

Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024

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- 3 The abrogation or modification of agreements relating to land.
- 4 Carrying out specified excavation, mining, quarrying or boring operations in...
- 5 The operation of a generating station.
- 6 Keeping electric lines installed above ground.
- 7 The protection of the property or interests of any person....
- 8 The imposition or exclusion of obligations or liability in respect...
- 9 Carrying out surveys or taking soil samples.
- 10 Cutting down, uprooting, topping or lopping trees or shrubs or...
- 11 The removal, disposal or re-siting of apparatus.
- 12 Carrying out civil engineering or other works.
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- 15 Charging tolls, fares (including penalty fares) and other charges.
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- 27 Changing the powers and duties of a harbour authority.
- 28 The making of byelaws by any person and their enforcement....
- 29 (1) The creation of offences within sub-paragraph (2) in connection...
- 30 The transfer of property, rights, liabilities or functions.
- 31 The transfer, leasing, suspension, discontinuance and revival of undertakings.
- 32 The payment of contributions.
- 33 The payment of compensation.
- 34 The submission of disputes to arbitration.
- 35 The alteration of borrowing limits.
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- 36 (1) This paragraph applies for the purposes of this Schedule....

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- 11 Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (c. 29)
- 12 Planning (Wales) Act 2015 (anaw 4)
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- 14 Housing and Planning Act 2016 (c. 22)
- 15 Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023 (asc 3)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024.