



Urgency motion nr. 1

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On behalf of the party: *Unitat Catalana*

**Urgency motion:** *Let's protect water resources, stop the golf projects in Northern Catalonia*

Because today, Northern Catalonia is experiencing an interminable drought.

Because the Villeneuve-de-la-Raho golf project, which is more than 20 years old, is now completely out of date and should be a thing of the past.

Because today, the administrative acts issued by the Prefect to allow this project to go ahead stipulate that the watering equivalent to the consumption of 8,000 (eight thousands) inhabitants will come from the watering canal and the lake.

Because today, there is no reason why the only source of water for irrigation should be the reuse of wastewater from the wastewater treatment plant.

Because today, there is no technical way of ensuring that such a withdrawal is feasible and that this resource is sufficient.

Because today, even if it were feasible, this resource would have to be reserved for another use, as the Minister for Agriculture indicated on 18 February 2024 on the radio France Inter.

Because today, water must first and foremost be used for human and agricultural consumption.

Because prefects in neighbouring départements are currently opposing this type of project.

Because the use of water in a semi-arid climate can't be obeyed for the sole benefit of a private developer who will make millions of euros.

Because recently, the President of the French Golf Federation himself declared on RMC radio that this project was pointless.

Because today a hundred academics have come out of the woodwork to draw the attention of the public authorities to the absurdity of this golf course.

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<sup>1</sup> [Rules of Internal Order. Article 7.2. Urgency motions.](#)

Because today, apart from the Mayor of Villeneuve-de-la-Raho and the Prefect, everyone knows that we are heading for an ecological disaster.

Because today all that's left to convince is the Prefect of the Pyrénées Orientales.

Because today, there is still time to repeal the declaration of public utility for this golf course, given the private developer's failure to take possession of 90% of the land required for the project and the lack of compensation due to him.

Because tomorrow will be too late.