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[Bil yr Amgylchedd \(Ansawdd Aer a Seinweddau\) \(Cymru\) | The Environment \(Air Quality and Soundscapes\) \(Wales\) Bill](#)

Ymateb gan Unigolyn | Evidence from Individual

General principles

What are your views on the general principles of the Bill, and is there a need for legislation to deliver the stated policy intention?

any improvement in the environment is to be welcomed. it is always good to have this as legislation rather than wooly commitments, the public needs to have the means to hold out politicians to account

What are your views on the Bill's provisions (set out according to sections below), in particular are they workable and will they deliver the stated policy intention?

National air quality targets (sections 1 to 7)

targets are good, as long as there is provision for monitoring and enforcement

Promoting awareness about air pollution (section 8)

this work is vital- back in the 50s people could see smog and the damage it was doing. this current pollution is invisible but no less of a problem

National air quality strategy (sections 9 to 11)

I naively assumed we already had one, obviously we need something with more detail and teeth

Air quality regulations (section 12)

think of those poor people on Hafodyrynys main road -how long did they suffer before something was done? there's no point in regulations that aren't enforced

Local air quality management (sections 13 to 15)

as someone who lives alongside the M4 (Brynglas Tunnels section) I'm shocked at the levels of pollution here. there needs to be greater publicity/raised awareness of this, at national and local council levels

Smoke control (sections 16 to 18)

Vehicle emissions (sections 19 to 21)

vehicle idling is a problem, but who is to enforce this? you only have to be outside a school at 3:30 to see the scale here, especially in the colder months. should someone within the school be given the authority to fine parents who do this? you can't have traffic wardens outside every school

National soundscapes strategy (sections 22 and 23)

Strategic noise map and noise action plans (sections 24)

living between 3 main roads, traffic noise is a problem. Hopefully a push for more electric vehicles will help. are we moving towards lorries/delivery vans converting to electricity? are there sufficient incentives for firms to do this?

General provisions (sections 25 to 28);

this is all well and good, but will it be implemented by whoever is in power in Wales?

What are the potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions and how does the Bill take account of them?

How appropriate are the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum)?

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

there will undoubtedly be a backlash from certain parts of the population, but there needs to be something in place for people to feed back about their own experiences, there will always be areas where any plan will need tweaking with hindsight

What are your views on the Welsh Government's assessment of the financial implications of the Bill as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum?

Are there any other issues that you would like to raise about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum or any related matters?

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