

## Infrastructure 09, Cwmni Eginio

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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

**Pwyllgor Newid Hinsawdd, yr Amgylchedd a Seilwaith | Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee**

Bil Seilwaith (Cymru) | Infrastructure (Wales) Bill

Ymateb gan Cwmni Eginio | Evidence from Cwmni Eginio

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### 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?**

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We welcome that the Welsh Government has taken this important step to establish a much needed new legislative framework. Overall, we believe the proposals are sensible and proportionate – helping to considerably improve how large infrastructure development proposals can:

- be considered in a more cohesive and streamlined process;
- provide greater clarity and ability for communities to better understand the process and be involved; and
- provide a simpler/more cost-effective process for developers.

We fully support the general principles of the proposed legislation – improving and addressing a number of broad areas that include certainty, chances of success, quality of applications, confusion, and complexity. These will all help improve the process for all key parties involved in any new Infrastructure Consent (IC) process.

Given its early stage development position, Cwmni Eginio cannot address the detailed specific provisions in the Bill. However as broader general comments we do support:

- the classification/identification of relevant infrastructure projects;
  - that developments of national significance should be determined at a national level;
  - clarity on the IC process; and
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- strong emphasis and clarity on pre-application elements in the provisions.

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

**Part 1 - Significant infrastructure projects**

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No response.

**Part 2 - Requirement for infrastructure consent**

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No response.

**Part 3 - Applying for infrastructure consent**

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No response.

**Part 4 - Examining applications**

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No response.

**Part 5 - Deciding applications for infrastructure consent**

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No response.

**Part 6 - Infrastructure consent orders**

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No response.

**Part 7 - Enforcement**

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No response.

**Part 8 - Supplementary functions**

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No response.

**Part 9 - General provisions**

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No response.

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

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We do not believe there are any specific barriers, however there are likely to be some initial issues with any new significant change process that may have some impact on successful implementation.

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**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)?**

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We do not believe that there are any issues with Welsh Ministers making subordinate legislation.

**Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?**

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We do not believe there would be any unintended consequences.

**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?**

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No response.

**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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