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Subject: FW: Representation for [REDACTED] "Using Water from the River Nore"

From: Patrick Dunphy [<mailto:Patrick.Dunphy@oireachtas.ie>]
Sent: 04 June 2020 15:27
To: Michael Ward
Subject: Representation for [REDACTED] "Using Water from the River Nore"

Dear Michael,

We wish to make a representation on behalf of [REDACTED] regarding Using Water from the River Nore on his potato crop.

[REDACTED] is abstracting water from the River Nore in Thomastown to water potatoes in that area as they are dying in the drought. The selling value of this crop of potatoes is approx. €85,000. However, [REDACTED] was contacted by Jimmy Conroy of Parks and Wildlife and ordered to stop this practise immediately or he will end up in court. [REDACTED] has grown potatoes in Thomastown for some years and has set up a piped pumping system to use water from the River Nore when in a drought situation. There is an unusual drought in the country at the moment especially the South East. There will be a massive loss of food and income if this farmer cannot grow the potatoes and they won't be grown without water. One would think that in exceptional circumstances and in food production a greater level of understanding is required in this type situation. Hopefully [REDACTED] will be allowed use this water (The River Nore is a decent size river and not a stream) in emergency situations like this.

Deputy Phelan is hoping that you can assist to resolve this issue.

Yours Sincerely,

Pat Dunphy,
PA to Minister of State,
John Paul Phelan TD