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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on a Grant Scheme to support reservoir managers with the initial requirements of the Reservoirs Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.

You are invited to comment on proposals for a grant scheme to support reservoir managers with the initial supervision and inspection requirements of the Reservoirs Act (NI) 2015 (the Act).

In line with the concerns raised in the 2021 consultation on the further implementation of the Reservoirs Act (NI) 2015, it is acknowledged that the further commencement of the Act will place further legislative requirements on managers of controlled reservoirs who will incur initial supervision and inspection costs in order to comply with the Act. That is why the Department is keen to support those reservoir managers who need help with these initial supervision and inspection costs.

In advance of the further commencement of the Act, this consultation provides information on how the Department seeks to support those reservoir managers who are deemed to need financial support, to comply with the initial supervision and inspection requirements of the Act.

This consultation is targeted at those on whom the legislation will impact and those with an interest in the management and maintenance of reservoirs to ensure reservoir safety and it is therefore important that you have an opportunity to consider the proposals and express your views and we would therefore encourage you to respond to the consultation.

Consultation arrangements

More details on the Department's proposals and how to respond to the consultation are set out in the consultation document which can be viewed on the Department's website:

[Grant support for initial supervision and inspection requirements of the Reservoirs Act](#)

The consultation document will be available for response and comment for a period of 12 weeks from 23 June 2025 to 16 September 2025.

Hard copies or alternative formats of the consultation document can be requested by telephone 028 9034 6265,

by e-mail Flooding&DrainagePolicy@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk or

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I look forward to receiving your response to this consultation.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

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