

*These notes refer to the Water and Sewerage Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 23 March 2016*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### ***Section 2: Combining water resources management plans and drought plans***

Section 2 gives effect to Schedule 1 of the Act. The Schedule aligns the existing requirements on NI Water to prepare, review and revise water resources management plans and drought plans under Articles 70 to 73 of the 2006 Order so that NI Water may prepare a single plan instead of two, which may be known as a water resource and supply resilience plan. If made, the single plan shall be reviewed every two years and revised at least every six years, unless the Department permits a longer period of up to eight years.