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Julie James MS
Minister for Climate Change

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Dear Minister

Proposals to ban single use plastic items

Following on from our *Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Environment Bill* (September 2021), we would welcome an update from you on progress made by the Welsh Government in taking forward proposals to ban single use plastic items.

In your response to our report, you told us that intergovernmental discussions were continuing in relation to the impact of the UK Internal Market Act 2020 on the scope of the proposed ban in Wales. You indicated your intention to publish details of the next steps towards a ban by the end October 2021. These have yet to be made available.

We note the Scottish Government has recently made the *Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Scotland) Regulations 2021*, which will come into force in June 2022. In addition, the UK Government is currently consulting on proposals for a ban on a range of single use plastics and other sources of plastic pollution in England, having already introduced a ban on plastic straws, stirrers and cotton buds.

Given that progress towards a ban is being made in other UK nations, it is unclear why there appears to have been no further progress made in Wales. It would be helpful if you could address this issue in your response.

I should be grateful if you would provide an update as soon as possible, and by **Tuesday 4 January 2022**, at the latest.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Llyr', is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

Llyr Gruffydd MS,
Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.