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Dear Consultee

We are writing to invite views on a consultation document published jointly by Defra and the Welsh Assembly Government on the modernisation of the scope of hosepipe bans and drought orders which restrict or prohibit discretionary and non-essential uses of water.

The following documents may be found on Defra's website:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/naturalenvironment.htm> or the Welsh Assembly Government's website [www.wales.gov.uk](http://www.wales.gov.uk)

- consultation letter
- list of consultees
- consultation document
- Annex A: partial regulatory impact assessment
- Annex B: current scope of the temporary hosepipe ban legislation and the Drought Direction 1991
- Annex C: comparison of existing water use restrictions with proposed new arrangements

The consultation is being sent to a wide range of organisations. Please feel free to forward the consultation document to any interested party or refer them to the website.

Responses should be received by **15 June 2007**

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