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Dear Liz,

Thank you for your letter of 24 June, regarding the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee review of the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021. Outlining Wales Environment Link's concerns with Recommendation 1 '*The Welsh Government should re-introduce the derogation which allowed qualifying grassland farms to spread up to 250kg/ha of nitrogen*' and Recommendation 8 '*The Welsh Government should prioritise any suitable alternative proposals that utilise technology rather than closed periods for spreading, or 'farming by calendar'*'.

Welsh Government takes seriously the risks caused by agricultural pollution. Any changes or technological solutions proposed through the Regulation 45 'Alternative Measures' process must be able to demonstrate the ability to more effectively deliver the outcomes than the measures currently in the Regulations.

We are currently considering the committee's report and recommendations and will have regard to your representations, together with any other representations we may receive, before responding formally to the Committee in due course. If you have not already done so, you may also wish to bring the views of WEL on these matters to the attention of the Committee.

Your sincerely,

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