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Landfill Disposal Tax {Wales} Act  
Public Consultation

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my personal view on how the introduction of the new Landfill Disposal Tax {Wales} in April 2018 will be received by the general public.

At present I would suggest that only a small percentage of the population are aware of the current waste tax arrangements and what it represents as a financial aspect within their local authority annual community tax demand.

As with any change associated with taxation, the general response is to balk at what will be a perceived as an **extra financial cost** affecting their household budget and no amount of explanatory publicity will persuade them otherwise.

The predominant reason to apply it, is driven by the urgent requirement to drastically reduce and eventually curtail this historical method of irresponsible waste disposal. In reality, this consideration means as much to the man in the street as the prescribed consequences of melting icebergs, deforestation, carbon emissions and all the other unproven global warming issues.

The laudable guidance within the 133 page Explanatory Memorandum publication does not make bedtime reading for the average householder and is not intended to convey in simple terms the fundamental intentions of the Finance Minister.

The lack of resolute **supervision** of the segregation of materials at the initial doorstep disposal chain, encourages further disdain towards ensuring, that desired practises are strictly followed.

However the statistic everyone seems fully aware of is the dismal record for apprehending and convicting the increasing number of fly tipping culprits. This has created a mind set amongst decent people that the bad guy does not have too much to worry about when blighting the surrounding areas with hideous mounds of decomposing rubbish.

In conclusion, without proper monitoring and rigourous application of penalties and legal deterrents, the increasing drift towards wayward behaviour and multiple wrongdoing will eventually negate any community and environmental benefits the new Bill is designed to encourage.

I would choose to conclude my observation by suggesting that National Resource Wales, reinstate the effective practical monitoring of vulnerable unauthorised sites by **mobile wardens**.

Thanking you for your kind consideration

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