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Dear Member of the Senedd,

Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill – Government Amendments

I am enclosing detail of the Government amendments tabled to the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill, together with an explanation of their purpose and effect.

Yours sincerely,

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DISUSED MINE AND QUARRY TIPS (WALES) BILL – STAGE 3 GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

The information below is designed to explain the purpose and effect of the amendments tabled in the name of Huw Irranca-Davies MS on 26 June 2025 – please see link to notice of amendments: [Notice of Amendments PDF 153KB - 26 June 2025.pdf](#)

Adt.	Explanation
6	This amendment amends section 9 (Public access to the register). It places a duty on the Authority to publish the maps and information that section 8 (Content of register) requires to be included in the register of disused tips. It does not require publication of any additional information that is included in the register as a result of regulations made under section 8(2)(f). In accordance with amendment 16, where the Act includes a duty to publish, this means that the document/information must be published on the Authority’s website (or other electronic facility) and may also be published in any other manner the Authority considers appropriate.
7	This amendment amends section 14 (Additional preliminary assessments). It is a technical drafting amendment that does not impact the policy. In section 14(2)(b) the references to preliminary assessment are to assessments being carried out in relation to “the tip” (rather than “every tip”), so the duty should be to produce and publish a report of “the assessment” rather than “each assessment”.
8	This amendment amends section 16 (Full assessment of unregistered tip). It is a technical drafting amendment that does not impact the policy. In section 16(1)(b) the references to preliminary assessment are to assessments being carried out in relation to “the tip” (rather than “every tip”), so the duty should be to produce and publish a report of “the assessment” rather than “each assessment”.
9	This amendment amends section 17 (Full assessment of registered tip). It is a technical drafting amendment that does not impact the policy. In section 17(2)(b) the references to preliminary assessment are to assessments being carried out in relation to “the tip” (rather than “every tip”), so the duty should be to produce and publish a report of “the assessment” rather than “each assessment”.
10	This amendment amends section 22 (Proposal to remove a tip from register). Section 22(4) enables the Welsh Ministers to make regulations to amend the minimum period for making representations about a proposal to remove a tip from the register. Currently that power is not subject to a minimum time period for making representations. This amendment provides that the amended period for making representations must not be less than 14 days.
11	This amendment amends section 29 (Proposal to make notifiable change). Section 29(3) enables the Welsh Ministers to make regulations to amend the minimum period for making representations about a proposal to make a notifiable change. Currently that power is not subject to a minimum time period for making representations. This amendment provides that the amended period for making representations must not be less than 14 days.

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- 12 This amendment amends section 31 (Duty to compile and maintain list of all disused tips). It requires the Authority to publish the list of all disused tips. In accordance with amendment 16, where the Act includes a duty to publish this means that the document must be published on the Authority’s website (or other electronic facility) and may also be published in any other manner the Authority considers appropriate.
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- 13 This amendment inserts a new section [X] (Duty to publish notices). It provides that where a provision in Chapters 3 or 5 of Part 2 requires a notice to be given to a person, the Authority must publish the notice as soon as practicable after it is given. This means that notices given under sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 29 and 30 must be published.
- The Authority has the power to publish the notice in a redacted form if the conditions specified in the amendment are met.
- In accordance with amendment 16, where the Act includes a duty to publish this means that the document must be published on the Authority’s website (or other electronic facility) and may also be published in any other manner the Authority considers appropriate.
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- 14 This amendment is a technical amendment to section 46(4) (Duty to give interested parties copies of notice). It removes the word “reasonably”.
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- 15 This amendment inserts a new section [x] (Duty to establish and maintain a website or electronic facility). It places a duty on the Authority to establish and maintain a website or other electronic facility, which is free for the public to access. The reference to “other electronic facility” is included to future proof the legislation.
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- 16 This amendment inserts a new section [X] (Publication). It provides that where the Act requires the Authority to publish a document/information (for example a notice or report) it must be published on the Authority’s website (or other electronic facility) established and maintained under the section inserted by amendment 15.
- This amendment also gives the Authority the power to publish documents/information subject to a publication requirement in any other way the Authority sees fit.
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- 17 This amendment amends paragraph 19 of Schedule 1. It places a requirement upon the Authority to consult with such persons as it considers appropriate on the corporate plan prior to submitting it to the Welsh Ministers for approval.
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