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Climate Change Plan Advisory Group (CCPAG)

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Dear Stakeholder,

The Scottish Government is currently developing the next Climate Change Plan (CCP), a draft of which will be laid in parliament in November 2023, with the final plan to be published by March 2025. In order to inform the development of our next plan, I would welcome the input from a broad range of experts, and would like to invite a representative of your organisation to join a Climate Change Plan Advisory Group (CCPAG).

The group will include a range of Scottish Ministers, as well as representatives from across academia, NGOs, businesses, industry, the third sector and elsewhere. The CCPAG demonstrates our continued commitment in the Scottish Government to a broad, evidence based and participative approach to policy development. The group will convene for approximately seven 1 hourly meetings (virtual or hybrid) from February to October 2023; all discussions will be treated as confidential.

The purpose of the CCPAG will be to gain input into the core themes of the Climate Change Plan. Examples of key topics that the CCPAG could discuss include:

- A vision for a future Scotland
- Taking a whole system approach to the CCP and just transition planning
- Energy use (including: demand management, transport, industry, electricity, buildings, NETS)
- Land use (including LULUCF, agriculture and marine)
- Financing net zero
- Circular economy (waste, industry and consumption targets)
- Other potential co-benefits including climate change adaptation

The group will also have scope to explore any other topics that members of the group suggest as being useful. Topics may be covered that do not necessarily relate directly to emissions envelopes or policies for individual sectors.

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Please respond as soon as you are able if you would like to accept the invitation to join the group, with confirmed acceptance from a nominated member from your organisation, along with their contact details. Suggestions for a reserve member from your organisation are also welcome.

Yours Sincerely,



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