

EPGBTWB 44 - Evidence from: Campaign response

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

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Bil yr Amgylchedd (Egwyddorion, Llywodraethiant a Thargedau Bioamrywiaeth) (Cymru) | Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill

The Committee received 939 copies of this submission (with minor variations) following a campaign led by Friends of the Earth.

Cafodd y Pwyllgor 939 copi o'r cyflwyniad hwn (gyda mân amrywiadau) yn dilyn ymgyrch dan arweiniad Cyfeillion y Ddaear.

I am writing to show my support for the Environment (Governance, Principles and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill and to ask the Senedd's Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee to make sure the bill is strong enough to protect people and nature.

There is no doubt we need this new law. Pollution is a huge problem for nature and our own health. My biggest concern is that our land is being contaminated with leaky landfills, toxic waste dumps and more. I also have other concerns. There is a toxic quarry near where I live.

I can see lots of potential for this law to turn things around, but there is an opportunity to make it better.

First, these proposals ensure the environmental principles that underpin our existing protections are properly considered when the Senedd passes future environmental laws. But what about laws that might have unintended consequences for nature?

Second, our new environmental watchdog must be properly independent, with enough funding do its job. I don't think the current plans guarantee these things.

And third, will you ensure there are ambitious targets to urgently reverse the decline in our wildlife – ones that will really make a difference to nature in my area now and to future generations.

I really want wildlife to thrive once again and for people to live in a healthy environment. Please consider proposals from environmental organisations like Friends of the Earth and Wales Environment Link to make the law stronger.