

# WATER SERVICES WORKERS IRELAND

#WaterReferendumNow

## PUBLIC WATER FOR OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

- Workers for water and drainage in councils around the country have been protesting against the Irish Water framework document.
- We are demanding an immediate date for a **referendum on the public ownership, management of water services.**
- It is imperative that we have the referendum because we know that this government will sell off Irish water as fast as it can.
- We are appealing to all union members to support our call for a water referendum now.

The government can get the referendum deliberately wrong by making it a '*right for people*' instead of an *obligation on government* to manage and deliver water as a public service.

Don't let them! We need an effective **water referendum now** to finish the fight we fought together as Right2Water- one that permanently provides for public provision of water services so that

- 1.) workers know that their jobs are safe and
- 2.) we know our water is being managed properly for all and not for profit.

The wording should be: *'The Government shall be collectively responsible for the protection, management and maintenance of the public water system. The Government shall ensure in the public interest that this resource remains in public ownership and management.'*

Tell your union you support the Water Services Workers' call for a water referendum now. People power has prevailed before and will do so again. Don't let the previous victories against water charges be in vain.

### What to do:

1. Make the call in your union branch to pass a motion of support. Demand action from unions.
2. Contact your Public Representatives.
3. Call a meeting in your local community centre asap. If you let us know we'll help send a public representative and a water worker out to explain the why everyone in Ireland needs a #WaterReferendumNow.

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