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By email only

Dear Lord Douglas-Miller,

Defra revocation and reform statutory instrument

Thank you for your letter of the 19 January, in which you seek the views of the OEP regarding the proposed revocation of 73 pieces of EU assimilated law for which Defra is responsible.

We welcome this move toward a more transparent approach for considering revocation and reform under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023.

As you will know, we have a particular role and remit in respect of environmental law, and an active interest in ensuring that government avoid unintended consequences and meet the stated commitment not to weaken environmental protections. By way of this, of the 73 pieces of assimilated law forming the annex to your letter, we reviewed those which we consider environmental law (s46 of the Environment Act 2021).

Based on our assessment, and within the time allowed, I can confirm we have found nothing to contradict the reasons for revocation set out in your annex. We will pick up any points of detail with your officials.

With thanks again for this opportunity to have sight of Defra's plans. We look forward to ongoing transparency and continued engagement as work under the REUL Act 2023 continues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G Stacey", written over a light blue dotted line.

Dame Glenys Stacey
Chair of the Office for Environmental Protection



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