

EXPLANATORY NOTES

WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1999

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These notes refer to the Water Industry Act 1999 (c.9)

COMMENCEMENT

English and Welsh Provisions

Scottish Provisions

HANSARD REFERENCES