



Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

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PART 2

CONTROL OF WATER ABSTRACTION

Role of Ministers

11 Factors as to approval

- (1) In deciding whether to approve a qualifying abstraction, the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—
 - (a) the applicant's financial position,
 - (b) the proposed use of the water to be abstracted,
 - (c) any—
 - (i) economic, social or other benefit that may arise in Scotland (or an area within it) in consequence of the abstraction,
 - (ii) adverse impact of any kind that may arise in Scotland (or an area within it) in consequence of the abstraction,
 - (d) any relevant advice given under section 14(3) or (4),
 - (e) such additional factors as they consider to be relevant.
- (2) If the Scottish Ministers do not approve a qualifying abstraction, they must give the applicant their reasons.