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Thank you again for your letter of 16th July and for sharing the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales' report – Preparing Wales for a Renewable Energy 2050. I welcome the Commission's work and I am committed to ensuring Wales is at the forefront of our mission to make Britain a clean energy superpower.

The UK Government shares your ambition of accelerating the deployment of renewable energy in Wales. I would like to assure you that this government is committed to achieving our net zero targets, to have greater control over our own energy resources, and to ensure stable energy bills.

The UK Government has established Great British Energy to drive down bills, create jobs and deliver energy security. Great British Energy will accelerate investment into emerging technologies such as floating offshore wind, tidal and hydrogen generation. There is huge potential for Wales to play a leading role in the development of these innovative technologies. The UK Government also supports the work of the Welsh Government in establishing Ynni Cymru and Trydan Gwrydd Cymru and believe that Great British Energy's functions will be complementary to their own activities, and that we can learn from each other's expertise and experience.

Thank you for sharing your views on The Crown Estate. The Crown Estate has played a significant role in attracting international investment into Wales to support the UK's net zero target and will continue to do so through future leasing rounds for offshore wind developments, including floating offshore wind projects in the Celtic Sea. They work closely with the Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales in support of shared priorities, ensuring that these resources are sustainably managed for the long term.

I was therefore pleased to work with Lords Livermore and Hain to agree the amendment to The Crown Estate Bill in the House of Lords that will appoint a Commissioner with special responsibility for Wales. This will ensure the interests of Wales are fully reflected in the Crown Estate's work.



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The work of the Crown Estate will be strengthened by its partnership with Great British Energy, which has the potential to leverage up to £60 billion of private investment into the UK's drive for energy independence.

Altering these arrangements would delay critical projects, including floating offshore wind, which are needed to provide lower bills, cleaner energy and better jobs. This government is focused on delivering these objectives and so does not support the devolution of the Crown Estate in Wales

I would like to thank you again for taking the time to write to me and for sharing the important work of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales. I hope this response has been helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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