

# Buncrana Against Irish Water

Irish Water and their subcontractors will be coming to this area soon to install water meters. This leaflet highlights what you can do to stop the installation of meters. You can not be forced. Your water can not be turned off. They can not deduct money from any source.

(Irish Water is supposed to give us 2 weeks notice before coming to the area, give 2 days notice before starting work and knock on each door to inform residents.) See other leaflet what you can say.

## **Steps You Can Take**

- \* Acquaint yourself with names and tel numbers of campaigners in your area. Contact 0749361828 James Quigley.
- \* Stand up for your rights but remain calm, peaceful. Organise locally in estates and natural areas, elect residents committees
- \* Tell the contractor you don't want a meter installed. Put up a notice in your front window or garden . **Do not let them in to your estate or area**
- \* Park your car, lorry, tractor as near the water mains as possible.
- \* Stand on top of the original stopcock, or mains. Refuse to let them work. Get inside their barriers or stand where they are going to dig.
- \* Ask for ID. Ask them to produce health and safety and insurance documents and documentation that allows workers to block off your access to the public road.
- \* Write to Irish Water & tell them to destroy all your information that you want to retract your contract. You were coerced and misled.

## **Some Facts**

- \* Irish Water is forcefully installing AMR smart water meters
- \* AMR smart meters are dangerous to your health and your privacy
- \* After the 1980 and 1994/96 successful water charges campaigns Fine Gael/Labour government abandoned water charges. They then recouped costs through other taxation, including car tax.
- \* Cost to the Irish people of meter installation is over 500 million. Each meter will maybe last 10 years.
- \* Irish Water's running cost for the next 2 years 1.9 billion
- \* Irish Water will be privitised and sold off. The Irish people lose another natural resource. Foreign companies will make billions.
- \* Cost of your water will skyrocket in a few years.
- \* The Irish people should not have been made to bail out the banks and bond holders and should not be subjected to a lifetime of austerity.