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Dear Edward,

Publication of the Environment Strategy

I am pleased to inform you that the Scottish Government's Environment Strategy has been laid before Parliament and will be published today. I attach a copy of the Strategy and the accompanying written statement.

As you will be aware, preparation and publication of the Strategy fulfils the requirement placed on Ministers by section 47 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 ('the Continuity Act'). Section 47 also requires a written statement of the consultation that was carried out during the preparation of the Strategy. A draft Strategy was published for public consultation last summer, and we have carefully considered responses and have made adjustments to the final Strategy. The [strategy](#) and [written statement](#) will also be available on line. We have also prepared a range of impact assessments for the Strategy that will be published today.

The Environment Strategy is designed to create an integrated framework for achieving Scotland's role in tackling the global crises of nature loss, climate change and pollution. It also aims to support a whole-of-government approach to tackling these crises – recognising that this will rely on positive changes across Scotland's economy and society. The Strategy focuses on approaches that will help to transform our country for the better - by improving people's health and wellbeing, promoting social justice and strengthening our economy, helping us to become a fairer, more prosperous and resilient nation.

The Strategy begins by setting out the aims it is designed to achieve and its vision and outcomes. The 2045 vision of the Environment Strategy is: 'By restoring nature, ending Scotland's contribution to climate change and tackling pollution, our country is transformed for the better – helping to secure a safe and just future for our people and planet.' Eight outcomes will support delivery of the vision, with pathways presented for each outcome that bring together existing policies and priorities for future delivery across government.

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The Strategy promotes an integrated approach to decision making. This approach includes tackling the nature, climate and pollution crises together, delivering multiple environmental, social and economic benefits, working in partnership across Scotland and beyond and supporting local, place-based and community-led action.

A coherent approach to building a more sustainable Scotland can be seen across the Environment Strategy, the Circular Economy Strategy and the Climate Change Plan, that are all published today.

Copies of this letter go to the Presiding Officer, the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans, Tim Eagle MSP, Willie Rennie MSP, Lorna Slater MSP and Martin Whitfield MSP.

Yours sincerely,



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