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**Re-United Valleys Action Group (UVAG) Views to  
Petition Committee on Ministers second response to  
P-04-575 Call in on all Opencast Mining Applications over  
10 yearsDuration or 350 Hectares in Size.**

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UVAG's reply to the Ministers second response is that UVAG would like to reiterate their initial response as justifiable reasons to call in all opencast mining applications over 10 years duration or 350 hectares in size.

UVAG would like to inform the petitions committee that the Welsh Government planning bill proposed for 2016 in actual fact, in part supports our petition because the planning act intends to take energy planning decisions including opencast mining away from Local Authorities, which in fact supports our petition, so therefore we are surprised that the minister response does not take this into account.

The response from the Environment and Sustainability committee would be interesting and hopefully welcome for our petition.

UVAG would like the petition go to Plenary for debate and with the purpose of them adopting the petition in principle

Terry Evans

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