## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

# WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

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#### **BACKGROUND**

## THE ACT - AN OVERVIEW

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## THE ACT - SECTION BY SECTION

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- Section 25 Power to give effect to Community obligations etc.
- Section 26 Annual report on implementation of Directive
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#### PART 2 – WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES

- Section 29 Duty to provide water and sewerage services
- Section 30 Private sewers, SUD systems and sewage treatment works etc.: vesting, takeover and connection conditions
- Section 31 Laying of water mains and communication pipes by persons other than Scottish Water
- Section 32 Vesting in Scottish Water of waterworks and mains
- Section 33 Sustainable urban drainage systems
- Section 34 Modifications of Part III of the 1980 Act

## **PART 3 - GENERAL**

- Section 35 Crown application
- Section 36 Orders and regulations
- Section 37 Ancillary provision
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#### **Schedules**

Schedule 1 – Matters to be included in river basin management plans

These notes relate to the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 3)

Schedule 2 – Controlled activities regulations: particular purposes

Schedule 3 – Sustainable urban drainage systems: further amendments

Schedule 4 – Modifications of Part III of the 1980 Act

## PARLIAMENTARY HISTORY OF WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003