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Dear Llyr

I am pleased to let you know that my preferred appointee for the Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission (NICW) for Wales is Dr David Clubb. Assuming a satisfactory scrutiny report by the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, I intend to appoint Dr Clubb for three years.

The NICW has functioned in a reduced capacity since March 2020, although commendably producing both an Annual Report and Report on Digital Communication in autumn 2020. Since becoming responsible for the NICW earlier this summer I have met commissioners and discussed how to re-energise and focus the role of the NICW. My main priority is the commitment to deliver across the decarbonisation agenda and therefore I am asking the NICW to focus here, in particular on the potential of renewable technologies. I am conscious the NICW had lost some momentum over the last year and a length recruitment campaign for a new chair could potentially exacerbate uncertainty over the purpose of the NICW.

With a refocused remit and purpose, an emphasis on the decarbonisation agenda and taking into account the outcomes of previous recruitment campaigns I decided to directly appoint Dr David Clubb as chair. Dr Clubb brings a wealth of expertise from the renewables sector along with a drive to deliver on assessing Wales' future infrastructure needs.

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I am interested in the committee's views on Dr Clubb's suitability for the role and his ambitions for the Commission.

I look forward to receiving the report of your pre-appointment hearing.

Yours sincerely

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