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Trust in water

# PR19 draft determinations

**Bristol Water – Targeted controls, markets and innovation actions and interventions**

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Following our initial assessment of plans, we categorised two types of actions for slow-track and significant scrutiny companies:

- required actions for companies which in general were required for draft determinations (or final determinations for some aspects of past delivery); and
- advised actions for companies to do by a specific date but that are not required for our draft determinations.

Table 1 below sets out the required and advised actions, a summary of the company’s response to the action, our assessment of the company’s response, and any further interventions we are making as part of the draft determination.

Each action has a unique reference. The prefix ‘BRL’ denotes the company Bristol Water. The central acronym references the test area where the action has been identified, please see the ‘PR19 draft determinations: Glossary’ for a key to these acronyms. Actions whose numbers are preceded with an ‘A’ denote required actions and actions whose numbers are preceded with a ‘B’ denote advised actions.

Table 2 below sets out any further interventions that are not resulting from an action which we are making as part of the draft determination.

Each further intervention that is not resulting from an action has a unique reference. The prefix ‘BRL’ denotes the company Bristol Water. The central acronym references the test area where the action has been identified, please see the ‘PR19 draft determinations: Glossary’ for a key to these acronyms. Intervention numbers are preceded with a ‘C’.

For all other documents related to the Bristol Water draft determination, please see the [draft determinations webpage](#).

**Table 1: Bristol Water’s response to required actions and interventions for draft determinations**

Test area	Action reference	Action type	Action	Date required	Summary of company response to action	Our assessment and rationale	Required interventions
Targeted controls, markets and innovation	BRL.CMI.A1	Required	The company should provide further explanation of the impact of the ongoing dispute with the Canals and Rivers Trust in relation to the provision of water resources, including the risks and mitigating actions to ensure that the company has access to secure long term water resources.	1 April 2019	Although it is disappointing that the company did not use market mechanisms or third party engagement to identify alternative options, we note that the response did provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• information about alternative supply sources; and</li> <li>• further information on the role of the West Country Resources Group.</li> </ul>	No intervention required.	N/A

	BRL.CMI.A2	Required	The company should revise its water resources bid assessment framework document to provide clarity on how the company will handle and protect confidential information submitted by bidders. The company should provide more information to describe how the framework results in a proportionate approach for bidders.	15 July 2019	The company satisfactorily addressed the action we set. Bristol Water provide more detail on how it will ensure proportionality and handle commercially sensitive information.	No intervention required.	N/A
	Advised actions	Advised	No advised actions.	N/A			

**Table 2: Further interventions for draft determinations**

Intervention reference	Our assessment and rationale	Interventions
N/A	N/A	N/A

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