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Dear Mr Otton

Scotland's Zero Waste Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. I am submitting this short response on behalf of the organisations listed below which are members of Scottish Environment LINK, the umbrella body for the voluntary environmental sector in Scotland. There are one or two LINK member bodies that work directly on waste issues and they will respond to this consultation in full detail.

Keeping to the broader principles for a zero waste strategy, we believe that if the Scottish Government is truly to deliver a Zero Waste Scotland they must:

- Place stronger emphasis on reduction and prevention, for commercial and industrial waste as well as municipal.
- Introduce selective landfill and incineration bans on recyclable and mixed wastes.
- Include more precise and effective provisions within SEPA's thermal treatment guidelines to prevent recyclable wastes from any source going to energy from waste plants.
- Develop a Marine Litter Strategy so that competent authorities work together more effectively to reduce coastal and marine debris in order to meet commitments under the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

I am happy for this response to be made available on the website.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian G McCall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Ian McCall
LINK Chair

Sent on behalf of the following member bodies of Scottish Environment LINK

Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland
Badenoch & Strathspey Conservation Group
Bumblebee Conservation Trust
Cairngorms Campaign
Friends of the Earth Scotland
Marine Conservation Society
Ramblers Scotland
RSPB Scotland
Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society
Scottish Council for National Parks
Scottish Wildlife Trust
Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society
WWF Scotland