

**Pwyllgor yr Economi,
Masnach a Materion Gwledig**

**Economy, Trade and
Rural Affairs Committee**

Dylan Morgan
Head of Policy, NFU Cymru

9 December 2021

Dear Dylan

**Review of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations
2021**

Thank you for your letter of 2 December regarding evidence received at the Committee's meeting on 25 November from environmental organisations.

I note the points made in your letter, which were formally considered by the Committee as a paper to note at our meeting on 9 December. Your letter will also be published on our website alongside other evidence to the review.

With regard to the point made by Rachel Sharp of Wildlife Trusts Wales about growth hormones, you will note from the 25 November meeting transcript that both myself as Chair, and Samuel Kurtz as a Committee Member, challenged this point with Rachel Sharp during the meeting and gave her an opportunity to respond. These exchanges can be found at paragraphs 155-168 of the record of proceedings. As you will be aware from giving evidence yourself, all witnesses are also invited to review the draft transcript and raise any issues of accuracy or clarity with us themselves.

With regard to the other points you make in your letter concerning the River Wye, seagrass beds and water quality, your views on this evidence are also noted and are in the public domain. Should the environmental organisations giving evidence wish to provide us with further information concerning these points, then that will of course be a matter for them.

I can give you a strong assurance as Committee Chair, and on behalf of Members, that all evidence received to the inquiry, including where it is disputed by different organisations, will be given careful consideration by Members before we report our conclusions. As you

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would expect, in our deliberations we also have the able assistance of researchers and legal advisers when it comes to testing the veracity and weighing up all the evidence we receive.

Thank you again for your letter, and for your full engagement in the Committee's review.

I have CC'd Rachel Sharp into this letter for openness.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a dark ink and is centered on the page.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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