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Dear Llyr,

IDDs

I write to you as Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee with a request for the Committee to undertake an inquiry into IDD areas in Wales.

In the face of the financial crisis and climate crisis we are currently living through, it is becoming increasingly clear that the current IDD regime cannot continue. In light of the other needs facing NRW, the work necessary to maintain these lowlands and to keep the sea from claiming them is not practicable. There is a real danger that we will lose some of Wales's most fertile and productive land over the next few decades if there is no change in how NRW operates within the IDD regime.

As NRW work is directed by political decision, it is only through political decision that a solution to the challenges facing IDD areas will be found.

I originally wrote to the ETRA Committee thinking they were the most suitable committee, but they suggested the Climate Change Committee was better placed. That notwithstanding, its Chair, Paul Davies has committed to writing to the relevant bodies to seek their opinion on the matter.

I know that your forward work programme is full and that it would therefore be very difficult to undertake an inquiry into the matter in any depth. The Committee may therefore wish to hold a short inquiry to gain a better understanding of the issues before deciding to proceed further.

Thank you for your time and I hope that the Committee will look favourably on
my request. Yours sincerely,


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