



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

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Dear Edward

Joint Scrutiny of the Climate Change Plan

Thank you for your letter of 20 November 2025 regarding joint scrutiny of the Scottish Government's draft Climate Change Plan.

Whilst the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee has neither the scope nor the capacity to scrutinise the draft Climate Change Plan itself, I thought it would be helpful to bring to your attention the Committee's upcoming work in relation to a number of specific petitions. This planned work may contribute to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's scrutiny of Scotland's Draft Climate Change Plan: 2026–2040.

The CPPP Committee has several energy-related petitions under consideration. In order to progress work on these petitions before the end of the current parliamentary session, the Committee has decided to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy to provide evidence regarding common themes and issues raised across these petitions. The Cabinet Secretary has confirmed her attendance in front of the Committee for 14 January 2026.

The Committee has agreed for this session to broadly focus on the following themes:

- community engagement and input for energy projects
- the cumulative environmental impact of developments and strategic oversight
- the interaction between the Scottish Government's and the UK Government's policies on energy

The Committee's invitation to the Cabinet Secretary has its basis in its consideration of the following petitions:

- [PE1864: Increase the ability of communities to influence planning decisions for onshore windfarms](#)

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- [PE1885: Make offering Community Shared Ownership mandatory for all windfarm development planning proposals](#)
- [PE2095: Improve the public consultation processes for energy infrastructure projects](#)
- [PE2109: Halt any further pump storage hydro schemes on Scottish lochs holding wild Atlantic salmon](#)
- [PE2157: Update planning advice for energy storage issues and ensure that it includes clear guidance for the location of battery energy storage systems near residences and communities](#)
- [PE2159: Halt the production of hydrogen from freshwater](#)
- [PE2160: Introduce an energy strategy](#)

I would like to stress that the aim of this evidence session is to assist the Committee's consideration of the relevant petitions, in order to make as much progress as possible on the ask of the petitions before the end of the current parliamentary session.

Once the evidence session has taken place, I am happy to follow up with a further letter summarising our findings, which could potentially inform any further questions your Committee wishes to put to the Scottish Government as part of its scrutiny of the draft Climate Change Plan.

Should you, or any of your team, have any queries on the above then please contact petitions.committee@parliament.scot.

Yours sincerely,

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