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[Bil yr Amgylchedd \(Ansawdd Aer a Seinweddau\) \(Cymru\) | The Environment \(Air Quality and Soundscapes\) \(Wales\) Bill](#)

Ymateb gan Unigolyn | Evidence from Individual

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### General principles

What are your views on the general principles of the Bill, and is there a need for legislation to deliver the stated policy intention?

I beleive it is a retrograde step and will not achieve its goals without the cooperation of the public. If this policy is forced in the public and electors will not bend to the opinions of the Cardiff Government.

What are your views on the Bill's provisions (set out according to sections below), in particular are they workable and will they deliver the stated policy intention?

National air quality targets (sections 1 to 7)

Do not tax the Trunk Roads this will hurt both the economy and tourism. Regular users cannot afford or get alternative forms of transport to work and cannot afford extra costs associated with HGVs paying dues to the Welsh Government.

Promoting awareness about air pollution (section 8)

By all means promote awareness of air pollution but, remember not all electors can afford new cars particularly if they are retired and on low incomes. And if we have electric cars how is it possible to charge these cars on low income and with electricity prices so high.

National air quality strategy (sections 9 to 11)

By all means have a strategy but, not enforceable and advisory.

Air quality regulations (section 12)

Regulations at this time should be advisory.

Local air quality management (sections 13 to 15)

My opinion is that the 50mph limits at Queensferry and Wrexham are not successful. As stacking traffic cause more pollution than vehicles travelling at a constant speed.

Smoke control (sections 16 to 18)

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Smoke control, smokeless fuels do cause less pollution. We live in the country with a log burner and burn kiln dried and seasoned logs, with oil central heating. No gas within the area and our house is not suitable for air source heating therefore no other type of heating is available.

#### Vehicle emissions (sections 19 to 21)

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The public are using more efficient petrol why not subsidise clean diesel so that it helps future emissions. As said earlier not all electors can afford electric cars.

#### National soundscapes strategy (sections 22 and 23)

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No comment.

#### Strategic noise map and noise action plans (sections 24)

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Action plans are fine, however, low noise road surfacing, and noise barriers where applicable.

#### General provisions (sections 25 to 28);

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No comment.

What are the potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions and how does the Bill take account of them?

How appropriate are the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum)?

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

What are your views on the Welsh Government's assessment of the financial implications of the Bill as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum?

Are there any other issues that you would like to raise about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum or any related matters?

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