

These notes refer to the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (c.17) which received Royal Assent on 19th July 2007

CONSUMERS, ESTATE AGENTS AND REDRESS ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND TERRITORIAL APPLICATION

Northern Ireland

Part 1: the National Consumer Council

Abolition of Consumer Bodies

Section 31: Designation of the Consumer Council for Water for abolition

87. *Section 31* gives the Secretary of State the power to designate the Consumer Council for Water for abolition. The Consumer Council for Water is the statutory consumer body established by section 27A of the [Water Industry Act 1991 \(c. 56\)](#). The Consumer Council for Water looks after the interests of consumers of water and sewerage services in England and Wales. An order designating the Consumer Council for Water for abolition must give the earliest date on which a transfer order or an abolition order under section 32 may take effect. Before making an order under section 31, the Secretary of State must consult the Consumer Council for Water, the Council, and anyone else that the Secretary of State considers appropriate. An order under this section can be made only with the consent of Welsh Ministers (*subsection (4)*) and the order may not be made unless a draft has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House (see section 62).