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Dear Town Clerk

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Climate and Nature (CAN) Bill and to request a reconsideration of its implications based on a comprehensive and balanced review of the scientific debate surrounding climate change.

It is essential to recognize that Councillors do not need to determine which side of the climate science debate is correct. Instead, they must acknowledge that only one side of this debate has been consistently presented. This approach is contrary to the Nolan Principles of Public Life, which require MPs and councillors to avoid bias and pre-determination. One-sided briefings can distort decision-making, leading to potentially significant costs and impacts for the public.

Since the Climate Change Act 2008 became law, many scientists, including Nobel Laureates, have declared that "there is no climate emergency." This Act and related Net Zero targets are based on one side of a two-sided scientific

debate. Significant legislation with major economic and societal impacts should not be based on a singular perspective. Climate change must be reconsidered with input from all sides of the debate.

A recent petition to Parliament, which has garnered considerable public support, further emphasizes the need for a balanced approach. On 22 January 2019, Cornwall Council declared a climate emergency based on a single piece of evidence from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). This decision did not consider evidence from independent climate scientists, such as those from CLINTEL and the CO2 Coalition, who assert <https://clintel.org/> and the CO2 Coalition: <https://co2coalition.org/> whose joint climate declaration is that: "There is NO (manmade) climate emergency".

Subsequent presentations to Cornwall Council have relied solely on IPCC findings, ignoring serious criticisms such as the 'Climategate' scandal and critical reviews by the Inter Academy Council. This advisory imbalance risks undermining public confidence in Cornwall Council's decisions. Up to this year's damning Clintel report '*The Frozen Views of the IPCC*' which documents alleged cherry picking of data, flawed computer modelling, bias etc by the IPCC . (<https://clintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Clintel-The-Frozen-Climate-Views-of-the-IPCC-online-version.pdf>)

The CAN Bill's campaign site, 'ZERO HOUR,' includes footage of Extinction Rebellion protests, indicating an extreme stance. The Bill supports measures like 're-wilding,' which reduce productive farmland and threaten food security. It also proposes cutting shipping that brings in food imports, potentially leading to food shortages.

The Bill acknowledges the severe effects it will have on constituents and the wider UK economy. Clauses in the Bill require transitioning out of high-emission industries without sufficient resources or time to provide non-fossil fuel alternatives, likely resulting in significant negative impacts on people's lives and the economy.

The "Absolute Zero" Report by UK Fires for the Government (<https://www.ukfires.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Absolute-Zero-online.pdf>) sets out Net Zero targets that include significant restrictions on travel, including the closure of regional airports such as Newquay. This could have substantial impacts on the Cornish tourist economy and employment. Furthermore, the report suggests that pastoral farming (e.g., beef and lamb) must be reduced and ultimately ceased, which would significantly affect Cornish farming, predominantly pastoral, and lead to inevitable changes in the Cornish landscape.

MPs do not need to decide on the science but must recognize that the climate debate is two-sided. Presenting only one side in the CAN Bill contradicts the Nolan Principles of Public Life.

I urge you to consider the CAN Bill and ensure decisions are based on balanced evidence from both sides of the scientific debate. This approach will uphold the principles of public life and protect the interests of Cornwall's residents.

Please watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCvkn8pbcQ>

Furthermore, I kindly request that you sign the petition to Parliament calling for the revocation of the Climate Change Act 2008 and related Net Zero targets. This petition highlights the need for a thorough and unbiased reassessment of climate change policies.

Petition: - <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/701600>

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah

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