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- **Agree in principle with the aim to provide a more streamlined and effective regulatory system for businesses and regulators;**
- **Need to lessen the burden on businesses as over complex compliance and licensing requirements drive illegal activity. Conversely for those operators which do attempt to comply the system is cumbersome, protracted and costly;**
- **Streamlining processes should assist and encourage the business sector to comply with Environmental Legislation;**
- **In an attempt to grow a sustainable economy regulatory processes need to become simpler and easier to understand and this will be welcomed;**
- **Clean Air amendments – L&CCC would support the proposed approach as it allows for greater flexibility and confirms the most accurate information available.**
- **Amendments to the Environment (NI) Order 2002 – L&CCC would support the proposed changes as this brings Northern Ireland into line with the rest of the United Kingdom, although it is recognised that these changes are marginal.**

- The proposed amendments will bring NI into line with local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales and this is welcomed;
- Compensation Proposals (Paragraph 15) – whilst it is welcomed that provision will be made to make a regulator pay compensation in respect of a loss or damage sustained the actual process of successfully recovering the compensation awarded may be challenging.



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