

# Y Pwyllgor Amgylchedd a Chynaliadwyedd

## Environment and Sustainability Committee

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Dear Colleague

The National Assembly for Wales' Environment and Sustainability Committee has established a task and finish group to undertake an inquiry into **the proposed reforms to the Common Agriculture Policy**. The group would like to invite you to provide written evidence to the inquiry. The terms of reference for the review are as follows:

- To assess the potential impact of the European Commission's proposals for the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy on Wales, including its implications for relevant Welsh Government policies
- To consider what outcomes would be most beneficial to Wales.
- To make recommendations to the Welsh Government on what it should prioritise in its negotiations on the reform process.
- To act as a forum for stakeholders in Wales to engage with the debate on the future of the policy.
- To influence the wider debate on CAP Reform, the Task and Finish Group will seek to share its conclusions with UK parliamentary bodies, the European Commission and the European Parliament and with other relevant European bodies such as the Committee of the Regions.

The Group will consider:

- What the European Commission's proposals could mean for Wales?
- What should the Welsh Government's priorities be in its negotiations on CAP Reform to ensure a beneficial outcome for Wales?

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- How can Wales ensure that its views inform the negotiation process?

We would particularly welcome the submission of specific amendments that you would like to see being made to the draft proposals published by the European Commission on 12 October [http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/legal-proposals/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/legal-proposals/index_en.htm) When we publish our initial findings, we intend to highlight possible amendments that we feel should be made to maximise the opportunity for the Group to influence the final proposals.

Submissions do not need to address all the above areas and the Committee welcomes evidence from both individuals and organisations. If you know of a person or organisation who might be interested in the Committee's inquiry, please pass this letter on to them.

We will be holding oral evidence sessions in the Autumn Term 2011 so it would be helpful if you could indicate in your submission whether you would be prepared to give oral evidence, if invited.

Generally, we ask for submissions to be made in writing because it is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee on our internet site so that it becomes part of the public record. However, we are also able to accept evidence in audio or video format. Submissions can be provided in either English or Welsh, although we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies to provide bilingual responses, where applicable, in line with their policies.

Submissions should be sent to the Clerk at [E&S.comm@wales.gov.uk](mailto:E&S.comm@wales.gov.uk), or the address above, to arrive no later than **Friday 4 November 2011**.

### **Disclosure of Information**

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Yours faithfully



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