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FROM THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Paul Frew
Chairman of Agriculture and Rural Development Committee
Room 243,
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Dear Paul,

THE PROPOSED RESERVOIR BILL

I write to you with regard to the above matter to raise concern about the practical and financial impact this will have on some farmers.

The linen industry was very significant to our history. Nearly every town and village had a mill which was generally serviced by a mill dam. Although the linen industry is no more, many of the mill dams still remain. However, through time, these dams have evolved to become important landscape features and an important habitat for wildlife.

Against this background, it is our opinion that these 'Landscape features' should not be defined as a reservoir in any sense and should therefore be exempt from the proposed Reservoirs Bill. This would mitigate any practical and financial impact on farmers.

Should you have any queries on this matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

BARCLAY BELL