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## Reservoirs Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 5 – Dispute referral**

# Section 61 – Referral to referee: directions in safety report or inspection report

Part 5 provides for a form of arbitration between reservoir mangers and construction or inspecting engineers. If a reservoir manager disagrees with a direction in a safety report or inspection report or the recommendation as to the next inspection the manager can challenge the direction or recommendation by referring it to a referee. Subsection (3) suspends any direction or recommendation which is challenged until the reference is determined by the referee or withdrawn by the reservoir manager.