

## 1981 No. 1883

## WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

## The Welsh Water Authority (Constitution) (Variation) Order 1981

*Laid before Parliament in draft*

*Made - - - - 21st December 1981*

*Coming into Operation 1st April 1982*

Whereas a draft of the following order was laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now therefore, the Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(4), 3(10) and 36(2) of the Water Act 1973(a) and now vested in him(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the Welsh Water Authority (Constitution) (Variation) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1982.

*Interpretation*

2. In this order, unless the context otherwise requires, “the Welsh authority” means the Welsh Water Authority.

*Constitution of the Welsh authority*

3.—(1) The Welsh authority shall consist of thirteen members, that is to say—

- (a) a chairman appointed by the Secretary of State; and
- (b) twelve other members appointed by the Secretary of State, namely—
  - (i) one member who shall be a person who appears to him to have had experience of, and shown capacity in, fisheries;
  - (ii) one member who shall be a person who appears to him to have had experience of, and shown capacity in, land drainage;
  - (iii) two members to represent the interests of the councils of the counties specified in the Schedule to the order;
  - (iv) two members to represent the interests of the councils of the districts within the said counties; and
  - (v) six other members who shall be persons who appear to him to have had experience of, and shown capacity in, matters relevant to

(a) 1973 c. 37.

(b) S.I. 1978/272.

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management, finance, business, industrial relations or personnel matters.

(2) In appointing the members of the Welsh authority the Secretary of State shall have regard to the desirability of members of the authority being familiar with the requirements and circumstances of the authority's area.

*Revocation*

4. Article 4 of the Welsh National Water Development Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1973(a) as amended by the Welsh National Water Development Authority (Establishment and Constitution) (Variation) Order 1977(b) is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

The counties of Clwyd, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd, Mid Glamorgan, Powys, South Glamorgan, West Glamorgan, Hereford and Worcester and Cheshire.

21st December 1981.

*Nicholas Edwards,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

The Water Act 1973 required the Secretary of State and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food by order to establish an authority to be known as the Welsh National Water Development Authority for the areas specified in the Act. The Act also required that the Order establishing the Welsh authority should prescribe its constitution. The Welsh National Water Development Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1973 accordingly established the Welsh authority which, until 31st May 1977, was to consist of 35 members.

The Welsh National Water Development Authority (Establishment and Constitution) (Variation) Order 1977 provided that the specified date of 31st May 1977 should be omitted and accordingly extended the period indefinitely.

By the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 article 5 and Schedule 3 paragraph 5(2), the powers formerly vested in the Secretary of State and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food jointly under section 2(4) of the 1973 Act (with which sections 3(10) and 36(2) are to be read) were transferred to the Secretary of State as from 1st April 1978.

The Welsh National Water Development Authority (Change of Name) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/520) changed the name of the Authority to that of the Welsh Water Authority as from 2nd April 1978.

The Water Act 1973, sections 2(4) and 3(10), enable the Secretary of State to vary the constitution of the Welsh Water Authority. This order varies the constitution of the Authority by reducing the number of its members and altering the criteria to be taken into account in their appointment.



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