



DÁIL ÉIREANN

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LEASUITHE COISTE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL 2026 —SELECT COMMITTEE

Leasuithe Amendments

SECTION 1

1. In page 3, to delete lines 26 to 31 and substitute the following:

“ “infrastructure” means any infrastructure that enables essential facilities and systems of the State to function effectively and includes, but is not limited to—

- (a) housing,
- (b) health facilities,
- (c) transport facilities, including ports and airports, and transport systems, including roads and railways,
- (d) energy generation, transmission and distribution systems, and
- (e) water supply, wastewater and waste management systems;”.

—Louis O'Hara, Réada Cronin.

SECTION 3

2. In page 5, to delete lines 22 to 26 and substitute the following:

“(4) A draft of the designation order shall be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas, and the order shall not be made unless a resolution approving the draft has been passed by each House.”.

—Cian O'Callaghan.

3. In page 5, to delete lines 22 to 26 and substitute the following:

“(4) A designation order shall be laid before each House of the Oireachtas as soon as may be after it is made, and the order shall not have effect until a resolution approving it has been passed by each such House.”.

—Ged Nash, Conor Sheehan, Ciarán Ahern.

4. In page 5, between lines 26 and 27, to insert the following:

“(5) The Minister shall, lay a report before Dáil Éireann on the rationale, criteria, decision

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making process used to draft the designation order as soon as may be after it is made.”.

—Cian O'Callaghan.

SECTION 5

5. In page 5, line 40, after “completed” to insert the following:

“and to comply with relevant binding time-limits that will be issued by the Minister within four weeks of the passage of this Act”.

—Louis O'Hara, Réada Cronin.

6. In page 6, between lines 16 and 17, to insert the following:

“(2) The duty imposed by *subsection (1)* includes, in relation to a relevant public body who is a Minister of the Government and who performs functions in respect of another relevant public body, including functions relating to the determination or allocation of funds to that body, a duty to ensure, insofar as practicable, that the other relevant public body has sufficient resources to enable it to carry out the duties imposed on it by that subsection.”.

—Ged Nash, Conor Sheehan, Ciarán Ahern.

SECTION 6

7. In page 7, to delete lines 8 to 10.

—Ged Nash, Conor Sheehan, Ciarán Ahern.

8. In page 7, between lines 16 and 17, to insert the following:

“(6) Where a relevant public body is stated in law or is otherwise required by law to be independent in the performance of some or all of its functions, the power to give a direction in writing under this section shall not be exercised so as to override, compromise or otherwise interfere with the independent performance of those functions.”.

—Ged Nash, Conor Sheehan, Ciarán Ahern.

SECTION 7

Section opposed.

—Cian O'Callaghan, Ged Nash, Conor Sheehan, Ciarán Ahern, Roderic O’Gorman,
Paul Murphy, Richard Boyd Barrett.

SECTION 9

9. In page 7, between lines 32 and 33, to insert the following:

“Report on net contribution clauses

9. The Minister shall, within 6 months of the passing of this Act, lay a report before Dáil Éireann on the potential impacts of introducing net contribution clauses to public construction contracts, so as to facilitate greater competition and access to smaller engineering and architecture firms.”.

[SECTION 9]

—Cian O'Callaghan.

10. In page 7, between lines 32 and 33, to insert the following:

“Report on permitting process

9. The Minister shall, within 6 months of the passing of this Act, lay a report before Dáil Éireann on the feasibility of streamlining permitting processes for large infrastructure projects, so as to identify what permits can be applied for concurrently in order to save time and reduce costs.”.

—Cian O'Callaghan.