

# Water and Sewerage Services Bill

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#### **Committee consultation**



- Pre consultation 4 June 2014
- Consultation outcome 5 Nov 2014
- Meeting with Chair & Deputy
  Chair 27 April 2015
- Pre- introduction stage 3 June 2015

### Purpose of Bill



- Secure long-term funding of NI Water
- Remove requirement to install water meters in new buildings
- Reduce unnecessary bureaucracy in NIW
- Promote Sustainable Drainage
- Ensure high construction standards

#### The Water and Sewerage Services Bill



Clause 1 - Extension of period for which grants to water and sewerage undertakers can be paid

Clause 2 - Combining water resources management plans and drought plans

Clause 3 – Cessation or relaxation of duty to install water meters when making domestic connections

Clause 4 – Sustainable Drainage Systems

Clause 5 - Refusal of surface water connection

Clause 6 - Connection of drains and private sewers: adoption agreements

Clause 7 – Interpretation

Clause 8 - Commencement



## **Committee Stage**

- Welcome opportunity to scrutinise draft Bill
- Broad support for Bill is encouraging
- Minister considering both the written and oral evidence to date
- Also considering Committee request to provide views on proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> party amendments
- Will wish to take all views into account



