



Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

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PART 1

DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

1 Duty of the Scottish Ministers

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) take such reasonable steps as they consider appropriate for the purpose of ensuring the development of the value of Scotland’s water resources,
 - (b) do so in ways designed to promote the sustainable use of the resources.
- (2) In fulfilling the duty under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers are to act so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of their—
 - (a) functions under the 2003 Act and the 2009 Act,
 - (b) other functions (whether or not relating to water resources or environmental matters).
- (3) In subsection (1), the reference to the value of water resources—
 - (a) means the value of the resources on any basis (including their monetary or non-monetary worth),
 - (b) extends to the economic, social, environmental or other benefit deriving from the use of the resources (or any activities in relation to them).
- (4) In this section—
 - “the 2009 Act” means the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009,
 - “water resources” means wetland, inland water and transitional water as defined by section 3 of the 2003 Act.