



Law Society
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Consultation Response

Significant Water Management Issues for Scotland
and The challenges facing our water environment in
the Solway Tweed

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Introduction

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Our Environmental law Sub-committee welcomes the opportunity to consider and respond to SEPA's consultations on *Significant Water Management Issues for Scotland*¹ and *The challenges facing our water environment in the Solway Tweed*². We have the following comments to put forward for consideration.

General remarks

We consider that the consultation documents appropriately identify the most important issues that are impacting on the water environment in the Border Esk, Tweed and Solway estuary and in Scotland respectively. We are not in a position to comment on which of the matters identified may be the most significant issues.

There appears to have been strong cross-border cooperation to date between SEPA and the Environment Agency. We consider that sustained cooperation is essential to continuing to improve these water bodies.

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¹ https://consultation.sepa.org.uk/rbmp/swmi_scotland/

² <https://consultation.sepa.org.uk/rbmp/solwaytweedchallenges/>