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Bil yr Amgylchedd (Ansawdd Aer a Seinweddau) (Cymru) | The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill

Ymateb gan Unigolyn | Evidence from Individual

General principles

What are your views on the general principles of the Bill, and is there a need for legislation to deliver the stated policy intention?

Yes, legislation is desirable. I support the general principles of the bill.

What are your views on the Bill's provisions (set out according to sections below), in particular are they workable and will they deliver the stated policy intention?

National air quality targets (sections 1 to 7)

Quality targets must take account of local conditions; a 'one size fits all' approach is inappropriate.

Promoting awareness about air pollution (section 8)

Speed limits on rural dual carriageways are not the answer to promoting awareness.

National air quality strategy (sections 9 to 11)

I think the combined approach mentioned in the Memorandum is appropriate.

Air quality regulations (section 12)

No comment.

Local air quality management (sections 13 to 15)

No comment.

Smoke control (sections 16 to 18)

Landowners must have a route to dispose of waste wood either by chipping or by depositing it at a local recycling centre. This will require a relaxation of the size of trailers allowed to visit these sites. Otherwise, burning it is a more attractive option.

Vehicle emissions (sections 19 to 21)

I support the Welsh Government's objective of achieving a modal shift from road to rail.

National soundscapes strategy (sections 22 and 23)

No consideration was given to noise pollution in the design of the A55 road. Tree planting should form an important part of this strategy.

Strategic noise map and noise action plans (sections 24)

No comment.

General provisions (sections 25 to 28);

No comment.

What are the potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions and how does the Bill take account of them?

No comment.

How appropriate are the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum)?

No comment.

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

Yes.

What are your views on the Welsh Government's assessment of the financial implications of the Bill as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum?

No comment.

Are there any other issues that you would like to raise about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum or any related matters?

No.

No.