

Political Platform

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Insert after line 830:

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The same goes for water - there is insufficient knowledge in many European countries of how much ground reserves they have, and many countries rely heavily on just one or two major sources for the majority of their drinking water. To avoid situations where people lose access to drinking water while nearby industries still use water for their operations, there should be clear prioritisation plan developed in each locality for use of limited water supplies, and where feasible backup systems should be developed in case of contamination or interruption of normal water supplies. As Greens we believe in human security, and there is no need more human than that for water.

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Reason

We would like to move the paragraphs where they really belong. They might tackle disasters but the spirit of these paragraphs belong more to agriculture.