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This response was submitted to the [Reform Bill Committee consultation](#) on the [Senedd Cymru \(Members and Elections\) Bill](#).

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Please accept this message as an objection to the Senedd Reform Bill.

- The Bill is intended to meet the needs of the Senedd and not the needs of the citizens of Wales.
- The Bill will deny the citizen to vote for an individual of choice
- The Bill will increase the tax burden of the citizens of Wales
- The Bill will increase the element to power and control the Welsh Government has over the citizens of Wales, and decrease citizens involvement with politics
- The Bill is designed to be oppressive, exclusive and dictatorial. The direct opposite to what Democracy means.

To explain:

To vote for a party and not an individual, is to vote for the manifesto, the party plan.

Here in Wales, we have experienced that the first minister for Wales repeatedly has said, that 'we' the electorate, are in agreement, with all that the Welsh Government is doing, a) because 'we' have voted Labour, & b) because all that they are doing is in the manifesto.

However, today 460000+ Welsh people have now said, they do not like what the Welsh Government is doing. We the electorate have told the Welsh Government this via a petition. Yet, the ruling party, will not listen to the voice of the people, and ignores the voice of the people. All because there is a two lined entry, in the manifesto.

To complain, and raise our voices louder, we message our named, elected representatives. We remind them, that we voted for them, and that we placed our



faith and trust in them. These individuals are our personal, individual connection to the political process, and what we feel to be our democratic right.

We believe we live in a democracy, we believe that we have rights, we also believe that we can change things. We form groups and connect with other like minded people. We are social animals, with free spirits.

And then we meet Welsh Labour, who want to control us, dictate to us, take away years of democratic rule.

To vote for a party, and only the party, will take away, all of our democratic rights to be involved, and to connect with our politicians of choice.

It is only those who have power, can impose control. The more power they have, the more control is exerted. The more control they have, they assume they may, and do anything to those whom they control. However by control, they deny the things that makes humans different from animals. The ability to adapt, be creative and to change.

Thus the need to control, to deny, to oppress, to subjugate, to dictate, because if you don't control, you allow individual thought. And once that is allowed control is lost.

Hence the need for Welsh Labour to control.

Welsh Labour NEED to control the citizens, to maintain their power, they must maintain control.

The Senedd Reform Bill, is the mechanism, the machine, that is designed to maintain, control, to maintain the power over the electorate. The ultimate tool to reduce individual input, reduce individual involvement, reduce individual thought, and to reduce individual choice.

Therefore reducing the value of the individual.

And we thought we lived in a democracy.

Kind regards

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