

## SCECLB15 Individual

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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Y Pwyllgor Biliau Diwygio | Reform Bill Committee

Bil Senedd Cymru (Rhestrau Ymgeiswyr Etholiadol) | Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill

Ymateb gan Unigolyn | Evidence from Individual

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**What are your views on the general principles of the Bill and the need for legislation to deliver the Welsh Government's stated policy objective (to make the Senedd a more effective legislature by ensuring it is broadly representative of the gender make-up of the population)?**

It is anti-democratic, reduces local representation and scrutiny of MSs. It will lead to a disenfranchised electorate and in time drive low voter turn out. To quote Professor Laura McAllister it is a dreadful and I'll thought out idea.

**What are your views on the system of enforcement and potential sanctions for non-compliance proposed in the Bill?**

Let's just not get there - let's just rescind this crazy idea.

**Are there any potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions? If so, what are they, and are they adequately taken into account in the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment?**

**Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?**

Potentially reducing the geographical link between MS and their constituents will reduce scrutiny, drive a wedge between the parties, disenfranchise voters and in time lead to a reduction in voter turnout. It is wholly anti democratic.

**What are your views on the Welsh Government's assessment of the financial and other impacts of the Bill?**

Cannot be trusted.

**What are your views on the balance between the information contained on the face of the Bill and what is left to subordinate legislation? Are the powers for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation appropriate?**

They will manipulate the outcome of the legislation whatever the electorate say.

**Do you have any views on matters relating to the legislative competence of the Senedd including compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights?**

It is illegal.

**Do you have any views on matters related to the quality of the legislation, or to the constitutional or other implications of the Bill?**

It is illegal, but the WG will manipulate the law to get it passed.

**Are there any other issues that you would like to raise about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum or any related matters?**

No.

**Anything else?**

No.