

Joint letter led by WEAll Scotland embargoed until midnight Monday 30 September.

Dear First Minister,

We are writing to you again as a broad group of social and environmental justice NGOs, grassroots community groups, faith groups, service providers, funders, economists, academics, think tanks and business leaders to ask you to support the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill proposed by Sarah Boyack MSP.

We are deeply concerned and disappointed that the long-promised Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill was missing from the Programme for Government. As we previously outlined in our letter to you on Monday 3 June, we believe this Bill is a vital step towards building a Wellbeing Economy by ending short term, sticking plaster solutions that fail to tackle today's challenges at their source.

In a just and compassionate Scotland, everyone should have the opportunity to live a good and dignified life. But right now, people are struggling as we have rising poverty, growing inequality, and we are crossing safe environmental thresholds. We believe this Bill can set out a road map for a future where everyone in Scotland can thrive.

A Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill would create a step change in how all levels of government and public bodies in Scotland work towards improved outcomes, transforming lives and protecting the environment for current and future generations everywhere. It would create a clear and shared narrative of progress for Scotland; establish wellbeing and sustainable development as the drivers of policy and practice; help tackle the nature and climate crises; and contribute to global justice.

If action isn't taken, Scotland will fall behind in an agenda the world is waking up to. Only a few days ago, world leaders gathered for the UN Summit of the Future and many of them are pushing ahead with an agenda that prioritises sustainable development and collective wellbeing in their home countries.

Sarah Boyack MSP is in the process of drafting her Members' Bill on Wellbeing and Sustainable Development which has already demonstrated cross party support. This is a key opportunity for the Scottish Parliament to work together to pass world leading legislation that delivers for the people of Scotland - we strongly urge you to give this Members' Bill your full support.

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