

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

19th October, 2022

Proposition No. P.2022/69

Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure

Environmental Pollution (Guernsey) Law, 2004
Part VI – Water Pollution
Supplementary Policy Letter

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7(1) OF THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948

Proposed by: Deputy D de Garis De Lisle

Seconded by: Deputy A D S Matthews

To suspend the Rules of Procedure to the extent necessary to permit the Proposition set out below to be considered.

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AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy D de Garis De Lisle

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At the end of proposition 6, insert ", subject to the amendment indicated below:-

In the table set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to the draft Ordinance, for the figures "1" in the third column (Standard relating to concentration of pollutant in surface or ground water) relating to the Pollutants Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane sulphonate (PFOS), in the first column, substitute in each case "0.3".

Rule 4(1) information

a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans in helping the States plan effectively in order to meet strategic environmental pollution standards. It also helps to enhance water quality standards for surface water and groundwater, thus

supporting a number of workstreams identified in the four main priority areas identified in the Government Work Plan 2021-2025, including investment in nature and the natural economy, keeping the Island safe and secure and supporting healthy living.

b) In preparing the proposition there has been joint working and consultation with environmental health and pollution regulation in meetings dealing with the supplemental policy letter and the Ordinance in the Legislative review Panel.

c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.

d) There are no financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.

Explanatory note

This amendment would reduce the standard relating to concentration of pollutant in surface or ground water for PFOS and PFOA to 0.3ug/l from 1.0ug/l--the level inscribed in the August 2012 report and confirmed by the Assembly in debate at that time. The levels of those pollutants continue to be high at times in the St Saviours reservoir and there is need to be conducive to the preservation and enhancement of the environment through the limitation of pollutants therein.