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Environment and Sustainability Committee Report – Water policy in Wales

Last September my predecessor agreed to send you a final copy of the research 'Delivering results for water customers in Wales'.

We commissioned this research to explore the opinions and views on the provision of water and sewerage services in Wales in relation to business customers. In particular, the Welsh Government wanted the future needs of business customers to be assessed in order to align the requirements of business customers in Wales with the desired outcomes of the Welsh Government.

The reports recommendations supports the view of the Welsh Government and the Environment and Sustainability Committee, that Wales should be given legislative competence over sewerage and that the regulatory and legislative competence for the water industry should be realigned with the national boundary.

It also highlights a lack of evidence that expanding retail competition for water would benefit customers in Wales, or improve environmental standards.

Overall, I believe the report shows there is a good degree of alignment between the Welsh Government's desired outcomes for water and the wishes of business customers. We will be discussing the findings of this report at the next Wales Water Forum and will feed the findings into the final Water Strategy for Wales.

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