



14 October 2019

Mr. Pádraig Grant  
Joint Committee on Housing,  
Planning and Local Government.  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2  
D02 XR20

**PLS of the General Scheme of the Land Development Agency Bill 2019 (Ref: HPLG-i-1130)**

Dear Mr. Grant,

I refer to your letter dated 3 October 2019 inviting this Office to make a written submission as part of the Committee's Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the General Scheme of the Land Development Agency Bill 2019.

This Office understands that the primary purpose of this Bill is to establish the broad corporate structure and functioning of the LDA and in relation to matters that are broadly beyond the remit of this Office.

Nevertheless, progression of this legislation will support implementation of the National Planning Framework and statutory strategies and plans of the local government sector that the Office has oversight of.

Therefore, the establishment of the LDA is progressing at a point where there is widespread recognition that appropriate institutional structures within the planning process are of strategic importance to promote and ensure more effective land management to meet articulated national policy objectives.

The Office has therefore no further specific observations to make on the Bill at this time.

Yours sincerely,

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