

# Water Matters – “Your say”

## SWMI reports and next steps



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# What we asked....

We issued – 1100 Neagh Bann

1080 North Eastern

1260 North western

100 Shannon

We held - 9 SWMI focused Catchment  
Stake holder meetings around NI.



# What you told us.....

More than 1200 comments from

- Written submissions
- Questionnaires
- Talking walls
- Discussions at the meetings



# SWMI Digest

Single document for NI.

Provides a response from Agencies and Departments to comments received.

Local issues fed to Catchment Officers and other EHS staff.

Focused attention on the content of the Draft River Basin Plans.

Implementation of the EC Water Framework Directive

## SIGNIFICANT WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES - DIGEST OF COMMENTS

A Response to Stakeholders' Submissions in Northern Ireland - March 2008



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# Key findings

- Majority agreed that we had identified the most significant water management issues.
- The digest shows that the comments could be corralled into 30 generic areas.
- Biodiversity
- Planning issues
- Regulatory control
- Septic tanks
- Illegal waste
- But the “signposted” issues caused some confusion



# Pressures

- Diffuse Pollution – Rural;
- Diffuse Pollution – Urban;
- Point Source pollution;
- Abstraction & flow Changes;
- Physical modifications;
- Other threats and future pressures; and
- Local problems per River Basin District.



# Circulation of Digest

- Available on EHS website by end of April.
- Hard copy to statutory consultees, contributors of written submissions and on request from EHS.
- Reminder of electronic publication to all those who registered at the CSG meetings.
- The facilitators report will be available electronically at the same time.