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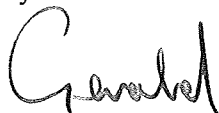
Dear 

Re: Draft Water Law:

Thank you for your letter dated 20th April in connection with the above.

The Economic Development Committee at its meeting on the 6th August, 2003, considered the Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200-, and an extract from the Minute book of that meeting is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely



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President – Economic Development Committee

Enclosure

Draft Water
Resources
(Jersey) Law
200- Comment
of the
Economic
Development
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A8. The Committee welcomed Mr. C. Newton, Director of Environment, to the meeting in connexion with the draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200-.

The Committee was appraised of the background to the above Law in respect of its derivation and purpose which would serve to complement the Water Pollution (Jersey) Law 2000. The Committee was also advised that the Law would reflect the best environmental practices as it would offer protection of water as a strategic asset and ensure proper management and distribution. Consideration was given to the precise location of existing private boreholes which was currently unknown and was important information to ascertain the quantum of water being removed from the aquifer.

Mr. Newton withdrew from the meeting.

The Committee considered the justification for the Law together with the implications of its introduction and, whilst it decided to support this in principle, it expressed concern regarding the probable degree of Regulation to be applied to the Law and the resultant resource implications. The Committee also decided that the Director, Environmental Services Unit should identify areas where resources and regulation might be minimilised.