



Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
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Dear Secretary of State

South Staffordshire Water – Draft Water Resources Management Plan

South Staffordshire Water published its draft Water Resources Management Plan (dWRMP) on 24 May 2013 and this letter summarises our views of the draft plan. These views are based on a high-level review of the processes described in the plan against the requirements of the Water Resources Planning Guideline. They are without prejudice to any subsequent decisions that we may make in connection with the business plan that the company is scheduled to provide to us later this year as part of the price control review process.

We have not identified any particular concerns in relation to South Staffordshire Water's draft plan. We welcome that the company has considered the potential for new water transfers and bulk supplies.

Yours sincerely

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