

# Our Natural Resources – Not For Sale

The Irish government is giving away our natural resources. Oil and Gas exploration licences have been handed out to big multi nationals under terms that mean the Irish people do not gain jobs, a revenue stream or security of supply. Practices with serious environmental consequences, such as fracking, are not ruled out under law.

The harvesting rights to our forests are about to be sold off to the highest bidder. This threatens access rights of the Irish people to walk in our forests and endangers the sustainability of our woodlands as they will be exploited for quick sale of timber.

Our water is about to be privatised. The first move has been to transfer the administration of the water services to a new semi state Irish Water and next year water charges will be introduced. When water was privatised in the north of England, the area experienced its first ever water shortages!

Fishing in Ireland has been destroyed by huge multi-national trawlers, aided and abetted by EU quota regulations, plundering our waters. What we need is a sustainable fisheries policy that protects the livelihoods of small fishermen and allows local fishing industry to flourish creating jobs and protecting a valuable natural resource.

The mismanagement and privatisation of our natural resources has a detrimental impact on the environment, jobs and our economy. Decisions are regularly made with regards to our natural resources without any public consultations, which are required under EU law. There is no serious plan for a programme of major public investment to develop renewable energies.

Ireland is in an unprecedented economic crisis. Our natural resources have enormous potential for jobs and economic growth as would a national project to develop renewable energies.

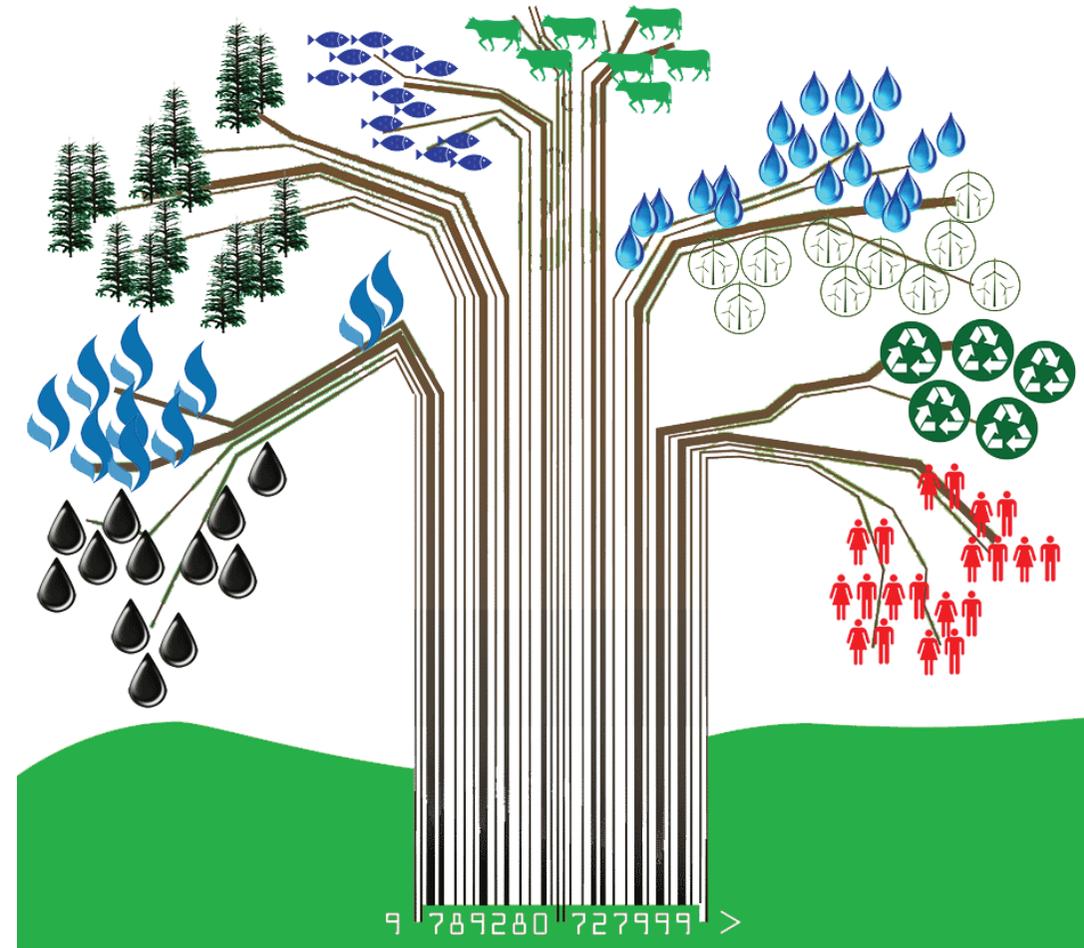
We must act now to change the policy of facilitating multi nationals in their pursuit of profits which is undermining our economy and the environment.

**Come along to our conference on Sun 10 March 11.30 – 18.00  
in The Gresham Hotel, O Connell Street, Dublin 1**

**Booking Tel: 01 618 3366 Email: [NaturalResourcesConference@gmail.com](mailto:NaturalResourcesConference@gmail.com)**

# Ireland's Natural Resources **NOT FOR SALE**

**Conference Sun 10 March, 11.30 - 6pm, Gresham Hotel, Dublin**



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Speakers Include: **Dr Helge Ryggvik** (Norwegian Economic Historian), **Catherine Murphy TD**, **Jessica Ernst** (Canadian Scientist Living Fracked), **Frank Connolly** (Author of SIPTU produced Optimising Ireland's Natural Resources), **Stein Bredal** (Norwegian former Oil Worker), **Andrew St Leger** (Woodlands League), **Cllr Brid Smith** (People Before Profit), **Padraing Campbell** (Former Oil Rig Worker), **Paul Murphy MEP** (Socialist Party), **Maura Harrington** (Shell to Sea), **Pat "The Chief" O'Donnell** (Fisherman Porturlin Co Mayo)