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Chair, Petitions Committee  
Welsh Parliament  
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*By email*

Dear Mr. Sargeant MS,

**Ref P-06-1213 Petition P-06-1213 Ban leisure use of Seadoo/jet ski in Cymru. Except in strictly controlled designated areas**

Thank you for your letter to the WLGA regarding the above petition, and please accept apologies for the delay in responding to the Committee. Your correspondence has been passed to officers for a response.

The WLGA recognises the increasing concerns in relation to incidents involving equipment of this type, at various coastal locations across Wales. The safety and wellbeing of the public, as part of a thriving business and visitor economy, are all of paramount concern to councils.

Although to date there has been no coordinated response from local government, we are aware that individually councils are engaged in raising their concerns about jet skis and other personal watercraft. For example, Gwynedd Council passed a motion to request the UK Government to bring forward legislation to control these dangers effectively. We understand that some coastal councils have banned jet ski from launching from council-owned slipways and jetties and a few privately

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owned frontages have done the same due to concerns over health and safety risks for swimmers.

We are also aware of the recent UK Government consultation in September 2021 and await the findings of the process, which may bring these types of craft within scope of the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, in terms of safe operation.

We note that a number of local authorities currently try to exercise control via registration, fees, and ensuring appropriate insurance is in place, but effective safety controls require good administrative arrangements and appropriate enforcement powers.

I hope this response is helpful to the committee.

Yours sincerely,

Director of Regeneration and Sustainable Development

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