

Date  
8<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Defra,

## **Southern Water 2022 drought plan national security certification letter – August 2025 publication**

In accordance with section 37B(8)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991, the final drought plan should be published with a statement as to whether any information has been excluded from the published plan on the grounds that it would be contrary to the interests of national security.

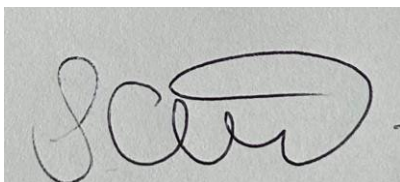
This statement meets that requirement and the requirement to describe the general nature of the information excluded.

Southern Water has decided to publish its final 2022 drought plan and all but one of the associated annexes/ appendices. The only document that won't be published is shown in the table below. This represents a conscious effort to publish as many of the documents as it is possible to do so whilst complying with the Water Industry Act 1991.

Document	Description
Drought Plan 2022 Annex 4 Appendix B SWS-PW Drought Trigger Review Final Report (regulators only)	Not published because it contains information that is contrary to the interests of national security, for example it contains schematics of our water supply assets. This document has already been shared with Defra and our environmental regulators to view.

To view a paper copy of this document in our head office please contact [wrmpp@southernwater.co.uk](mailto:wrmpp@southernwater.co.uk) to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,



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