

Mr Robert Jones Parry

Chief Executive Officer

Initiative for Nature Conservation Cymru

8 January 2021

Dear Mr Jones Parry,

Thank you for your letter, dated 4 January 2021, regarding INCC's recent petition (P-05-941) - Biodiversity Remit for Natural Resources Wales ('NRW').

The Petitions Committee wrote to the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee ('the Committee') to draw our attention to INCC's petition in the context of our work on biodiversity and rewilding. That work focussed on biodiversity and the green recovery, and biodiversity and rewilding in the context of the Welsh Government's future of land management policy proposals. It was time-limited, involving a one-off evidence session on 19 November 2020, and has now come to an end.

The Committee noted the Petitions Committee letter and INCC's petition at our meeting on 3 December 2020. Due to the Committee's current and anticipated work commitments, including those related to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic and matters arising from the UK's departure from the EU, we are not in a position to consider the petition.

You may be aware that the Committee holds regular scrutiny sessions with NRW, which cover a wide range of matters within NRW's remit, including its work to support the reverse of loss in biodiversity. The most recent session was held on 3 December 2020. A transcript of the session can be found on the [Committee's webpage](#).



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Once again, thank you for taking the time to write to us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mike Hedges MS

Chair of Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

