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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1478
Ein cyf/Our ref HIDCC/10356/24

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 4 October seeking my views as Cabinet Secretary with lead responsibility for Natural Resources Wales (NRW) on issues raised in Petition [P-06-1478](#), asking to “Comprehensively review NRW and its failure to deliver its statutory obligations to protect Wales”.

As you have noted, there is no doubt that the professional and passionate staff within NRW work hard every day to help to protect our natural environment. Welsh Government officials meet with NRW on a regular basis to monitor and analyse NRW’s performance in achieving agreed aims and objectives, particularly in relation to the delivery of its statutory duties and functions.

In addition, you will also be aware the Senedd’s Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure (CCEI) Committee also scrutinises NRW’s performance on an annual basis. Its last report (Annual Report on Natural Resources Wales (NRW) 2023-24) published on 21 May 2024 and was debated in the Senedd on 2 October 2024

Once again, thank you for writing to bring this petition to my attention. I hope this information is helpful to you in your role as Petitions’ Committee Chair.

Yours sincerely,

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