Welsh Government

Consultation: Coal Policy in Wales

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| **Overview** | Energy policy in Wales is focused on supporting low carbon generation. The devolution of powers on petroleum extraction and authorisation of licences for coal mining established the need for Welsh policy on fossil fuels. This consultation proposes a draft coal policy to inform decisions taken in Wales on coal, in support of our climate and broader wellbeing aims.  This consultation seeks your views on both our draft policy towards coal in Wales and on the evidence that has informed the draft policy. |
| **How to respond** | Replies to this consultation should be submitted by 23:59 23rd September 2020 at the latest in one of the following ways:  Using the Online Form:  Or by e-mail:  [YmatebionYnni-EnergyResponses@llyw.cymru](mailto:YmatebionYnni-EnergyResponses@llyw.cymru)  [YmatebionYnni-EnergyResponses@gov.wales](mailto:YmatebionYnni-EnergyResponses@gov.wales) |

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**Response Form**

Your name:

Organisation (if applicable):

email / telephone number:

Your address

* Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

**Question 1**

**What additional factual reports should be taken into account as part of the evidence base for Wales’ policy on coal?** Please cite references and links to any evidence proposed for inclusion.

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**Question 2**

**What other levers or actions could be taken to accelerate the low carbon transition whilst improving prosperity?** Please cite references and links to any evidence proposed for inclusion.

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**Question 3**

**Do you agree with the Welsh Ministers’ approach to indigenous vs imported coal?** What evidence exists that coal displaced by domestically produced coal is not consumed elsewhere, therefore increasing global emissions?

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**Question 4**

**Is the draft policy appropriate, considering our commitment to support communities and businesses through the transition away from coal?** Please cite references and links to any evidence proposed to support your response.

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**Question 5**

We would like to know your views on the effects that the Coal Policy would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and

on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

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**Question 6**

Please also explain how you believe the proposed policy on coal could be

formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on

opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

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**Question 7**

We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related

issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

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