



# Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

## 2013 asp 5

### PART 1

#### DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

#### 1 Duty of the Scottish Ministers

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) take such reasonable steps as they consider appropriate for the purpose of ensuring the development of the value of Scotland's water resources,
  - (b) do so in ways designed to promote the sustainable use of the resources.
- (2) In fulfilling the duty under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers are to act so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of their—
  - (a) functions under the 2003 Act and the 2009 Act,
  - (b) other functions (whether or not relating to water resources or environmental matters).
- (3) In subsection (1), the reference to the value of water resources—
  - (a) means the value of the resources on any basis (including their monetary or non-monetary worth),
  - (b) extends to the economic, social, environmental or other benefit deriving from the use of the resources (or any activities in relation to them).
- (4) In this section—

“the 2009 Act” means the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009,

“water resources” means wetland, inland water and transitional water as defined by section 3 of the 2003 Act.

#### Commencement Information

**II** [S. 1](#) in force at 10.6.2013 by [S.S.I. 2013/163](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013, Section 1.