



# People Before Profit Alliance

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### No.4 Newsletter



# WATER TAX ON THE WAY BACK

Last December's Budget copper fastened that domestic water charges where on the way back.

This year's budget will put an initial charge to householders of between 170 and 250 Euro. This will be then followed with domestic water metering.

People should resist these stealth taxes like we did in the mid 1990's. In the mid 90's, water charges were defeated by a campaign of mass non payment and community resistance.

The new water tax is yet another stealth tax to raise revenue for an underfunded and decaying water infrastructure across the state.

As a councillor I will be voting against any budget which includes a provision for a tax on water.

This won't be won in the council chamber; this will be won by people power.

## What can we do?

Even with the introduction of quotas, which provide for limited free water, this will require an expensive national metering installation programme.

Even if the majority of homes could limit their usage to below quota levels the savings could be cancelled out by the cost of monitoring and administering the programme.??

The money spent would be better directed to implement improved domestic water conservation measures.

And there are plenty of options. We don't need drinking quality water to flush toilets or wash our clothes...and certainly not to wash cars or water gardens.

There are proven systems for the collection of rainwater and grey water for functions that do not require water of drinking standard

As in the anti water tax campaign and the Bin charges cam-

paign, we need to resist these double taxes that we have already paid through our taxes.

Communities came together across the country to put a halt to the then Government's policy of charging people for the use of water.

Water is a basic human right for every person.

People before Profit will be hosting a public meeting on the 22nd of February about the new water charges and the lessons we can learn from previous campaigns.

## People Before Profit

### Public Meeting

# Domestic Water Tax On The Way Back.

Monday 22nd Feb At 8pm.

Waterside Pub Clondalkin.

Speakers:

**Cllr Gino Kenny (South Dublin  
County Council)**

**Cllr Brid Smith (Dublin City Council)**