

Y Gwir Anrh/Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AC/AM  
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Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Eich cyf/Your ref: P-04-355  
Ein cyf/Our ref: FM/05099/12

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Dear William,

**Petition: Cymru not Wales**

I am writing in response to your letter of 11 January regarding the petition you received calling upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to formally drop the name "Wales & Welsh".

I have noted the views of the petitioners. While I respect those views, it appears to me that the vast majority of people in Wales are happy to describe themselves as Welsh and their country Wales. I see no reason, therefore, to consider dropping the use of "Wales" and "Welsh". Following the referendum on law-making powers in March 2011, the Welsh Assembly Government became known as the Welsh Government. There are no intentions at the moment to implement a further name change.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CJ' with a stylized flourish at the end.

**CARWYN JONES**