

*These notes refer to the Water Act 2003 (c.37) which  
received Royal Assent on 20th November 2003*

# **WATER ACT 2003**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1: Abstraction and Impounding**

*Sections 11 to 14 Applications for a licence*  
58.

#### **Section 12: Abolition of combined licences.**

Currently, the EA can issue a licence for both an impoundment and an abstraction as a 'combined licence', although only a small number of such licences exist. With the proposals to time limit all new abstraction licences and for an impoundment licence to remain in force until revoked, there are unlikely to be situations in future where a combined licence might be issued. This section therefore repeals section 36 of the WRA, thereby removing the Agency's power to issue a combined licence. Existing combined licences will be converted into separate abstraction and impounding licences.