarification on a number of matters. The additional documents provided do not change the proposals which had been consulted on in 2020/2021. As there was no material change to the proposals, the Department did not seek to readvertise or consult on these additional documents in 2021. The documents in support of the current application include additional information which has not been previously consulted on and will not therefore have been addressed in previous representations are as follows:

- Kaya Letter Dated 17th December 2021
- Kaya Letter Dated 28th January 2022
- Gahan and Long Letter Dated 28th January 2022
- DAERA spreadsheet of responses to 2020 application (ref AIL 2020/0105 and AIL 2020/0106)

The Commission has already been provided with copies of the representations received in relation to AIL 2020/0105 and AIL 2020/0106, a summary of those representations has also been submitted as part of the additional information for the new applications.

The Department will provide all representations to the Commission by no later than Friday 21st June, along with the re-submitted direction.

Yours sincerely



Director of Resource Efficiency Division