Consultation - The Proposed Environmental Protection and Waste Management LCO Committee

The Proposed Environmental Protection and Waste Management LCO Committee was established on 4 July 2007 to consider and report on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (No.2) Order 2007.

The Committee has agreed the scope of its scrutiny as follows:

- the general principles of the proposed Order, i.e. that legislative competence, as specified in ‘Matters 6.1 and 6.2’, be conferred on the Assembly and that suggested modifications are made to Matter 5.10 and after Field 20; and
- whether the proposed Order provides an appropriate framework for the delivery of the policy agenda on Environmental Protection and Waste Management, in particular whether the terms of the proposed Order are too broadly or too narrowly defined.

The purpose of the committee’s work is to scrutinise the drafting of the proposed Order and, as such, the committee will avoid engaging in detailed discussions on proposed Measures which could be brought forward as a result of the conferral of legislative competence, reviewing existing policies in this area or replicating work already undertaken by former subject committees.

Further information on the proposed Order and its Explanatory Memorandum, together with a Guide to the legislative process can be found at http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/buslegislation.htm

The transcript of the Committee’s first meeting is available at http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third-assem/bus-committees-third-epwm-home/bus-committees-third-epwm-agendas/epwm_transcript.pdf?langoption=3&ttl=EPWM%283%29%203A%20Transcript%2028PD%20%2079-2%20kb%29

I am writing to invite you to submit evidence to the Committee.

In particular the Committee would like to receive evidence on the following questions:
1. Would the terms of the proposed Order allow for the implementation of the policy agenda on waste management and environmental protection by means of Measures? If not, how would the proposed Order need to be re-drafted and why?

2. The proposed Order includes a Table setting out certain exceptions from the scope of Matters 6.1 and 6.2 - see the entries at numbers 1, 2, 12 13, 14 15, 16 and 18. Are these exceptions appropriate? If not, how should they be re-drafted and why?

3. Are the terms of the proposed Order drafted appropriately, too narrowly or too broadly. If necessary how should the proposed Order be re-drafted and why?

If you wish to contribute to the committee’s work, submissions should be sent, preferably by email or on disc, or otherwise in hard copy to:
Sarah Beasley, Deputy Committee Clerk, Legislation Office, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.
Email: legislationoffice@wales.gsi.gov.uk. (Please title the email ‘Consultation EPWM Committee’.)

Submissions should arrive in the Assembly by Friday 21 September 2007. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

When putting together your submission, please keep the following in mind:

- Your response should be as succinct as possible. Please reference your response using the title applied above;
- The National Assembly normally makes responses to public consultation available for public scrutiny and they may also be seen and discussed at Committee meetings. If you do not want your response or name published, it is important that you clearly specify this in your submission;
- Please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of an organisation, or as an individual;
- Please indicate whether or not you would be prepared to give oral evidence to the Committee.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English and Welsh and will consider responses to the written consultation during the autumn term.

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk, Gareth Williams (tel: 029 2089 8008) or Sarah Beasley, the Deputy Clerk (tel: 029 2089 8032).

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