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# Interim Actions within the Current Regulatory Framework

**Hydromorphology Expert Group Meeting**

Custom House – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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# Overview



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# Introduction



- A key element of protecting and restoring the hydromorphological elements of water bodies will be to develop an enhanced regulatory regime for activities likely to impact on water bodies' physical attributes.
- Existing legislation governing activities impacting on the hydromorphology of water bodies needs to be reviewed.
- New consolidated legislation including the development of a Bill & associated secondary legislation will be required.
- No. of repeals or amendments to existing pieces of legislation across a no of policy areas will be needed.

# Legislation to be reviewed



- **Planning and Development Act (2000)**
- **Planning and Development Regulations (2001)**
- **The Arterial Drainage Acts (1945 and 1995)**
- **The Local Authorities (Works) Act (1949)**
- **EIA (Agriculture) Regulations (2011)**
- **Fisheries Act (1959)**
- **Foreshore Act (1933)**

# Role of the Expert Group



1. **Serve as a forum for information and best practice exchange between organisations with a role in the management of hydromorphological pressures.**

2. **Identify interim solutions which can be readily implemented during the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle RBMP to assist in managing hydromorphological pressures.**

**Priority**



**Publication of  
Guidance**

**Communication**

**Training**

**Include in the  
Sectoral Action  
Work Plans**

**Interim  
Measures**

**Implementation  
of best practice**

**Knowledge  
transfer**

**Clearly define roles &  
responsibilities of  
relevant organisations**

**Enforcement**



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