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National Assembly for Wales Petitions Committee

> Mike Hedges AM Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee National Assembly for Wales Tŷ Hywel Cardiff Bay CF99 1NA

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Dear Mike

P-05-750 For single use items: introduce a Deposit Return System for drink containers and make fast food containers and utensils compostable

As you will be aware, the Petitions Committee has been considering the above petition since May 2017.

Following an evidence session with Gill Bell, Head of Conservation Wales, Marine Conservation Society at our meeting held on 13 March. At that meeting we also considered, for the first time, petition P-05-803 Our natural world is being poisoned by single use plastics...it's time to introduce a tax!

We agreed that I should forward details of both petitions to you as Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee for your information, and to ask if your Committee has any plans to investigate issues relating to single use plastics.

We have also written to the Minister for Environment to ask when the Extended Producer Responsibility research study that has been commissioned by the Welsh Government will be published, and to request a copy once it is available.



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I would be grateful if you could send your response by e-mail to the clerking team at *SeneddPetitions@assembly.wales*.

Yours sincerely

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David J Rowlands AM Chair

