

**P-05-1190 Ban the use of peat in horticulture and all growing media by 2023,
Correspondence – Petitioner to Committee, 28.09.21**

The Minister's letter focusses on the National Peatland Action Programme, which is a fantastic initiative. But we do have to act *internationally*, as she says, in line with the global responsibility of the Future Generations Act.

Unless we ban the use of all peat in horticulture, we are simply exporting the problem to another country and another threatened ecosystem and carbon sink.

Also, I question whether we need yet another consultation when all the evidence shows that peatlands are valuable ecosystems in their own right and also sequester vast amounts of carbon.

Please do let me know if you would like me to provide this evidence to the Committee.