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Helier Smith, Chief Executive
Jersey Water

BY EMAIL

13th March 2026

Dear Helier,

Proposition P.26/2026 – PFAS limits under the Water (Jersey) Law 1972

Thank you for your [submission](#) dated 2nd March 2026 regarding Proposition [P.26/2026](#) which proposes introducing a statutory PFAS limit of 4 nanograms per litre (ng/l) in drinking water by 1st January 2031.

The Panel notes that the submission refers to an indicative capital estimate for new PFAS treatment works in range of £140 million to £210 million, together with projected customer bill increases of 70% to 110%.

The Panel also notes that the [PFAS Scientific Advisory Panel's Fourth Interim Report – PFAS and Mains Water](#) refers to an indicative capital estimate of approximately £20 million per treatment plant (£40 million total for Augres and Handois).

In preparing for our public hearing with the Minister for the Environment on 20th March 2026 and the upcoming debate on [P.26/2026](#), the Panel would be grateful if Jersey Water could clarify the following key points:

- What factors or assumptions account for the difference between the PFAS Panel's indicative figure of £40 million and Jersey Water's estimate of £140m to £210m?
- What does the higher estimate of £140m-210m account for that the indicative estimate of £40 million does not?
- What assumptions underpin the projected 70% to 110% increase in water bills?

We would welcome a response by Thursday 19th March 2026, in order to support an informed public discussion at the upcoming hearing and debate.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Hilary Jeune

Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel