

A draft regulatory framework for Aquatic Leisure facilities in Ireland

Public Consultation

Water Safety Ireland is seeking the views of the Public on a draft regulatory framework for Aquatic Leisure facilities in Ireland.

Following the inquest on the 29th March 2017 in to the tragic fatal drowning of Ronan Kennedy at the Red Barn Quality Hotel in Youghal on the 14th July 2015, the Dublin Coroner made two crucial recommendations to the former Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, Simon Coveney, T.D.

1. That there should be a dedicated lifeguard on duty at all times at swimming pools and that the lifeguard should not be a person engaged in other supervisory duties.
2. To recommend to the relevant Minister that a dedicated water safety inspectorate is required to formulate regulations and ensure their implementation.

Minister Coveney tasked Water Safety Ireland (WSI) to review best practice in other European countries with a view to informing the development of an appropriate regulatory framework for Ireland. This can be a legacy that will turn this tragic drowning in to a positive regulatory framework that will help prevent similar tragedies in the future, to be known as Ronan's Regulations.

Details of the public consultation are available at:

<http://www.iws.ie/fileupload/advice/Swimming/Pool%20Safety/Public%20Consultation%20Document%20170519.pdf>

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