



# Water Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 37

### PART 1

#### ABSTRACTION AND IMPOUNDING

##### *Claims and compensation*

#### **27 Withdrawal of compensation for certain revocations and variations**

- (1) This section applies where—
- (a) a licence to abstract water is revoked or varied on or after 15th July 2012 in pursuance of a direction under section 54 or 56 of the WRA (which provide for the Secretary of State to direct the Environment Agency to revoke or vary a licence in certain circumstances);
  - (b) the licence was granted before the coming into force of section 19 of this Act;
  - (c) the licence is one which is expressed to remain in force until revoked; and
  - (d) the ground for revoking or varying the licence is that the Secretary of State is satisfied that the revocation or variation is necessary in order to protect from serious damage—
    - (i) any inland waters,
    - (ii) any water contained in underground strata,
    - (iii) any underground strata themselves,or any flora or fauna dependent on any of them.
- (2) Where this section applies, no compensation is payable under section 61 of the WRA in respect of the revocation or variation of the licence.
- (3) Expressions used in sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of subsection (1)(d) are to be construed in accordance with section 221 of the WRA; and “waters”, in relation to a lake, pond, river or watercourse which is for the time being dry, includes its bottom, channel or bed.