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Dear Edward

Circular Economy Strategy

I am writing to you in your role as convener of the NZET Committee to inform you that I have published the Scottish Government's draft Circular Economy Strategy and related impact assessments for consultation today. The draft strategy is available here:

<https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781806432141>. This strategy has been developed under section 1 of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 which places a statutory duty on Scottish Ministers to publish or revise a Circular Economy Strategy for Scotland every five years.

The draft Strategy is intended to provide a high-level framework for Scotland's transition to a circular economy, setting out a broad vision and outcomes as well as priorities across policy mechanisms, priority sectors and product stewardship. It will also set out plans for monitoring and evaluating the impact of the Strategy via the Circular Economy Monitoring and Indicator Framework.

The priorities aim to support the Strategy's "Vision" set out below:

"By 2045 Scotland will be a net zero and nature positive nation helped directly by the significant progress in transitioning towards a circular economy.

Scotland will have a thriving economy that meets societal needs and is based on circular economy principles, and we will have reduced the negative global impact of our production and consumption.

People, businesses and the public sector will have the skills and knowledge to benefit from opportunities arising from a circular economy and these will be fairly distributed across society."

The draft Strategy also builds on Scotland's Circular Economy and Waste Route Map to 2030. While the Route Map focuses on sustainable resource use and reducing the carbon impact of our waste, the Strategy sets out the strategic direction for the future and how circularity will be embedded across the economy by looking at sectors, systems and products.

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The consultation will seek views on the draft Circular Economy Strategy, the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the related draft impact assessments. The responses to the consultation will be crucial to informing the development of the final Circular Economy Strategy.

Following the close of the consultation on 13 January 2026, I shall look to produce a final Strategy. Section 3 of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act requires Ministers to lay before Parliament a copy of the final strategy, and a statement setting out the details of the consultation, a summary of any views expressed in response to the consultation, and detail of how those views have or haven't been taken into account when preparing the strategy.

I would be pleased to discuss the Circular Economy Strategy with the Committee.

Yours sincerely



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