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Dear Ms Greenwood

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Scottish Water Strategic Plan
Screening Determination**

Thank you for your screening report in respect of the above plan, received on 18 December 2019 by the Scottish Natural Heritage SEA Gateway. SNH has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act.

SNH welcomes the development of an ambitious long-term vision for the water sector and looks forward to engaging with the process. The Strategic Plan is set at a high level and on the basis of the information in the screening consultation, we are not able to assess whether the plan is likely to have significant effects on those environmental topics within our remit. Instead, we would expect later plans to contain the level of detail that will enable us to assess them through SEA.

Please note that this consultation response provides a view solely on the potential for the plan or programme to have significant environmental effects. We cannot comment on whether or not the plan or programme meets other criteria determining the need for SEA as set out in the Act.

Yours sincerely



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