

The Chair
Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee Chair
Welsh Government
Ty Hywel
Cardiff Bay
CF99 1NA

13 April 2017

Dear Chair

Petition P-05-747 TB Testing of Cattle

The Petitions Committee has been considering the following petition from Nigel Bowyer, which was submitted with 309 signatures:

Petition wording

We, the undersigned, object to the proposal by the Welsh Assembly, to reduce the interval for routine TB testing of cattle in designated areas of Wales from 12 months to 6 months.

Action petitioned for: withdrawal of this proposal, and maintain the status quo.

Members considered the petition most recently on 7 April and, in light of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee's recent inquiry into this issue, agreed to forward details of the petition to you for your consideration.

The Committee also agreed to:

- forward the petitioner's comments to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs;



- await the Cabinet Secretary's forthcoming statement on the refreshed TB Eradication Programme expected in early May; and
- inform the petitioner about the ongoing consideration being given by the Assembly to the issue of TB testing for cattle.

Further details on the petition, including related correspondence, are available on the website at:

<http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=18435>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Hedges', with a long diagonal line extending from the end of the signature.

Mike Hedges AC/AM
Cadeirydd/ Chair