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Dear CMA Special Reference Group,

Following the CMA's provisional price control determination for Yorkshire Water (YW) the Don Catchment Rivers Trust (DCRT) wishes to issue this letter in support of a settlement that favours YW's ambition to invest in the WINEP. Such investment would be very welcome given the global climate and biodiversity crises faced by us all.

YW are one of the key stakeholders in the Don Catchment and their activities matter greatly to the health of our rivers. It is no exaggeration to say that this redetermination will have significant implications for the future prospects of our region's watercourses.

It is our ambition to work with YW on the WINEP to create climate resilient, clean and wildlife rich rivers. This is critical to realising their great potential as blue-green infrastructure that enhances the fabric of our towns and cities and enriches the lives of the people who live in our region. The importance of such spaces has never been clearer in the current pandemic.

Targets are an important part of challenging organisations like YW to improve, but there can be unintended consequences, such as by creating short-term thinking. The best interests of YW's customers will not be served by cutting costs now at the expense of the environment. We hope that the CMA will take a similar view.

Yours faithfully



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