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Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill

Dear Minister

Thank you very much for your letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> July.

The SIA is greatly encouraged to note that consultation with industry will be detailed as an amendment to the Bill. In addition to this, we would also request that the following is taken into consideration for amendment:

- *Part 1, Chapter 1, Section 2 - Air quality targets: particulate matter* – to include reference to consideration being given to all particulate matter sources, including trans-boundary emissions, within target setting.
- *Part 1, Chapter 2, Section 10 – Consultation on review of strategy and Section 12 – Consultation on air quality regulations* – as referenced above and noted in your letter of 13<sup>th</sup> July, that the Bill includes a commitment to consult with industry. The SIA is well placed to help inform the CCEIC on workable timescales, appliance technology advances and domestic burning best practice for real world use.
- *Part 1, Chapter 2, Section 14 – Action plans in relation to air quality management areas* – that a recommendation for industry engagement by local authorities in developing action plans to ensure public awareness of best practice in regard to appliance choice, fuel choice, appliance and chimney system installation and maintenance.
- *Part 1, Chapter 2, Section 16 (2)* – that clarification of what format evidence of fireplace “exemption under section 19G” would take, e.g. referencing a voluntary certification scheme such as the [clearSkies scheme](#).

The SIA looks forward to hearing from your officials to arrange a meeting as discussed.

Yours sincerely

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