

# STATES OF JERSEY

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## **DRAFT WATER RESOURCES (JERSEY) LAW 200- (P.206/2005): AMENDMENTS**

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**STATES GREFFE**

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*In paragraph (1)(b), delete the words “, if the abstracting of the water is registered in the prescribed manner”.*

*In paragraph (1)(c), delete the words “, and the abstracting of the water is registered in the prescribed manner”.*

*In paragraph (3)(a), for the words “any of sub-paragraphs (b), (c) or (d) of paragraph (1)” substitute the words “paragraph (1)(d)”.*

DEPUTY R.C. DUHAMEL OF ST. SAVIOUR

## **REPORT**

There is a proposed exemption from the requirement to procure an abstraction licence for users of small quantities of groundwater who abstract less than a specific volume in a period of 24 hours. This exemption can only be applied if the user registers with the regulatory authority and agrees to provide such information as the regulator prescribes.

As the majority of the 5,000 or so boreholes are domestic users who abstract at a rate below the suggested licence limit and therefore would not otherwise require a licence, the inclusion of these users on a register would appear to be an introduction of red tape in contradiction to the States Strategic Plan (Strategic Aim 1.3.1 which seeks “to reduce unnecessary regulation and bureaucracy in the Island”).

### **Financial and manpower implications**

The amendment removes the requirement for these small users to register. The Committee has not quantified the administrative cost of registration, however the effect of the amendment will be to reduce the administrative burden.