

*These notes refer to the Water Act 2003 (c.37) which
received Royal Assent on 20th November 2003*

WATER ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3: Miscellaneous

Sections 60 to 61 Penalties 345.

Section 60: Abstraction and impounding offences.

This section amends sections 24(5)(a) and 25(3)(a) of the WRA so that the maximum penalty available to a magistrate's court for offences of abstracting or impounding water without a licence where one is needed, or doing so in contravention of a licence condition, is increased from £5,000 to £20,000. Proceedings can also be brought in the Crown Court, where the penalty on conviction would be an unlimited fine.

346. Provisions in this section are devolved to the Assembly.