

FAO Mr Paul Frew.

Dear Paul,

Thank you for the invitation to the meeting at Parliament buildings tonight, unfortunately I am currently away on business and will not be able to attend.

The "reservoir" that relates to me is McAuley's Lake, Spa Ballynahinch. The involvement is simply having land on the western upstream boundary of the water. We do not use the water for anything and have no ownership of the Water Rights. I believe the water rights, the control of the sluice gate used to belong to Drumaness Mill and was since obtained by the Late John Lewis Crosby before he put a valve in to control the flow to a corn mill museum at Raleigh Road, Crossgar.

The key Points for me are.

- The work activities of my small holding does not increase the volume of impounded water anymore than other farms on the contributing rivers.
- I do not use the water in the lake
- I would have no issue if the lake was drained to below the threshold volume of retained water.
- Roads Service would be a considerable contributor to the water supply to the lake.
- There are at least two major water turbines downstream of the lake, I believe as the impoundment is for their benefit, the costs of inspections should be met by the end user.

I would appreciate a copy of the minutes from tonight's proceedings.

Regards

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