

*These notes refer to the Reservoirs Act (Northern Ireland)
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Controlled Reservoirs, Registration and Reservoir Designation

Section 22 – Matters to be taken into account under [section 17\(3\)](#), [18\(2\)](#), [20\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) and [21\(5\)\(a\)](#)

Section 22 details the matters that must be taken into account in making a reservoir designation for the first time, in undertaking a periodic re-assessment and in reviewing a reservoir designation. These matters must also be considered in an appeal of the reservoir designation.

The matters to be taken into account are the potential adverse consequences of an uncontrolled release of water from the reservoir and the probability of such a release of water. Subsection (2) sets out examples of the potential adverse consequences and subsection (3) sets out the issues that may be taken into account when assessing the adverse consequences or the probability of an uncontrolled release of water from a controlled reservoir. These issues include the purpose for which the reservoir is used, the materials used and how the reservoir was constructed, the age, condition and maintenance of the reservoir.