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Dear Mr Vaughan

Trawsgoed Estates Limited – Mineral Rights in NRW Forest Areas in Ceredigion

Thank you for your letter of 22 March 2019 in relation to mineral rights in NRW forest areas in Ceredigion.

I read with interest your letter, which sets out your concerns in relation to your company's on-going dispute with Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

You will be aware that the Assembly's Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee takes a keen interest in the operation of NRW and any related matters. In addition to ad hoc, subject-specific evidence gathering, the Committee undertakes an annual scrutiny session with NRW.

In reference to the matters contained in your letter, you will be aware that the Committee cannot investigate specific cases. However, the Committee has taken an interest in NRW operational matters more generally and I will, of course, share your correspondence with my colleagues. Members may, in future, raise the issues of potential liability with NRW. However, it is likely that would be in general terms, without reference to a specific case.



In the meantime, I believe the matters raised by you would be more appropriately taken forward by those Assembly Members to whom you copied your letter.

I have copied this response to Andrew Davies AM and Neil Hamilton AM, for information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mike Hedges AM

Chair of Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

cc Andrew Davies AM, Neil Hamilton AM

