

National Assembly for Wales
Environment and Sustainability Committee
WFG TA 53
Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill
Response from Jessica McQuade

Dear Environment and Sustainability Committee,

I support the campaign for a strong Well-being of Future Generations Bill. I would like to see the Bill strengthened by:

- Adding in targets to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases
- Including a strong duty on public bodies to aim to achieve sustainable development in everything they do
- Adding a clear definition of sustainable development
- Properly considering the impact Wales has on people and the environment overseas
- Boosting the powers of the Commissioner and making the role accountable to Assembly Members rather than Welsh Ministers

I want this Bill to be something that Wales is proud of. Something through which we have demonstrated ambition for our future, our respect and valuing of our beautiful natural environment and also recognition of our responsibility to only use our fair share of our planets resources, both morally but also to secure the future for those that come after us. The Times They Are A-Changin' and we need to create a Bill which enables us to change, not a Bill which has been watered down by bureaucrats' and those with vested interests 'fear of the change that is needed. The Wales We Want Interim report and lots of recent surveys show that people of Wales do care about a future where environmental issues are affecting our wellbeing so we need the politicians (you!) who represent our voices to stand up to the WG and push the Bill forward to where it needs to be.

Please consider my views as you scrutinise the legislation over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

Jessica McQuade >