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This response was submitted to the [Reform Bill Committee consultation](#) on the [Senedd Cymru \(Members and Elections\) Bill](#).

SCME187 Ymateb gan: | Response from: Dave Facer

Bore da,

I write with regards to the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill.

My name is David Facer.

I am submitting this evidence as an individual.

I am over 18 years old.

I consent to my name being published alongside my evidence and none of my evidence needs to be treated as confidential.

I note that the 'consultation display' concerning the bill encourages 'anyone with expertise or experience of these issues to share your views'. This appears to be a very elitist and undemocratic restriction on the sharing of views from the ordinary elector. My experience and expertise in these matters comes from the fact that since 1975 when I turned 18 I have voted in every election and referendum in which I was entitled to vote.

I am strongly against the Bill, in particular the following parts:

I do not agree that the Senedd should be increased from its current 60 members. This would be a waste of the taxpayers money.

I do not agree with the proposed change from the current electoral system to the closed list proportional representation system, which, if I understand the proposal correctly, amounts to an attack on democracy because individual, non-party, candidates would be unable to stand for election to the Senedd. I believe that the current system of 40 directly elected constituency members and 20 regionally elected 'party list' members has been well thought through, is fit for purpose, and should be retained.

I have no particular view on the other elements of the bill, but cannot support the bill as a whole because of the concerns above.

Yours Sincerely,
Dave Facer

