

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 5 June 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.30 – 14.20**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair)**  
**Mick Antoniw AM**  
**Russell George AM**  
**Llyr Gruffydd AM**  
**Julie James AM**  
**Julie Morgan AM**  
**William Powell AM**

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### Witnesses:

**Mike Harvey, Maelor Forest Nurseries Ltd**  
**Peter Whitfield, UPM Tilhill**  
**Gavin Adkins, BSW Timber**  
**Martin Bishop, Confor**  
**Rory Francis, Coed Cadw (Woodland Trust)**  
**Andrew Bronwin, Country Land and Business Association (CLA)**  
**David Edwards, Woodland Strategy Advisory Panel**  
**Ceri Davies, Natural Resources Wales**  
**Trefor Owen, Natural Resources Wales**

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### Committee Staff:

**Catherine Hunt (Clerk)**  
**Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)**

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## TRANSCRIPT

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### **Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

1.1 There were no apologies.

### **2 Inquiry into the public forestry estate in Wales**

2.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

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### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for item 5**

4.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

### **5 Consideration of issues for scrutiny of the Minister for Natural Resources and Food**

5.1 The Committee discussed the issues it would seek written information on from the Minister.

### **6 Inquiry into the public forestry estate in Wales – Evidence from Natural Resources Wales**

6.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

#### **7 Papers to note**

##### **Biodiversity – Paper from State of Nature partners**

7.1 The Committee noted the letter.

##### **Natural Resources Wales – Further information following 7 May meeting**

7.2 The Committee noted the paper.

##### **Inquiry into the Welsh Government's proposals for the M4 around Newport : Letter from the European Commission – Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive**

7.3 The Committee noted the letter.