

National Assembly for Wales
Environment and Sustainability Committee
WFG TA88
Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill
Response from Lydia Beaman

Dear Environment and Sustainability Committee,

I support the campaign for a strong Well-being of Future Generations Bill. I would like to see the Bill strengthened by:

- Adding in targets to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases
- Including a strong duty on public bodies to aim to achieve sustainable development in everything they do
- Adding a clear definition of sustainable development
- Properly considering the impact Wales has on people and the environment overseas
- Boosting the powers of the Commissioner and making the role accountable to Assembly Members rather than Welsh Ministers

Without emissions reductions targets there is no accountability of this government to address the urgent environmental issues of our time, which must be achieved if we are to set the example that Wales should be setting, and thus, achieving. This accountability includes being morally responsible for our emissions and its effects on global atmospheric carbon levels, which must be brought down by upholding legally binding targets.

Targets should be stretched across differing councils so that each achieve increases in renewable energy schemes. Converting to renewable energy is the fundamental task required for the wellbeing of our future generations in Wales and beyond.

Please consider my views as you scrutinise the legislation over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

Lydia Beaman