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Dear Mr Ramsay.

Thank you for extending the invitation to organisations other than the 44 Public Bodies to respond to the Consultation that your Committee is undertaking as part of its Inquiry into the May 2020 Reports of the Auditor General for Wales and the Future Generations Commissioner in relation to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Vattenfall wishes to confine itself to the first matter that your Committee has specified; namely, the awareness of the Act and its implications.

Vattenfall, a company wholly owned by the Swedish State, is guided in its operations by the principles and ways of working captured through its adoption of six of the United Nation's Global Sustainability Goals.

As a company, Vattenfall is familiar with the 2015 Act, and has found that both the Reports referred to above have been extremely useful in spelling out the ways in which it is possible for both the business sector as well as the public sector to use them as templates for measuring operational performance in delivering improvements in welfare.

We were, for example, impressed by the way that a senior planner in Arup at Page 724 of the Commissioner's 5 yearly Report, described the use of the Future Generations Framework to good effect within his company- identical to our own experience.

We have been inspired by these Reports, and find that the implications of the Act emphasise the requirement that all four of the Sustainability elements; the Environmental, Economic, Social and Cultural must proceed simultaneously to the benefit of both current and future generations of the Welsh people. The title of the Welsh Government publication: "Prosperity for All" encapsulates the objective towards which the Well-being of Future Generations Act is leading, and to which Vattenfall fully subscribes.

Recently, Vattenfall has been in touch with the Commissioner's Office and hopes very much to be able to support the 2021 Academy that she is planning.

Our plea as a renewable energy company is for the Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales to display a greater level of urgency in implementing changes, so that the Climate and Nature Crises are tackled with vigour and determination, rather

than in endless process driven, and innovation stifling, Workshops and consultations. By so doing, the spirit of the 2015 Act will be satiated.

Yours sincerely,



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