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Dear David

Draft Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012

The Environment and Sustainability Committee ('the Committee') has completed its consideration of the draft Natural resource Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012 ('the draft Order').

You are aware that section 19 of the Public Bodies Act 2011 provides a procedure by which the time for considering a draft Order of this type can be extended to 60 days. The Committee considered whether the 60-day procedure should apply to the draft Order. It concluded that the 60-day procedure should not apply. Consequently, I make no request to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in this regard.

In arriving at this decision, the Committee remained concerned about several issues that arose during its consideration of this draft Order. I will be writing to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development to raise these concerns. My intention in taking this step is to provide the Welsh Government with an opportunity to address these concerns in advance of the Committee's scrutiny of the second draft Natural Resources Body for Wales Order in the autumn.

I have instructed the Committee's Clerk to make the correspondence we received from the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development available to you. I trust this will assist your deliberations.

I should be most happy to meet with you to discuss the draft Order, or how we might best approach subsequent orders of this type, should you consider that to be useful.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee