POLICY NOTE

THE SCOTTISH WATER, PREVENTION OF WATER POLLUTION (MILNGAVIE WATERWORKS) BYELAWS EXTENSION ORDER 2025

SSI 2025/276

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 72(4) of the Water (Scotland) Act 1980 and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Summary Box

The Scottish Water, Prevention of Water Pollution (Milngavie Waterworks) Byelaws 2015 expire on 30 September 2025. This extension Order will extend their expiry date for one year in order to continue to prevent the pollution of Scottish Water's drinking water supply.

Policy Objectives

The Scottish Water, Prevention of Water Pollution (Milngavie Waterworks) Byelaws 2015 were established to protect the water supply from pollution and regulate activities around the Milngavie reservoir complex. These reservoirs are vital for supplying drinking water to the Greater Glasgow area.

The Byelaws aim to:
- Prevent pollution of protected waters.
- Regulate public access and activities in the defined area.
- Ensure the safety and integrity of the water supply system.

While the reservoirs remain open for walking and enjoying nature, activities that could compromise water quality are restricted. This includes:
- No swimming or boating.
- No fishing.
- No dogs in the water.
- No toileting outside designated facilities.

The current Byelaws expire at 00.00 hours on 30 September 2025.

This extension Order will extend their expiry date for one year in order to continue to prevent the pollution of Scottish Water's drinking water supply and protect the health of its consumers, which include children.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 Compatibility

The Scottish Ministers have made the following statement regarding children's rights.

In accordance with section 23(2) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 (the Act), the Scottish Ministers certify that, in their

view, the Scottish Water, Prevention of Water Pollution (Milngavie Waterworks) Byelaws Extension Order 2025 is compatible with the UNCRC requirements as defined by section 1(2) of the Act.

EU Alignment Consideration

This instrument is not relevant to the Scottish Government's policy to maintain alignment with the EU.

Consultation

Scottish Water was consulted and agreed that the Byelaws should be extended by one year.

Impact Assessments

A Child Rights and Wellbeing impact assessment has been completed on the SSI . There are no children's rights and wellbeing impact issues.

Financial Effects

The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy confirms that no BRIA is necessary as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

Scottish Government
Directorate for Energy and Climate Change

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