

# **WATER RESOURCES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2013**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – SECTION BY SECTION**

#### **Part 2 – Control of Water Abstraction**

##### ***Section 18 – Abstraction-related offence***

31. This section provides that it is a criminal offence wilfully or recklessly to make a qualifying abstraction that is not approved or exempt, or wilfully or recklessly to breach any conditions attached to an approval as to the rate at which water may be abstracted or the purposes for which the water may be used.
32. On summary conviction, the maximum fine for this offence is the statutory maximum (currently £10,000) whereas, on conviction on indictment, it is an unlimited fine.