National Assembly for Wales Environment and Sustainability Committee WFG TA 94 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill Response from David Silvester

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 am proud of the leadership taken in Wales on sustainability in the UK so far. However, this needs to be properly supported by a meaningful framework as per the above recommendations.

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

Yours sincerely

David Silvester