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Dear Mr Jones

INQUIRY INTO THE PUBLIC FORESTRY ESTATE IN WALES

I am writing to thank you for a copy of your letter sent to the Minister for Natural Resources on 28th October 2014.

The Inquiry highlighted a number of areas for concern and we have made good progress on many of the issues you raise. To take forward matters in an open and transparent way we have used the Inquiry to help build an Action Plan together with Welsh Government Forest Policy Branch and forest sector representatives to tackle the areas for improvement in partnership.

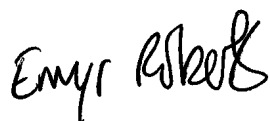
We will be able to report progress through this mechanism on the Ten Areas for Action:

1. Improved quality of communication with forest sector
2. Improved transparency on forestry regulation and compliance
3. Improved transparency of forests facts and figures for timber production, forecasting and supply
4. Improved management of timber production and supply from Welsh Government Woodland Estate and the Welsh Forest Resource
5. Recognition of *Woodland for Wales* outcomes and the forest sector when taking forward Integrated Natural Resource Management and an 'ecosystems approach' to decision making
6. Set out the role and purpose of the Welsh Government Woodland Estate and its strategic priorities to best deliver WG policy priorities

7. Improve support for the forest sector to deliver against Welsh Government policy priorities through well targeted funding, advice and guidance
8. Promote the interests of forestry
9. Provide assurance of sufficient forestry skills in Natural Resources Wales
10. Reporting on progress

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Natural Resources.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive**