

National Assembly for Wales
Environment and Sustainability Committee
WFG TA 66
Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill
Response from Patricia Dodd Racher

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

Ecological footprinting for all development please, AND for decisions to close or relocate public services.

What happens at present is that public authorities opt to centralise, but 'savings' are at the expense of service users who have to spend more time and money accessing services, probably with worse ecological impact.

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

Yours sincerely

Patricia Dodd Racher