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Dear Ms Greenwood

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Scottish Water Strategic Plan - A Sustainable Future Together
Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 17 December 2019.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we have considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. Our consideration of the screening report has also been informed by the very useful discussion we had with yourselves prior to your submission of the report.

We understand that the strategic plan is a very high level document and as such it is difficult to ascertain the nature of any potential significant effects which may result in respect of our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets and climatic factors). We also understand that the aspirations of this strategic plan will be taken forward by a rolling series of business, programme and delivery plans. In terms of proportionality and to ensure that environmental effects are considered at the most appropriate level within a hierarchy of plans we accept the views of the Responsible Authority set out in the Screening Report. We would welcome early engagement with you on the more detailed plans and their related SEA requirements as you progress with your work programme.

Should you wish to discuss this screening consultation please do not hesitate to contact me on 01349 860442 or via our SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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