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Mark Roberts,
Chief Executive Officer,
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Dear Mark,

Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee's consideration of interim environmental protection measures in Wales

Thank you for attending the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee's 21 June meeting to discuss the work of Environmental Standards Scotland ('ESS'). Your evidence provided valuable insight into the role of the ESS, how it operates in practice, and lessons learned to date. This will help inform our forthcoming report on Wales' interim environmental protection measures and stand us in good stead for our future work on a new Welsh environmental governance body.

The Welsh Government has set out its intention to publish a White Paper for an environmental governance Bill before the end of December 2023. The Bill will make provision for establishing a new environmental governance body, among other things. **We would be interested to know whether ESS has been invited to share its experiences with the Welsh Government to inform the development of the Bill.**

I anticipate the Committee will want to invite you to give evidence to inform our scrutiny of the Bill when the time comes. I hope you will be amenable to this.



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Until then, we look forward to receiving a response from you.

Yours sincerely,

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

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

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.