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Dear Mark Drakeford and Julie James

Response to Draft National Development Framework

I strongly oppose the part of **Policy 22 – Northwest Wales and Energy** which supports nuclear energy.

By now everyone who worries about the environment and our Earth's future should realise that nuclear energy is irrelevant to the struggle against climate change, as there is a need to decarbonise within a timescale far shorter than it would take for a reactor to start producing energy. In addition, you should be aware of, and support, the other reasons for opposing nuclear energy. Here are some:

1. The danger to people of having a nuclear waste dump on site for over a century.
2. The failure to deal with waste anywhere in the world.
3. The huge cost to taxpayers and electricity bill payers.
4. The environmental destruction of building on a greenfield site.
5. The destruction to the environment and the danger to people where uranium is mined.
6. The fiction that nuclear energy is low carbon.
7. The unproven technology which is advocated for small reactors.
8. The uncertainty regarding the number of jobs for local people.
9. The lessons which you have failed to learn from the freezing of the Wylfa project – investing scarce public resources; broken promises to youngsters on jobs; the folly of dependence on one large capitalist employer; the lack of an economic back-up plan.
10. The social problems which have developed at Hinkley – e.g. worker suicides and a growth of exploitation of women as sex workers.
11. The link with nuclear weapons which is admitted by Rolls-Royce, a company keen to build a reactor at Trawsfynydd.
12. The huge problems which will be left to future generations.
13. The lack of public funding for renewables if such funding is used to support nuclear.

The above reasons all go against the intent of your own exemplary legislation, which is the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. It is incomprehensible how supporting the production of the most toxic waste devised by humanity can be of benefit to future generations, and most certainly goes completely against the principle of a Wales which is responsible on a worldwide level.

Yours sincerely

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