

P-05-867 Make the 'Cofiwch Dryweryn' Mural a designated Welsh landmark, Correspondence – Petitioner to Committee, 28.04.19

Thank you for your email. There are a few points I would like to address for the next meeting:

- Firstly, since the initial meeting of AMs, the wall was once again vandalised, as I'm sure you are aware. Rather than just spray paint this time, someone knowingly destroyed a large section of the wall. Though the damage has since been fixed communally, it's amazing that in the brief time between the last meeting and now, once again the mural has been targeted, and this time even more damage was done.
- Secondly, since the latest batch of damage, as I'm sure you're aware, the public outcry over the monument has been intense. Various murals were painted across Wales, including on Plaid offices. A Facebook group dedicated to the mural has received over a 1,000 new members in just three weeks. T-shirts, mugs and coasters have been sold. the time for the mural to be protected has come, as now there is significant public awareness of what the monument stands for.
- Thirdly, whilst the previous correspondence was helpful in laying out why the deputy minister for culture believes the mural should not be officially listed, it would be interesting to compare the mural to that of the Free Derry mural in Northern Ireland. A mural that gets repainted, yes, but one that is still listed as a landmark, and granted certain protections.

Many thanks,

Joe