

**Question for written answer E-003614/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Removal of the Vera outfall

Despite major protests, in 1982 the Vera outfall was built between the beaches of Malvarrosa (Valencia) and Patacona (Alboraya). Since then, waste water from the outfall regularly pollutes both beaches due to a lack of suitable infrastructure.

Currently, 85% is clean and treated water from agricultural irrigation. Only the remaining 15% is waste water from urban areas, which in any case ends up in the sea.

The gates of the outfall are opened several times a year, in summer or winter, and spill out large amounts of polluting discharge onto the beaches. The discharge then has to be removed by the municipal cleaning teams.

There are solutions to deal with the problem, such as installing a pair of impulse pumps to transfer the sewage to another existing collector, constructing a storm reservoir or constructing a new collector to divert irrigation water to the Carraixet ravine in Alboraya.

1. Is the Commission of the view that polluting seas and beaches infringes EU directives on the environment?
2. Will it ask the Spanish State to address this pollution problem and take precautionary measures?

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