

WATER ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

Part 3: Environmental regulation (sections 61 to 63 and Schedule 8)

27. This Part of the Act focuses on the environmental permitting regime and the power to consolidate into that regime the requirements relating to water abstraction and impoundment licences, flood defence consents and fish passage approvals. It contains powers which enable a single set of regulations covering the existing pollution prevention and control permit requirements and new regulations for abstraction licences, flood defence consents and fish pass approvals. This single set of regulations will enable operators to apply for one rather than multiple permits.