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Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP,
Chair, Welsh Affairs Committee
House of Commons

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Dear Stephen,

Renewable energy in Wales

I understand the Welsh Affairs Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry into grid capacity in Wales. I am therefore writing to share with you Senedd Cymru's Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee ('the Committee') [Report on renewable energy in Wales](#), which was published today.

Our report identifies lack of grid infrastructure as a key barrier to scaling up renewable energy development in Wales. For over a decade, there have been loud and persistent calls for action from both the Welsh and UK Governments to secure improvements to Wales' grid. Despite this, it is still a long way off from being able and ready to support the rapid transition to renewables that the climate emergency demands.

We are aware that the grid is not a devolved matter. Although there are encouraging signs the Welsh Government is taking steps to proactively influence future grid investment, it is only through collaborative working with the UK Government and Ofgem that the improvements so urgently needed will be delivered.

In our report, we call on the Welsh Government to proactively engage UK Government at the highest level to ensure Wales' grid infrastructure requirements are fully understood and met. While we would not wish to pre-empt the findings of your report, we hope you see fit to mirror our calls by encouraging the UK Government to work collaboratively with the Welsh Government on this matter.



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We look forward to the publication of your report and would welcome any opportunities for joint-working or cooperation between our two committees, on this and any other matter that falls within our remit. In the meantime, should you wish to discuss the findings of our report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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.