

Moving Northern Ireland's Environment Forward



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DAERA vision:

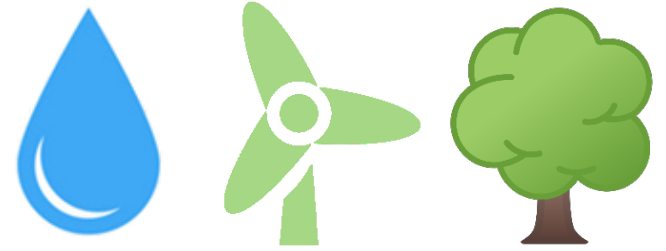
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Key Drivers for Change

- Environmental Challenges – local & global
- Public Awareness
- Programme for Government & DAERA vision
- Brexit / UK 25 Year Environment Plan

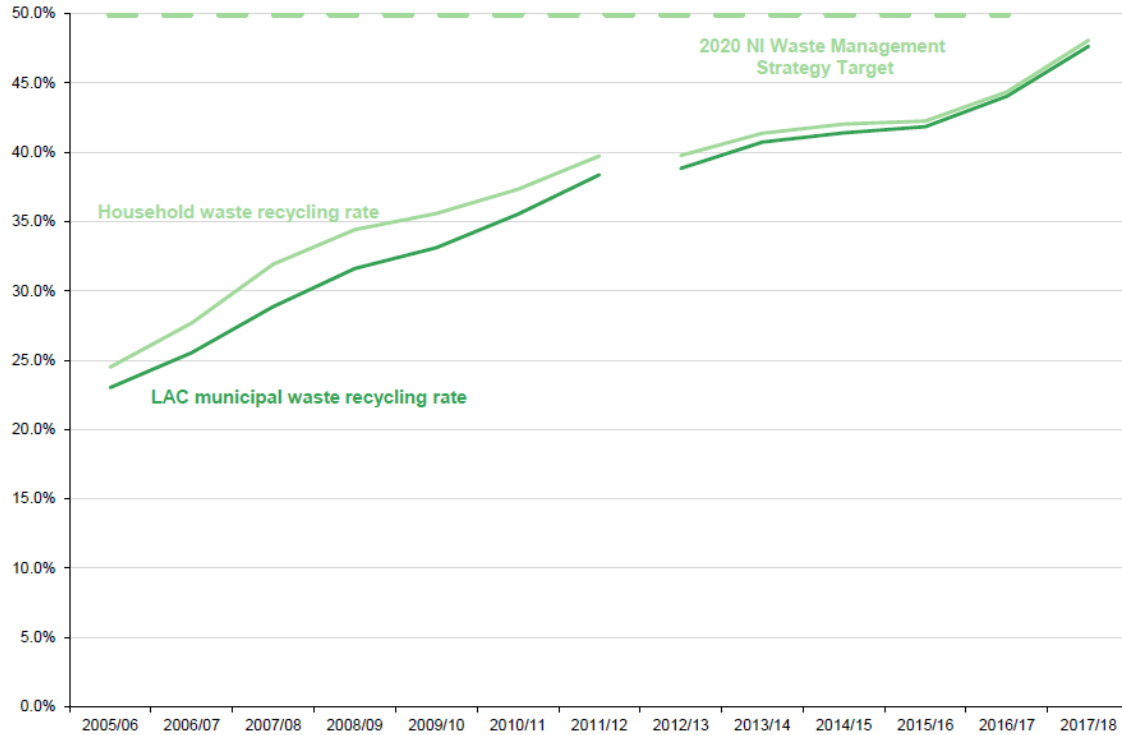


Programme for Government

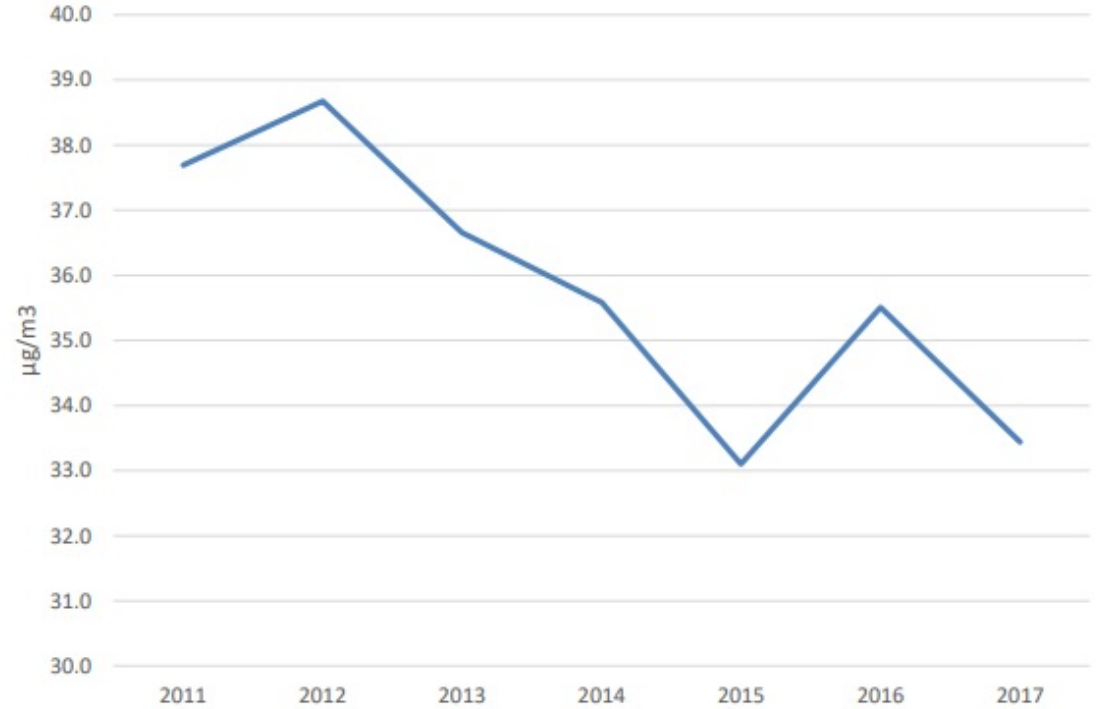


- Draft Programme for Government 2016–21 / ‘NI Civil Service Outcome Delivery Plan’
- 12 Outcomes across government
- DAERA is lead department for Outcome 2:
We live and work sustainably – protecting the environment

PfG Indicator: Reuse, Recycle, Compost



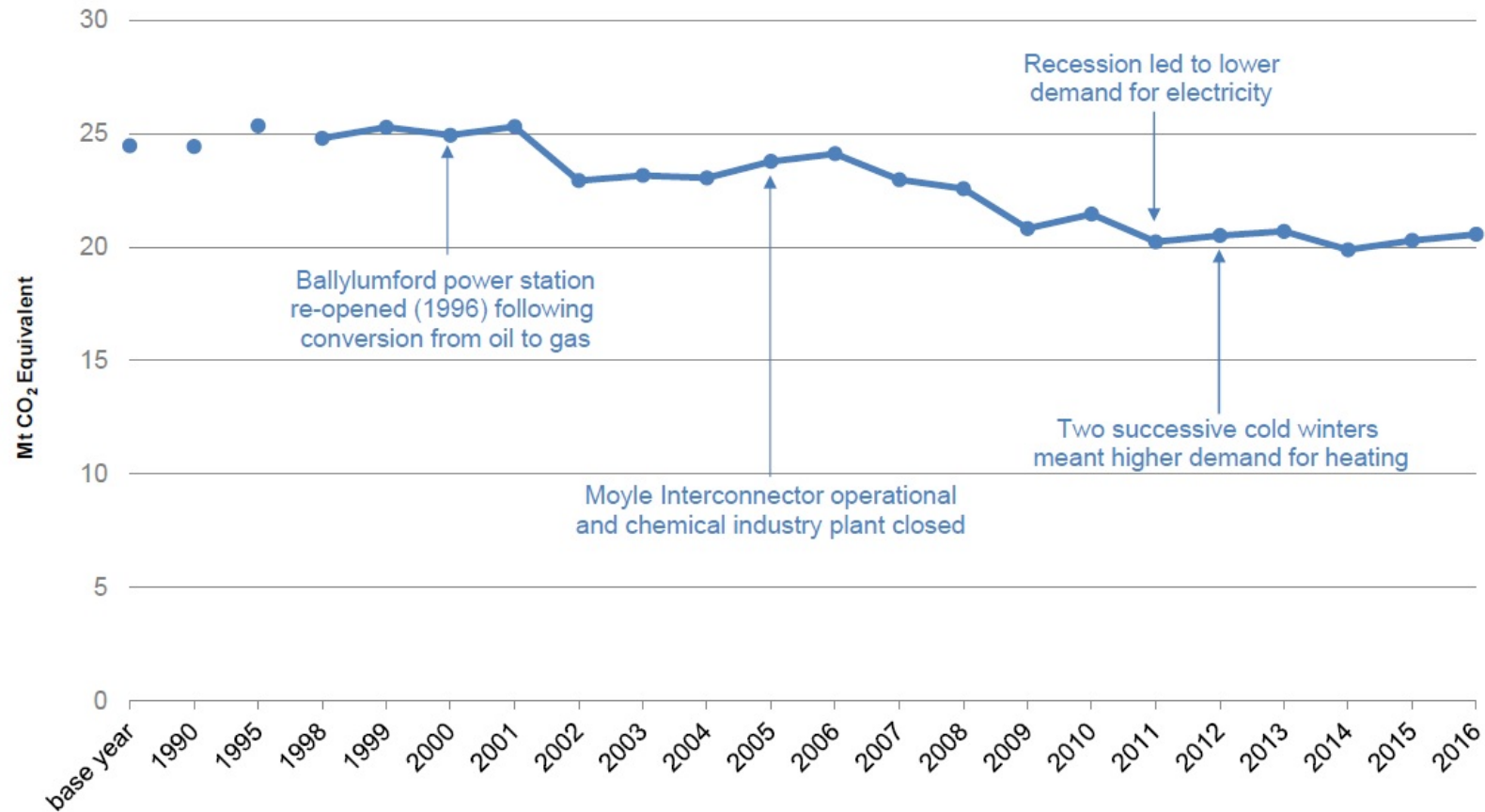
PfG Indicator: Annual Mean NO₂ Concentration (10 Sites)



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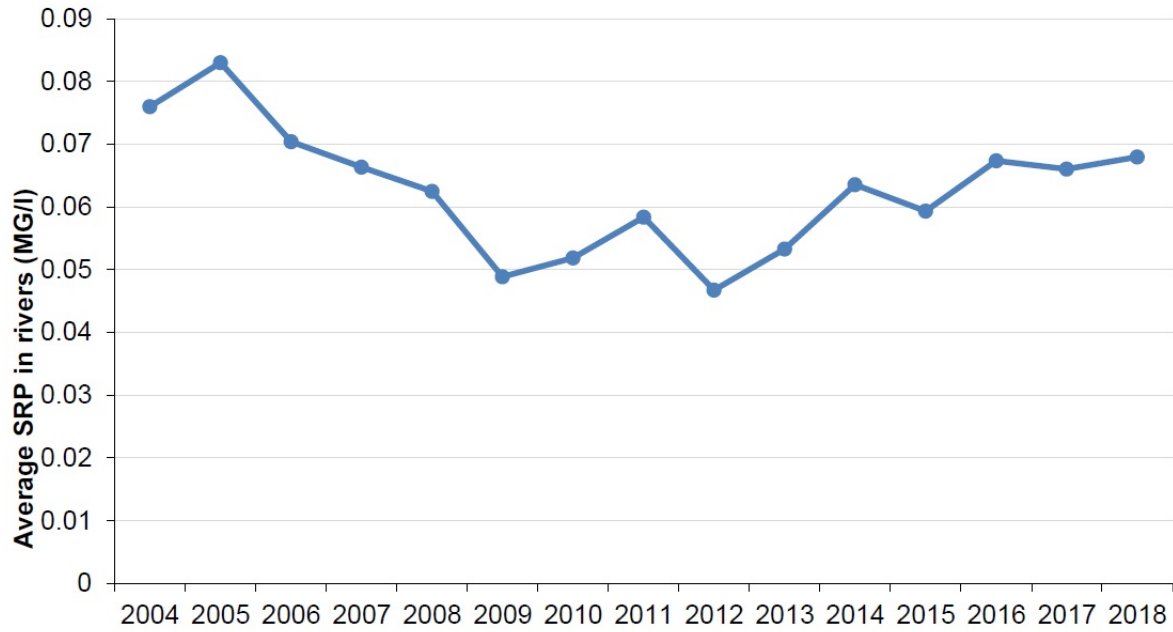
PfG Indicator: Greenhouse Gas Emissions



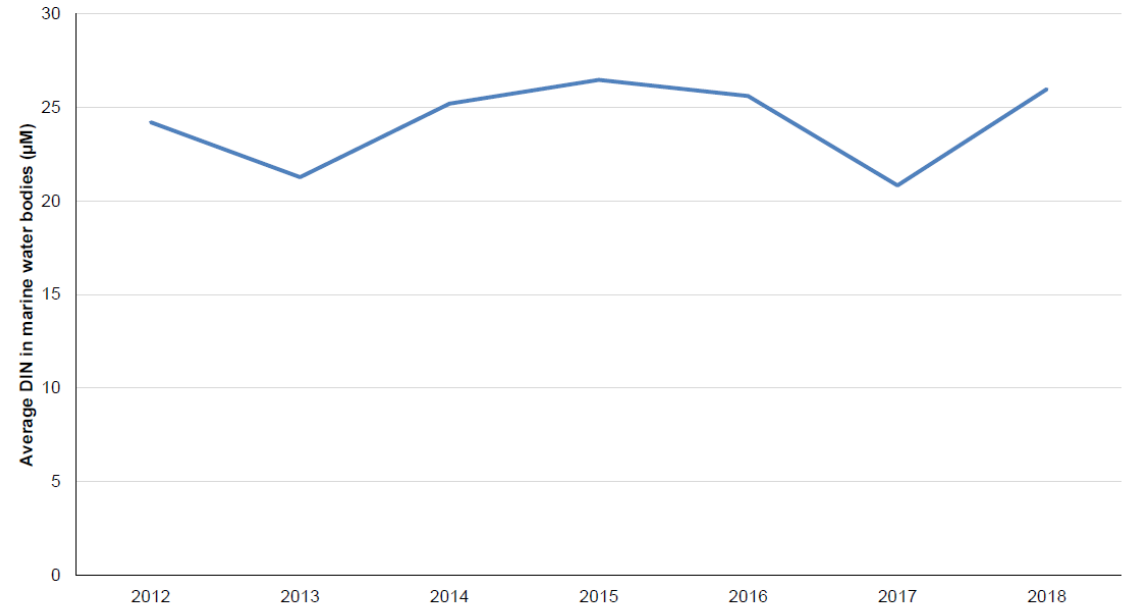
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PfG Indicator: Soluble Reactive Phosphorus (SRP)



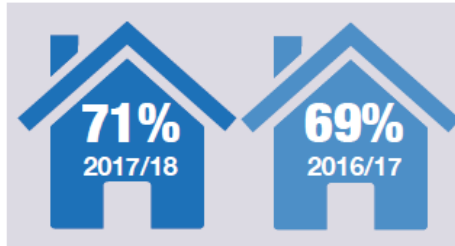
PfG Indicator: Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (DIN)



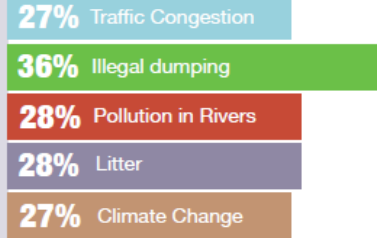
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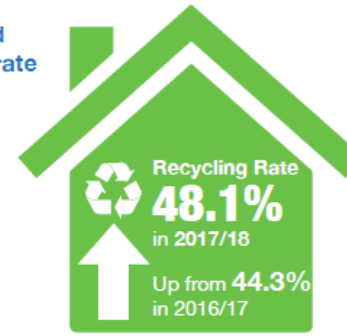
1 Households concerned about the environment 2017/18 and 2016/17



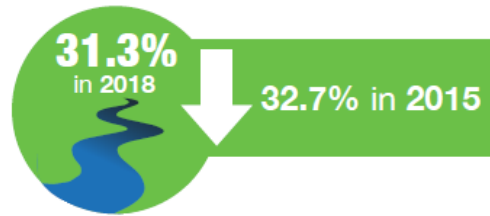
Problems considered most important



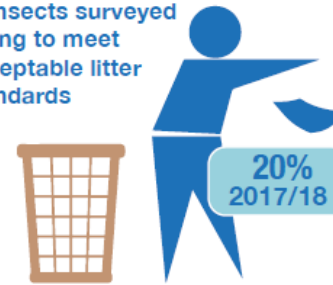
2 Household recycling rate 2017/18



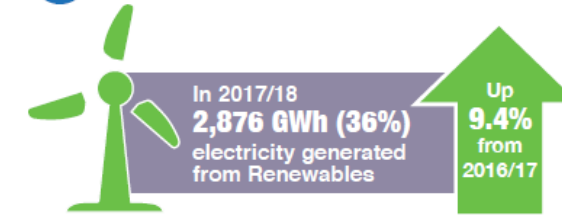
3 NI river bodies classified as 'high/good quality'



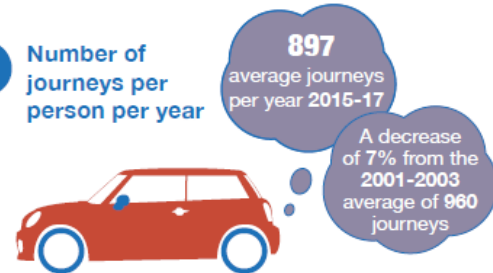
4 Transects surveyed failing to meet acceptable litter standards



5 Renewable energy generation in 2017/18



6 Number of journeys per person per year



7 Beaches monitored in NI 2015 - 2018



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Key DAERA Initiatives

- NI Air Quality Strategy
- Climate Change
- Waste
- Agri-environment Policy:
 - Ammonia
 - Peatlands



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Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland

- Intended to be high level + NI Executive endorsed
- Open-ended: establishing priorities for coming decades
- Living strategy: can be enhanced over time
- Shorter term: delivery plans; targets; & new metrics
- Strategy to include “big ideas” & headline goals
- General scope:

Climate Change

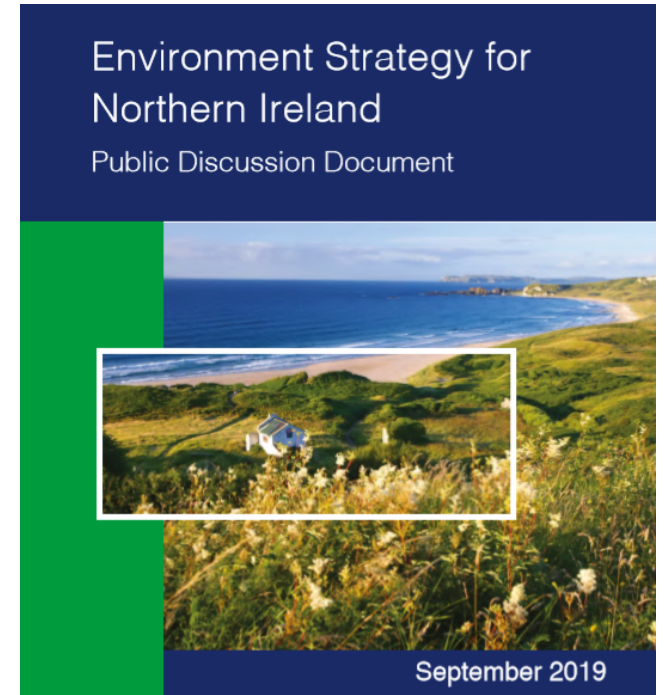
Resource Efficiency

Environment Quality

Natural Environment

Marine Environment

Fisheries



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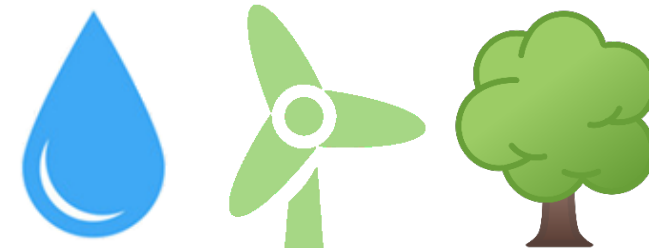
Environment Strategy for NI – Launch Event – 18 September



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Proposed Environmental Themes



1. Engagement

Education; Public awareness; Technology; DAERA Knowledge Advisory Service

2. Prosperity

Environment's importance to the economy: tourism; leisure; agri-food

3. Efficiency

Climate Action; Resource Efficiency;
Circular Economy; Sustainable Production/Consumption

4. Quality

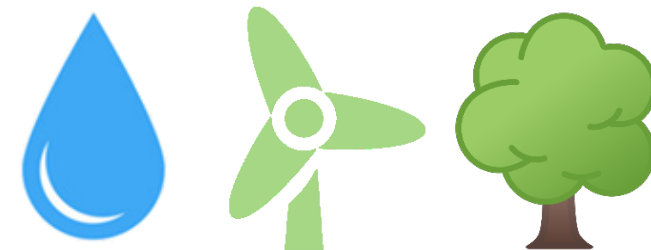
Air; Water; Biodiversity; Noise; Land; Neighbourhoods



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Environment Strategy Timeline



Initial Public Discussion: c14 weeks

Closing date: 23 December 2019

View & submit comments at: 'Citizen Space Hub'

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-neq/esni>

January 2020: Analysis of responses and publication of results

Early 2020: Commence drafting work



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