

*These notes relate to the Water Environment and Water Services  
(Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 3) which received Royal Assent on 5 March 2003*

# **WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – SECTION BY SECTION**

#### **Part 1 – Protection of the water environment**

##### ***Section 1 – General purpose of Part 1***

13. Subsection (1) sets out the general purpose of the provisions included in Part 1 of the Act. It provides that the purpose of Part 1 is to make provision for or in connection with protection of the water environment including making provision, or enabling provision to be made, for or in connection with implementing the Directive.
14. Subsection (2) explains what is meant by the term “protection of the water environment”. The list is non-exhaustive but it gives an indication of the scope of the provisions included in Part 1 and the scope of more detailed provisions that may in due course be included in subordinate legislation made under those provisions. The actions listed in subsection (2) are for the purpose of contributing to the achievement of the aims set out in subsection (3).
15. Subsections (2) and (3) largely mirror the terms of Article 1 of the Directive.