



5 May 2009

Dear Colleague

**Consultation on the proposed Shipment of Waste for Recovery (Community Involvement in Arrangements) (Wales) Measure**

The National Assembly for Wales' Legislation Committee No.1 ('the Committee') has been tasked with considering the general principles of the proposed Shipment of Waste for Recovery (Community Involvement in Arrangements) (Wales) Measure ('the proposed Measure'). The proposed Measure was introduced to the Assembly by Nerys Evans AM in November 2008 following her success in the ballot giving backbench Members the right to seek leave to introduce their own proposal for legislation.

Details of the proposed Measure and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum can be found at:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/ms-ld7287-e.pdf>

<http://www.assemblywales.org/ms-ld7287-em-e.pdf>

In order to inform its work, the Committee would welcome written evidence from interested parties on the proposed Measure. **In particular, it is seeking views on the following:**

1. **Is there a need for an Assembly Measure in relation to community involvement in local authorities' arrangements for dealing with recycle?**
2. **What are your views on the key provisions set out in the proposed Measure, i.e.**

- the duty on authorities in Wales to prepare statements in relation to waste destined for recovery shipped outside the European Community and European Free Trade Area (ETFA) (section 55A(2));
  - the information required for the statement (section 55A, subsection 5(a) - (f));
  - the arrangements for publication of the statement (section 55B);
  - the requirement to include in the statement an invitation to the public to make representations to the authority on arrangements for waste destined for recovery (section 55B, subsection 3); and
  - the requirement on the authority to have regard to representations when deciding on future arrangements for waste destined for recovery (section 55B, subsection 5).
3. Do the above provisions provide the most appropriate means for ensuring community involvement in local authorities' arrangements for dealing with recyclate?
  4. What are the practical and financial implications of putting these provisions in place?
  5. Will the proposed Measure achieve its overall purpose and aims, i.e. to engender greater transparency and openness in the way that Welsh local authorities deal with recyclate; for residents to encourage local authorities to use recycling facilities nearer to the source of the recyclate than those further away; and increased interest, and possibly participation, in recycling?

If you would like to make any other comments on the proposed Measure which are not covered in your response to the above questions, please feel free to do so.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to [APSLegislationCommitteeNo1@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:APSLegislationCommitteeNo1@wales.gsi.gov.uk) and entitle the e-mail *Consultation - Shipment of waste for Recovery Proposed Measure*. If you would prefer to send your submission in hard copy, please send it to Claire Griffiths, Deputy Committee Clerk, Legislation Office, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by Monday 15 June 2009. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

Further information on the legislative process can be found at:  
<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-legislation-guidance/bus-legislation-guidance-measures.htm>

When preparing your submission, please keep the following in mind:

- your response should be concise and address the issues before the Committee. 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 by Assembly Members 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; and
- 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 late summer and early autumn terms.

If you have any queries, please contact Liz Wilkinson, Committee Clerk on 029 2089 8025 or Claire Griffiths, Deputy Clerk on 029 2082 1990.

Yours sincerely

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Rosemary Butler AM  
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