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Dear Patrick,

A Future Generations Commission for Scotland

I am writing on behalf of Scottish Environment LINK's Governance Group in relation to the commitment in the understands 2021-22 Programme for Government that: -

"We will also consider a new approach to ensuring the interests of future generations are taken into account in decisions made today, through a Future Generations Commission."

This is an issue that interests our Governance Group, who seek to understand and influence the development of Scotland's environmental governance framework. The group have, for instance, held valuable discussions with our Welsh Environment LINK colleagues who have been involved with the establishment and operation of Wales's Future Generations Commissioner.

As we understand it, no formal process has been stated publicly as to how this process of "consideration" will be undertaken, or whether and how it might involve appropriate stakeholders.

In the light of the above, I wonder if you are to advise if such a formal process is envisaged and, if so, when it will be announced? If no such formal process or consultation is planned, would you be able to advise how key stakeholders will be able to submit views?

In any or either case, our Governance Group members would warmly welcome the chance to meet with you to discuss the opportunities and challenges of such a body, as well as any plans for a consultation process.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours,
Lloyd Austin

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