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David Black
Chief Executive
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Dear David,

I'm writing to support your recent consultation to modify water company dividends policy to require them to be tied to company service delivery for customers and the environment. The residents of Penrith and The Border, and I, are clear that they expect water companies to clean up their act, to tackle sewage pollution and improve service to provide clean and plentiful water. This includes making sure supplies are more resilient, cracking down on leakage and improving supply infrastructure. Linking dividends to their performance will be an important tool to ensure water companies are held to account and drive better outcomes for my constituents.

Representing such a beautiful part of the world as Penrith and The Border, where our precious lakes and rivers are so important to people's lives, this issue is very important to me. That is why we need to get water companies back on course to stop the unacceptable and illegal sewage discharges as a matter of urgency.

I look forward to reviewing the results of your consultation shortly and if there is any support I can give you in the meantime, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Neil Hudson MP