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Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

Inquiry into the Granting of Powers to Welsh Ministers in UK Laws

Response from Dylan Rees

Dear sir,

I was watching your video on youtube about more powers to the Welsh assembly which I also saw on Walesonline, I sent it to two of my friends who is a member of Conservative Future, and another is a Labour supporter and wanted to know their opinions and to share both our opinions and suggestions to you, We all agreed that if Wales is to be given more law making powers, then full law making powers similar and equal to Northern Ireland and Scotland must be given, we would like to see the British government in Westminster focusing more on internal British affairs where the Welsh government work more on all internal Welsh affairs such as: Welsh law and justice, policing, energy powers such as working on renewable resources etc. Welsh culture media and broadcasting, powers on nearly all tax and benefits, Welsh business and economy, We would like to see Wales becoming more federal within the union similar to the US states, we don't feel that Wales has been given the full law making powers for our government on the "Calman Cymru" report... the Welsh Labour govt. asked for energy powers to be transferred to Cardiff, which we also think should have been passed, we would like to have seen more effort being done to give Wales proper full law making powers, it is us the people of Wales who voted for it there for we believe that we should be given proper full law making powers.

One of my friend pointed out that a federal Wales could be economically and democratically better for the UK in a 21st Century government, with Wales given powers to trade more without too much meddling about in Westminster, Cardiff should be more involved in Welsh affairs, and also talked about something similar to devolution max which John Major pointed out for Scotland....or would this have to go in another referendum? I think both Westminster and Cardiff government can work together if law making powers are shared Westminster focus on us as a union and Cardiff works on Wales as a UK federal constituency.

Many thanks for reading, and I hope that you can help give a fair full law making powers to the assembly.

Kindest regards,

Dylan